

Special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held January 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Frederick H. Monroe, Michael Packer, Edna Wells, Karen DuRose, Steve Durkish. Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner.

RESOLUTION #36: APPROVE PAYMENT OF STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, to pay Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Co. for Principal payment on Statutory Installment Bond for the front-end loader, in the amount of \$10,876.66, and Interest payment on same in the amount of \$5,638.47, for a total payment of \$16,515.13.

AYE 5 NO 0

Loon Lake Park District Association & Lycott. Mr. Monroe stated that they have had several meetings regarding the use of Renovate in the south basin of the lake. APA will not allow it's use unless and until the town does an aquatic plant study. Lycott has made a proposal that the Loon Lake Park Association asked that we adopt. They propose doing some hand harvesting in all the areas where they believe the milfoil is being spread to other areas. They recommend 3 Certified divers, 1 project supervisor for a 4 week period, and 4 Certified divers, a project supervisor and 3 harvesters for a 2 week period for a total of 6 weeks of hand harvesting, and Benthic Barrier Mats. In addition to hand harvesting, proposal includes a comprehensive survey of Loon Lake with maps and final report which will put us in a position to do the Renovate treatment next year. They believe if we do this work this year, get the approval for Renovate next year, we should be able to substantially reduce the amount we are spending on the lake for milfoil control. Last year, in 3 spots, they harvested about 60,000 plants. Total cost this year would be \$54,727.00.

RESOLUTION #37: APPROVE CONTRACT WITH LYCOTT FOR AQUATIC PLANT STUDY.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mrs. Wells, approve signing of the contract with Lycott, as proposed.

AYE 5 NO 0

Proposed CSEA contract amendments. Jason Monroe, Highway Superintendent, explained that the men are willing to come in at 6:00 am until 2:30 pm every day in the winter, as most of their winter work is done early am before the busses roll. By instituting this change, Jason stated, it will save the town 11 hours of overtime every day.

They are also looking to change summer hours to 4 ten hour days. The board would like to see that split between the crew, giving ½ of them Friday off, while ½ of them work Friday and take Monday off. Jason does not believe that is a good idea. He stated that the men don't take time off for 6 months of the year, but are always on call during the winter months. Therefore accumulated sick time and vacation days need to be taken in the summer. Jason explained that during summer

months, if the men are working on culverts, at about 1:00 pm in the afternoon it's too late to start another length and get it finished before it's time to go home. That means standing around the shop for an hour or so before going home, based on an 8 hour day. He is looking for productivity, and thinks with Peckham closing at 3:30, he can still get a truckload of dirt delivered to cover a road and get back to the shop before it is time to go home, by working the 10 hour days. He stated that the men all give 110% during the winter months, and they deserve a long weekend for recreation in the summer. He does not anticipate any problems by leaving Fridays uncovered. By splitting the crew, if a couple of the guys are on vacation, with 5 scheduled to work, that leaves 3 guys to do everything, and it can't work without at least 4 men on duty. He added, they are also all taking a pay cut by coming in an hour earlier in the winter, which gives them all one less hour of overtime. A four day week is a nice way to thank them for their diligence. There was a question with regard to holidays, and the contract states that all holidays during the summer months are based on a 10 hour day. (A Monday holiday would leave 3 workdays during that week, getting paid for 4).

RESOLUTION #38: APPROVE CSEA CONTRACT PROPOSALS.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, approve changes to CSEA contract to include winter months (3rd Monday October until 2nd Monday in April) 6:00 am to 2:30 pm, with all winter holidays based on an 8 hour day, and summer months (2nd Monday April until 3rd Monday October) Monday through Thursday, 10 hour days, 6:00 am to 4:30 pm, with all summer holidays paid based on 10 hour day.

AYE 5 NO 0

Grant for Dynamite Hill & Ski Trails. Mr. Monroe had met with Barbara Thomas who was representing both the Chamber and the Business Alliance, who had met with the LA Group, and it appears we have received a \$37,000.00 grant. The Chamber would like to be the Advisory group for the ski trails, and the Business Alliance for Dynamite Hill. \$15,000.00 is set aside to restore and improve the lighting, which the Chamber didn't think was necessary. Mr. Monroe feels we should get an estimate of what it will take to restore the lighting, and what it will take to improve it, and make a decision from there. Wayne LaMothe felt that because our grant application mentioned lighting, then it should not be ignored.

RESOLUTION #39: APPOINT CHAMBER AS ADVISORY GROUP FOR SKI TRAILS AND THE BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR DYNAMITE HILL.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, appoint Chamber as Advisory group for the ski trails, and the Business Alliance for Dynamite Hill.

AYE 5 NO 0

Animal Control Officer. Review of adoption application which had been prepared by ACO June Maxam. Discussion regarding same, in an effort

to prevent animals being euthanized. Fees were discussed, and June had information on other agency's fees, that being Queensbury SPCA @ \$300.00, and Adk. Save-a-Stray @ \$275.00. Our fee for adoption would be \$150.00. Mrs. DuRose thought that was high. Discussion on whether to approve the adoption application, or amend the Local Law to include pet adoption. Mr. Monroe stated that they started this process with the shelter, etc, in order to save the animals lives. Attorney Schachner stated that Queensbury had a contract with the local SPCA, and after the 5 day impoundment, if the dog is not claimed, it is then transferred to one of the "no kill" shelters. Our current policy states, in Sect. 11 of Local Law #1 - 2010, Animal Control & Dog Licensing: "If the dog is not redeemed within the time allowed, the owner shall forfeit all title to the dog and it shall be released to an authorized humane society or kennel to be adopted or euthanized as appropriate." Further discussion tabled.

Motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, board went into executive session at 7:35 pm to discuss Animal Control Officer. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mrs. Wells, board out of executive session at 8:08 pm. Motion carried 5/0. No action taken.

RESOLUTION #40: REMOVE JUNE MAXAM FROM POSITION OF PART-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish:

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2011, the Town Board appointed June Maxam (Maxam) as Part-Time Animal Control Officer for the Town of Chester

WHEREAS, Maxam expressly acknowledged and agreed that the position was "at will" and her service to the Town was at the sole discretion of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board does not desire to continue the employment of Maxam as Part-Time Animal Control Officer;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that June Maxam is removed from the position of Part-Time Animal Control Officer for the Town of Chester and relieved of all duties of that position effective immediately; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any equipment or supplies purchased by Maxam with Town funds or provided by the Town to Maxam as Animal Control Officer shall be immediately returned to the Town; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Maxam shall be paid her salary through two weeks as full compensation for the services she provided to the Town.

Duly adopted this 23rd day of February, 2012, by the following vote:

Steve Durkish - YES
Edna Wells - YES
Karen DuRose - YES
Mike Packer - YES
Fred Monroe - NO

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Monroe, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk