

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **January 10, 2006** at 7:30 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Frederick Monroe, Michael Packer, Frank Shaw and Edna Wells. Mark Schachner - attorney for the Town.

RESOLUTION #16: APPROVE MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 19th and 29th Town Board meetings

AYE 4 NO 0

Privilege of the Floor:

Doug Roberts - 50+Club - Mr. Roberts submitted the 50+ Club annual report for 2005 and requested that a date change be made in the contract for submitting of the annual report.

RESOLUTION #17: APPROVE 50+ CLUB CONTRACT, REPORT AND REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mr. Shaw to accept 50+ Club annual report for 2005 and approve contract for 2006 with a change in #4 of the contract, that the annual report is submitted to the Town Board at the first Town Board meeting in January.

AYE 4 NO 0

Old Business:

Town Board Vacancy - Mark Schachner - Attorney for the Town - reviewed the Town Board's process in appointing someone to fill the vacancy on the Town Board. Mr. Schachner stated that the "Town Board has the opportunity, but not obligation to appoint anyone the Town Board wishes (anyone who is a resident of the Town of Chester) to fill the spot that is vacant for the remainder of the year." An election will be held in November. Other option would be to request the Governor to call a special election.

Public Comment was received:

Jeff Finch - asked if the Supervisor's vote was "tie breaking vote?" Mr. Schachner stated that all members of a Town Board have equal opportunity to vote and that the Supervisor's vote is, by Town Law, the same as any town board members vote.

Frank Allard - expressed his interest in being appointed to fill the vacancy on the Town Board. Supervisor Monroe stated that he had informed the town board of Mr. Allard's interest.

Barb Repp - stated she is in the process of obtaining signatures (to by pass votes that Mr. Perry had received) and wondered if Mr. Shaw would consider changing his position on appointing her to fill the vacancy.

Councilperson Shaw would consider, but also has to consider what the results of the election were.

A number of local residents/voters expressed their support for Mrs. Repp.

Karen DuRose - stated that she had worked with Mr. Perry (campaigning)

and would do her best for the Town of Chester, should she be appointed and also would "try to be Barb's equal".

Councilperson Shaw asked Mrs. DuRose if she had campaigned and had supporters with her at this meeting. Mrs. DuRose replied that she had not brought supporters with her, but came to the meeting as an interested taxpayer/resident.

RESOLUTION #18: APPOINT BARBARA REPP TO FILL VACANCY ON TOWN BOARD.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to appoint Barbara Repp to fill vacancy on Town Board.

Roll Call Vote: Fred Monroe - AYE Edna Wells - AYE
Mike Packer - NO Frank Shaw - NO

RESOLUTION #19: REQUEST THAT SUPERVISOR MONROE CONTACT GOVERNOR PATAKI AND REQUEST A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF CHESTER.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to request that Supervisor Monroe contact Governor Pataki and request a special election for the Town of Chester to fill the vacancy on the Town Board.

Roll Call: Fred Monroe - NO Frank Shaw - AYE
Mike Packer - AYE Edna Wells - AYE

Further discussion on the appointment to the Town Board and having Mr. Allard, Mrs. DuRose, Mrs. Repp and anyone else interested in the vacancy to be present with their supporters at the February town board meeting.

Alternate to Schroon Lake Park District. Sam Sewall is interested , but does not live in the district. - Supervisor Monroe will check to see if living in the district is a requirement.

Mr. Sewall reported on his attending the board meeting in Horicon in regards to speed limit on Schroon Lake/East Shore Drive. Town of Horicon does not wish to reduce speed.

Discussion on the speed limit and no wake zone on Schroon Lake. As the result of this, it makes it difficult with Word of Life water programs (water skiing, etc). Mr. Sewall did agree that there is a safety issue.

Motion made by Mr. Monroe, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to hold a Public Hearing to review Local Law number 1 of 2005 "regulating the speed of vessels in a portion of Schroon Lake". Discussion. **Motion** was withdrawn.

Status of offer to train lifeguards - TABLED.

CSEA union negotiations - Supervisor Monroe reported that all issues are resolved, but one, which is employees contributing to health insurance. No comments were received from the floor.

New Business:

RESOLUTION #20: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mr. Shaw authorizing Supervisor to sign contract with Warren County for snow and ice removal for the

fiscal year 2006. Included in contract is sweeping of roads and mowing. Total miles 32.87. Contract amount \$171,165.

AYE 4 NO 0

Determine location for "Your speed is" radar speed sign and whether hard-wired or battery operated - discussion on sign being battery operated, so it can be moved to various locations. Cost is approximately \$5,000. Discussion - no decision was made.

RESOLUTION #21: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LARAC CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mr.Packer authorizing Supervisor Monroe to sign LARAC Contract for 2006.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #22: SET DATE FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Shaw to set date of July 8, 2006 for the annual fireworks display. Northstar Fireworks.

AYE 4 NO 0

Old loader seat needs to be replaced. \$1,300 seat. - TABLED

Set date for special joint meeting with Horicon and North Warren Chamber re: Occupancy Tax. Meeting is set for January 30 at 7:00pm in the Town of Horicon town hall.

Greg Beckler, President of North Warren Chamber, reported that the Chamber has had workshop sessions for the use of Occupancy tax money.

RESOLUTION #23: ADOPT RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE FOR THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO COMMIT FUNDS FOR THE LAKE GEORGE KIOSK.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George is constructing a Visitor's Center on the corner of Beach Road and Route 9 in the Village of Lake George, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Center is to promote, publicize and advertise the history, attractions and events of Warren County, and

WHEREAS, the Village has designated one room for the use of all the municipalities in Warren County, and have allowed for the use of space therein, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester realizes the value of participating in the construction of a kiosk wherein will be contained information on our town.

We the members of the Town Board of the Town of Chester hereby approve an expenditure of \$7,125 as our share of the display in the Warren County Room.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #24: REQUEST STATE AND ORDA TO INCLUDE EXIT NUMBERS 25 AND 26 ON THE INFORMATION SIGNS ON INTERSTATE 87.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Shaw requesting that Exit numbers 25 and 26 be included on Interstate 87 for exits for Gore

Mountain and on ORDA signs.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #25: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FOR COURT.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd Mrs.Wells authorizing the purchase of SEI software for the town court. Cost up to \$5,200. (for software and training).

AYE 4 NO 0

Request for new water service at trailer park - (Village Estates) - discussion on a potential buyer obtaining an easement for a new connection to the trailer park. Jason Monroe explained that potential buyer was inquiring of a feasible way to obtain town water. Cost would be owners responsibility.

RESOLUTION #26: STEVENSON AGENCY LEASE.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing increase in Stevenson Agency lease. \$60 increase per month for the next contract period (possibly 3 years).

AYE 4 NO 0

Supervisor Monroe received letter from Chris Cheney, owner of Anywhere's Restaurant, requesting permission for snowmobile crossing on Route 9 and through the Town Hall parking lot. Town cannot give authority for state. Supervisor Monroe will contact Mr.Cheney.

RESOLUTION #27: APPROVE MENTAL HYGIENE LEGAL SERVICE REQUEST FOR SIGNS.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells approving Mental Hygiene Legal Service request for signs, at their expense. Supervisor Monroe has information on signage for directories in the Town Hall.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #28: AUTHORIZE INCREASE IN WATER HOOK UP FEE FOR BOTH DISTRICTS.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Shaw authorizing increase in water hook up fee for the Chestertown and Pottersville Water Districts. New rate will be \$500.

AYE 4 NO 0

Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells Town Board went into Executive Session at 9:15 pm to review employee schedule, overtime and part time court help. Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mr.Packer board resumed regular session at 10:15 pm. No action taken.

Discussion on pre-school age children riding on North Warren School bus to attend events that are sponsored by the Town of Chester Youth Commission. School has concerns over insurance coverage. Supervisor Monroe will check with Town's insurance carry on coverage and have an agreement/contract prepared for North Warren School to sign.

RESOLUTION #29: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR MONROE TO REVIEW TOWN'S INSURANCE COVERAGE AND PREPARE CONTRACT WITH NORTH WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mr.Packer authorizing Supervisor Monroe to review Town's insurance coverage in regards to youth's being transported to events by the North Warren school bus and prepare an agreement/contract with North Warren School for the transporting of youths (of all ages) and adults to events sponsored by the Town of Chester Youth Commission. AYE 4 NO 0

Discussion on milfoil plan for Loon Lake and applying for an Aquatic Grant to help with the cost of harvesting the milfoil.

RESOLUTION #30: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING A PLAN FOR GRANT APPLICATION IN REMOVAL OF MILFOIL.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing Supervisor Monroe to request assistance in the preparing of the plan/report for applying for an Aquatic Species Grant for the removal of milfoil in Loon Lake. AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #31: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT.

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

General Fund	\$23,424.55	(686-739)
Note voucher #734B	\$156.	To be checked on
Highway Fund	\$26,211.38	(250-268)
Chestertown Water	\$ 2,146.17	(79- 86)
Pottersville Water	\$ 1,390.33	(76- 80)
Library	\$ 451.17	(62- 63)
Loon Lake Park Dist	\$ 750.00	(12)

January vouchers 2006

General Fund	\$13,590.00	(1- 10)
Highway Fund	\$28,375.78	(1-2)
Chestertown Water	\$	none
Pottersville Water	\$	none
Library fund	\$ 25.00	(1)
	AYE 4	NO 0

Motion by Mr.Packer meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Town Clerk

