

**Regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **January 11, 2011** at 7:30 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Fred Monroe, Mike Packer, Edna Wells, Karen DuRose and Steve Durkish. Mark Schachner - Attorney for Town.

**RESOLUTION #7: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY MEETINGS WITH CORRECTIONS.**

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Durkish to accept minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup> re-organizational Town Board meetings. Correction to Res.#151: bookkeeping error on retirement entries.

	A9010.8	\$64419.	+	\$11299	=	\$75718.
	DA9010.8	\$46159.	+	\$ 8100	=	\$54259.
	L9010.8	\$ 2303.	+	\$ 404	=	\$ 2707.
Chtn	SW9010.8	\$11063.	-	\$ 9902	=	\$ 1161.
Pvl	SW9010.8	\$11063.	-	\$ 9902	=	\$ 1161.
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**Presentations:**

**Clarke and Barbara Dunham - Train museum presentation** - Mr.Dunham presented a slide presentation to the Town Board showing what plans are being made for "Railroads on Parade". He is currently working with the planning and zoning board for permits, etc. Mr.and Mrs.Dunham are in the process of converting the old Great Northern store in Pottersville into a train museum. Mrs.Dunham said there will be 50 trains running, an extensive amount of scenery is included in their exhibits, "which is from New York to the Adirondack by train". There is three levels in the display, first level is geared for children. Mr.Dunham stated that most everything in the upper level is historically accurate.

**Pam Morin - summerfest weekend proposal** - (Mrs.Morin is working part time for Warren County as a Marketing and Promotion for the towns - from North Creek to Corinth). The towns are being asked if they are interested in creating or enhancing two events in their towns. 2013 is the bi-centennial for Warren County, towns will be included in the planning of events.

Town of Chester and Chamber has done summerfest in past years. Mrs.Morin said the objective is to "strengthen" the project for the next couple of years, so at the time of the county celebration the events could become a weekend celebration throughout the county.

Weekend celebration will be known as "the Rum Runners" for the Town of Chester. Much history and stories will be gathered and made available for the weekend events.

A draft for weekend activities for the Town of Chester was presented. Various events and displays will be worked on each year for the summer fest.

Mrs.Morin's stated that this is just a request for the Town of Chester to consider the "Rum Runners" weekend concept, if the town is in favor

of the idea/concept, she will inform the county and then next month request a resolution from the town stating that the support "is there".

**Privilege of the floor:**

Arnold Jensen - inquired on zoning changes progress (floating objects). None as yet, Supervisor Monroe and Attorney Schachner have been working with APA in regards to all zoning changes being requested by the Town.

Mr. Jensen also inquired as to the local law for Loon Lake speed limit on lake (4 places). Draft will be done for February and date set for public hearing at the March meeting. Supervisor will contact Warren Cty GIS for a proposed map.

Mr. Jensen also asked what/if any regulations for aerators in Loon Lake. Town Board request Mr. Schachner to see if any laws exist.

Mr. Deliveron inquired as to the boat still on Valley Farm Rd.

Supervisor Monroe will check with zoning administrator again as to who the owner is. Discussion of boat being on town right of way.

Mr. Dunham inquired if any more action has been taken or considered into safety signs or lowering speed limit in Pottersville (main street - intersection of Olmstedville Rd and Rt 9 to the Valley Farm Rd).

Supervisor Monroe stated that DOT has been contacted to do a study of the area and paint a "stop bar" on Valley Farm Rd at the intersection. "Your speed is sign" has been moved. Mr. Dunham suggested a sign stating "congested area" and if the speed limit could be 25 mph in that part of the hamlet (Wells House to Black Bear). Supervisor Monroe did say that a "no Parking" could be established on the right hand side of Rt 9, but he would like to see what DOT's study says.

Noted that there is a problem with overloading circuits at Dynamite hut. John West is aware of the problem and having it fixed.

Asked what is the town's policy for plowing. Supervisor Monroe said that Town of Chester does not have a "bare road" policy.

**Old business:**

Request to lower speed limit on Landon Hill Road - has been sent.

**New business:**

**RESOLUTION #8: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LARAC GRANT AGREEMENT.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Wells authorizing Supervisor Monroe to sign LARAC Grant Agreement. LARAC award was for \$506, for the presentation of Billy Goat's Gruff by the Seagle Music Colony Children's Opera in July 2011. AYE 5 NO 0

**2011 milfoil contract with Lycott Environmental** - Supervisor Monroe stated that Lycott has said that 2 to 3 years the milfoil could be under control and Lycott will do a survey again, talked about getting buoys that show matting is in place and no anchoring. Volunteer divers have been a help in doing the work.

**RESOLUTION #9: APPROVE CONTRACT WITH LYCOTT ENVIRONMENTAL INC FOR**

**EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL CONTROL ON LOON LAKE.**

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Durkish to approve a contract for 2011 with Lycott Environmental Inc., 600 Charlton St., Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550 based on the same figures/budget of 2010. AYE 5 NO 0

**Zoning dept. request to increase appeal filing fee from \$50 to \$100 -**

**RESOLUTION #10: AUTHORIZE INCREASE IN APPEAL FILING FEE.**

Introduced by Mr.Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells authorizing increase in Appeal Filing fee from \$50 to \$100. AYE 5 NO 0

**Discuss amendment of Employee Handbook to make it clear that retirees must have ten years of full time service with the town to be entitle to retiree health insurance -**

**RESOLUTION #11: AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SECTION 701 HEALTH INSURANCE.**

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells to amend Employee Handbook Section 701 Health Insurance:  
In the first paragraph - "**coverage is provided for eligible spouses and eligible dependent children of full time employees and eligible elected officials EXCLUDING TOWN BOARD MEMBERS.**"  
In section **health insurance for retired employees** second sentence to include the word **full time** ("**and have at least ten (10) years of full time service with the Town.**"). AYE 5 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #12: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT AND APPROVE CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.**

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells authorizing payment of abstract:

General Fund	\$ 89,307.19	(611-665)
Highway Fund	\$ 39,727.23	(274-298)
Chestertown water	\$ 673.41	( 72- 76)
Pottersville Water	\$ 1,237.00	( 72- 77)
Library	\$ 950.58	( 58- 59)

**January 2011 vouchers**

General Fund	\$ 10,443.36	( 1- 11)
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Motion by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Packer the Town Board went into Executive Session at 8:45 pm to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and an enforcement matter. Motion by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.DuRose Town Board resumed regular session at 9:15 pm. No action taken.

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Town Clerk

