

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **February 14, 2006**, 7:30 pm, in the Town of Chester Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Frederick H Monroe, Frank Shaw, Edna Wells, and Mark Schachner - Attorney for the Town. Mike Packer - absent.

RESOLUTION #32: APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr. to approve minutes of the January 3rd and 10th Town Board meeting and January 30th informational session. AYE 3 NO 0

Old Business:

Town Board vacancy - further discussion and comments were heard in regards to the vacancy. Supervisor Monroe has received letters in support of both Mrs.Repp and Mrs.DuRose.

Mark Schachner, attorney for the town, again stated what the town board's obligations are for appointing a person to fill the vacant board seat. He also stated that when the town board votes, a majority of three of the town board would be an affirmative vote (this would be for any action).

Supporters of Barbara Repp and Karen DuRose were in attendance.

Former town board member Joe LaRocque had contacted Supervisor Monroe and expressed interest in the appointment to fill the vacancy and retired highway employee Frank Allard again stated his interest in the appointment.

Board members again stated their position on the appointment to fill the board vacancy.

Supervisor Monroe recommends that a special meeting be held when Councilperson Packer will be able to attend. **Tabled.**

RESOLUTION #33: RE-APPOINT GARY SMITH AS SCHROON LAKE PARK COMMISSIONER FOR THE TOWN OF CHESTER.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to re-appoint Gary Smith, Chestertown, as the Schroon Lake Park Commissioner for the Town of Chester. Term ends 12-31-2008 (3 year term). AYE 3 NO 0

New Business:

RESOLUTION #34: APPOINT EDNA WELLS AS VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mr.Monroe appointing Edna Wells as voting delegate for the Association of Towns meeting in February.

AYE 3 NO 0

RESOLUTION #35: AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE POSTING OF TOWN ROADS.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing town clerk to advertise posting of town roads. (Post Star and The News-Enterprise).

AYE 3 NO 0

Action on Chamber of Commerce proposals for use of Occupancy tax funds
- Board request that proposals be presented and perhaps a 3 year plan/priority list. **Tabled**

Jason Monroe commented on the snowmaking that could be done at Dynamite Hill. Requirements for snowmaking would be water (200gallons a minute of water) and a 400 amp service, which would need to be done by National Grid. Jason will again check with Gore Mtn.

Councilperson Wells request that a sign be made for Dynamite Hill, stating Closed - icy conditions.

RESOLUTION #36: APPROVE TOWN CLERK'S REQUEST TO ATTEND TOWN CLERK'S ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Shaw approving Town Clerk's request to attend New York State Town Clerks Association, Inc on April 23 - April 26, 2006 in Saratoga Springs. All necessary expenses for same to be a lawful claim against the Town of Chester.

AYE 3 NO 0

RESOLUTION #37: APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SISTER FRAN GILCHRIST AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF VALERIE DONLEY AS LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Shaw to approve appointment of Sister Fran Gilchrist and re-appoint Valerie Donley as trustees to the Town of Chester Library. (oath of offices have been received)

AYE 3 NO 0

Authorization to renew Warren County meal site lease - Supervisor Monroe check with the county attorney.

Note that the lease with the Sheriffs Dept is 5 years (Jan 02 - Dec 06).

RESOLUTION #38: APPOINT BREANN PARKER AS CHESTER/HORICON YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw 2nd by Mrs.Wells to appoint Breann Parker as Chester/Horicon Youth commission secretary.

AYE 3 NO 0

RESOLUTION #39: AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE ELECTION LAW 3-226 REGARDING CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF VOTING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT RELATING TO OR USED IN THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells:

WHEREAS, recently enacted New York State Election Law 3-226 provides that all voting machines, and appliances and equipment relating to or used in the conduct or elections shall be in the care, custody and control of the Warren County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester currently is in possession of certain voting machines and acknowledges its obligations under the Election Law to turn over the care, custody and control of the

machines to the Warren County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Elections has asked the Town of Chester for temporary assistance with regard to the voting machines, and the securing and administration of polling places, in consideration of the size of the voting machines, the knowledge the officers and employees of the Town of Chester have concerning securing polling locations and to maintain as much consistency and past practice as possible, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester recognizes the importance of continuity in the arranging for polling locations and otherwise administrating the same, and also recognizes the large size of the voting machines, and therefore desires to assist the Warren County Board of Elections and enter into an agreement concerning the same, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Chester enter into an agreement with the Warren County Board of Elections concerning the storage and safe-keeping of the voting machines and keys thereto, the right of access of the Board of Elections to the same at any time, and the providing of certain services by officers and employees of the Town of Chester in securing polling locations, developing Election Day material needs list, setting up signage and temporary disability/ADA/ parking, delivering voting machines and tables, and performing accessibility/ADA compliance checks, as has been done with previous elections, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Chester, be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Warren County Board of Elections consistent with the terms of this resolution, and in a form approved by the Town of Chester Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Town of Chester are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such other documents and take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate the consummation of the transactions described in the foregoing recitals of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and all prior resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are repealed.

AYE 3 NO 0

Authorize advertisement for lifeguards - Discussion on the training class and when it will be held. Tabled

Three bids received for removal of metal from the transfer station.

David Bradway & Sons, 7330 St Rt 9, Chestertown

Tin \$31.50 per gross ton; steel & cast iron \$70 per ton;

copper \$1.40 per pound removed from pile

Brass \$.70 per pound removed from pile

Alum \$.40 per pound removed from pile

Northern Car Crushers, Box 385, Keeseville, NY 12944 - \$30.50 per net ton.

John's Car Crushing - Box 471, AuSable Forks, NY 12912 - time period from Jan06-Dec 31, 2006 \$25 per ton.

RESOLUTION #40: ACCEPT BID FROM DAVID BRADWAY & SONS FOR METAL PILE.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to accept bid from David Bradway & Sons, 7330 St Rt 9, Chestertown, NY for the removal of metal from the Town of Chester transfer station:

Tin \$31.50 per gross ton; steel & cast iron \$70 per ton;
copper \$1.40 per pound removed from pile
Brass \$.70 per pound removed from pile
Alum \$.40 per pound removed from pile

AYE 3 NO 0

Forest Jones birthday - Supervisor Monroe has received a request from a member of the Jones family, to recognize Mr.Jones' 90th birthday.

RESOLUTION #41: DECLARING FEBRUARY 25TH, 2006 FORREST JONES DAY.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells declaring February 25th, 2006 Forrest Jones Day in recognition of Mr.Jones 90th birthday and dedicated services to the Town of Chester.

AYE 3 NO 0

Councilperson Wells also stated that another resident of the Town, Ollie Morrisey, will turn 100 in April and thought it would be nice for the Town to send her a letter.

Consider hiring consultant to recommend locations and design hiking/biking trails, possibly jointly with Horicon - Tabled

Discuss extension of Pottersville Water District main to Rt.9

southwest of Landon Hill Rd - Gordon Stetson explained that at one time water was supplied to his residence, along with a few others. He went on to say that about 10 years ago the line broke and they were informed by the Town Board that the town was not responsible for the running of the new line. At that time Mr.Stetson and his neighbor had wells drilled, but still remain in the water district and pay water district tax even though they do not have a way of receiving town water. He was wondering if there is any way they can be reimbursed. Discussion on cost of running line.

RESOLUTION #42: AUTHORIZE MARK SCHACHNER, ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN, TO INVESTIGATE THE EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN IN THE POTTERSVILLE WATER DISTRICT TO SERVE USERS WHO ARE IN THE DISTRICT, BUT NOT CURRENTLY SERVED.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing Mark Schachner, Attorney for the Town, to investigate the extension of the water main in the Pottersville Water District, to serve users who are in the district, but not currently being served.

AYE 3 NO 0

Authorize Jason to use old Parks and Rec pickup truck in lieu of mileage payments - Discussion on what needs to be done to truck so that it will pass inspection. Mr.Monroe reported that the body is in good shape, but the motor has a knock in it. Work can be done, so that it would be reliable transportation for use of the water districts.

RESOLUTION #43: AUTHORIZE JASON MONROE, WATER SUPERINTENDENT, TO USE OLD PARKS AND REC PICKUP AND HAVE REPAIRS MADE.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing Jason Monroe, Water Superintendent to have use of the old Parks and Rec pickup truck, for the Water District, in lieu of using his own personal vehicle. Repairs to pickup, so that it will pass inspection, not to exceed \$600. AYE 3 NO 0

Request for snowplowing at Starbuckville dam - John West has been doing this so commissioners have access to the gate.

RESOLUTION #44: AUTHORIZE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE PLOWING AT STARBUCKVILLE DAM.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing that the Parks Department continue plowing the area at the Starbuckville Dam, as necessary. AYE 3 NO 0

DOT request to notify Chestertown Main St residents of DOT plans to pickup snow the following morning when 4 barrels with flashing lights are placed along the street - Supervisor Monroe received the request and he will also speaking to DOT in regards to Pottersville snow removal.

Suburban Propane interest in renting space - discussion on available space left in the municipal center. Councilperson Shaw would like for the community room to be "freed" up for use and not be used for storage space. **Tabled**

Substitute building monitor - To have someone be available for weekends, when the custodian is not. **Tabled**

Town Historian may be retiring in near future - **Tabled**

RESOLUTION #45: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Shaw authorizing payment of abstract:

General Fund	\$158,022.67	(11-65)
Highway Fund	\$ 26,256.72	(3-23)
Chestertown Water	\$ 1,859.67	(1-7)
Pottersville Water	\$ 247.17	(1-3)
Library	\$ 3,973.54	(2-12)
Loon Lake Park Dis	\$ 700.00	(1)

Schroon Lk Park Dis	\$ 15,585.00	(1)
Fire Pro North Cr.	\$ 20,000.00	(1)
Riverside Vo.Fire	\$ 7,000.00	(1)
Chestertown Fire	\$ 5,000.00	(1)

General Fund vouchers 2005

General Fund	\$ 17,612.51	(740-754)
Highway Fund	\$ 13,690.28	(269-272)
Library	\$ 2,318.00	(64)

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Motion by Mrs.wells meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Town Clerk