

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **January 12, 2010** 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.

Open bids for 1984 Cat loader and Hobart welder:

for sale a 1984 930 Cat Loader with 2.25 yard bucket and a 4 yd lite material bucket and Hobart Welder - Wisconsin Model VG4D. Total of 13 bids received. Loader and welder will be sold "as is".

	<u>Loader</u>	<u>Welder</u>
1. Joseph Studer - 600 Harrisburg Rd Stony Creek	\$2000.	----
2. Glenn Batease -518-361-1506	\$8,800.	----
3. Larry Koller - withdrew bid	-----	----
4. John Little - 518-494-2492	-----	\$149.49
5. M R Parillo Services 518-301-3837	\$2717.27	\$127.17
6. Ronnie Howe - 518-251-2331	\$ 501.53	----
7. Ronnie Howe - 518-251-2331	-----	\$103.53
8. James Panos - Box82 - Chestertown	-----	\$210.00
9. Martin Cooper - 518-494-2855	\$7859.00	\$207.00
10. John Macmillan - Chestertown	\$1102.00	----
11. DADO's Inc - Broadalbin NY 12025	\$5176.00	----
12. Devino -Neward NJ 973-589-8111	\$4777.00	----
13. Hazelton Equip - 570-454-1581	\$8791.00	----

RESOLUTION #5: ACCEPT BID FROM JAMES PANOS FOR WELDER.

Introduced by Mr.Packer, 2nd by Mr.Durkish to accept bid from James Panos, William Hill Rd, Chestertown, NY in the amount of \$210. Welder is sold as is. AYE 5 NO 0

Town Board decided to **Table** bid on loader. Councilperson Durkish inquired if the loader had been checked to see what is actually wrong and cost for repair. Supervisor Monroe stated that one quote was \$20,000 for repairs.

RESOLUTION #6: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETINGS.

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to accept minutes of the December 8th and 15th Town Board meetings. AYE 5 NO 0

Privilege of the floor:

Mary Jane Dower - Handout given to Town Board in regards to the condition of the hamlet of Chestertown and suggestions. Enhancement committee will meet sometime in January to discuss ways of promoting new businesses and repairs to Main Street.

Supervisor Monroe reported that Wayne LaMothe has received a press release from the State that the county has been awarded \$415,006. Town of Chester was included in this grant.

Discussion on the need for a grant writer.

Arnold Jensen and Jack Sweeny - commented on taxes. Supervisor Monroe explained that there was a decrease in sales tax in the county.

Lauren Perea - commented on the snow by Luna's Pizza. Supervisor Monroe will speak with State DOT about the plowing on Main Street in the hamlet of Chestertown.

Old Business:

Jack Fay septic variance. Mr. Monroe turned meeting over to deputy supervisor - Mr. Packer. (Mr. Monroe's father is an adjoining land owner). Mr. Fay was present at the meeting.

Jim Hutchins found the existing waste water/tank. Tank is about 30' from the lake, replacement system would be 72' from lake, 75' from the well to the north, and relocated system will provide 100' from well to the north.

The trees affected would be maple, 3 hemlocks, white birch, pine and yellow birch.

In regards to clearing regulations, Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Tennyson (zoning officer) reviewed restrictions. No restrictions once 35' from shore line.

Letters received from Louise and George Douros and Roland, Eric, and Gregory Heitman and both stated that the proposed system would be a considerable improvement.

RESOLUTION #7: CHESTER TOWN BOARD ACTING AS TOWN OF CHESTER LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH. APPLICATION OF JACK FAY FOR WASTEWATER VARIANCE. VARIANCE IS GRANTED.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, 2nd by Mr. Durkish:

Application of Jack Fay, 105 Blythewood Island, tax map # 86.5-1-15.

In accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 5.060 of the Town of Chester Wastewater Treatment Local Law the Town Board acting as the local board of health makes the following findings:

1. Existing camp on land (lot) with a sub standard septic waste water system would not meet the current setbacks.
2. Proposal would improve the setbacks from Loon Lake and propose system would be superior to the existing system.
3. granting of variance for the reasonable use of land and minimum variance alleviating hardship

Therefore, the Board approves the variance as proposed.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #8: APPROVE COURT'S REQUEST TO ATTEND TELE CONFERENCE.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mr. Durkish approving request for judge and clerks to attend the Tele Conference at the Warren County Municipal Center on January 25, 2010. All necessary expenses for same to be a lawful claim against the Town of Chester. AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #9: APPROVE TOWN CLERK'S REQUEST TO ATTEND NYS TOWN CLERKS ASSOCIATION'S CONFERENCE IN SARATOGA.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mr. Durkish approving town clerk's request to attend the New York State Town Clerks Association conference in Saratoga April 25-28, 2010. All necessary expenses for

same to be a lawful claim against the Town of Chester. AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #10: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH MOUNTAIN VIEW MEMORIAL FOR 2010.

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose, 2nd by Mr.Packer authorizing Supervisor to sign 2010 contract with Mountain View Memorial for headstone repairs for the cemeteries in the Town of Chester. AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #11: APPROVING 2010 SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT WITH WARREN COUNTY.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Packer approving the 2010 Snow and Ice contract with Warren County in the amount of \$188,285 for 32.87 miles. AYE 5 NO 0

New Business:

Report on 2009 milfoil control program from Steve lamer - Review of report and discussion on preparing specs for bid on harvesting for the 2010 season. Supervisor Monroe will request input from Hillary Smith (Nature Conservancy). Rob Freligh has drafted some specs and will review with Supervisor Monroe on Friday. Mr.Freligh recommends that a bid be put out soon.

RESOLUTION #12: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR AND ROB FRELIGH TO PREPARE SPECS AND HAVE BID OPENING FOR THE FEBRUARY 9TH TOWN BOARD MEETING.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose authorizing Supervisor Monroe and Rob Freligh to meet and prepare specs for harvesting milfoil at Loon Lake for the 2010 season and have bid opening for the February 9th Town Board meeting. AYE 5 NO 0

Firewood - town has 2 face cord of wood available - should any requests be received. People in need would go through Social Services.

Loader - Bond resolution was passed, "notice of adoption of Bond Resolution subject to permissive referendum" was published in the Post Star on December 18th, 2090. If no petition has been filed, within the 30 days, the town will then proceed to publish the estoppel notice and wait 20 days after publication before issuing the Bond/BAN.

Councilperson Packer commented that a number of street lights are out. He also inquired as to recycling and dumpsters. Supervisor Monroe stated that there is a County law in regards to recycling and all haulers are required to comply with local law.

RESOLUTION #13: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

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

General Fund	\$ 44,357.29 (599-658)
Highway Fund	\$ 40,861.20 (250-272)

Chestertown water	\$	662.73	(79- 84)
Pottersville Water	\$	6,354.86	(69- 77)
Library	\$	1,699.77	(54- 58)
Schroon Lk Pk	\$	79.33	(2)
Loon Lk Pk Dist	\$	14,581.60	(2)

GENERAL FUND 2010	\$10,511.82	(1 - 14)
HIGHWAY FUND 2010	\$11,000.00	(1)
	AYE 5	NO 0

Motion by Mrs.DuRose, 2nd by Mrs.Wells Town Board went into Executive Session at 8:40pm to discuss employment history of Animal Control officer. Motion by Mr.Packer 2nd by Mrs.Wells Town Board resumed regular session at 9:15pm. No action taken.

Further discussion on the bids that were received on the loader and tabling any decision until after the "old" loader has been checked out. Councilperson Durkish felt that the loader may be worth keeping. Equipment guide book should be checked for value.

Motion by Mrs.DuRose meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Town Clerk
