

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

Public hearing on Zoning amendments to the Zoning Local Law. Clerk read notice of public hearing and Supervisor Monroe opened public hearing at 7:30.

Proposed amendments to the Chester Zoning Law:

1. To provide for Accessory Apartments
2. Subdivision regulations
3. Relating to junk
4. To provide for boundary line adjustments
5. To create Friends Lake watershed overlay district and regulations
6. Moorings and swim floats

Mary VanLeuvan appreciated all the work that was done on the amendments.

Letter received from Al Muench with concerns on junkyards and accessory apartments, refer to attorney.

Public hearing was postponed until arrival of Mark Schachner, Attorney for the town.

RESOLUTION #90: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETINGS.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose to accept minutes of the June 14th and June 30th meetings. AYE 5 NO 0

Privilege of the Floor:

Thank you from resident for work town did on the Loon Lake dam.

Jim McDermott, resident of Pine Street, concerns over the conditions on Pine Street - brush, guard rails (old), pot holes, and the speed of traffic and traffic has increased considerably since Theriot Ave has been closed. Supervisor Monroe will talk with Highway Superintendent Clark about road condition and Sheriff department.

Judge McDermott also inquired about security court officer and what the board has determined. They again asked for him to find out what other towns are paying, and consider to budget for it in 2012. .

Jim also wondered what was going on with the building on Pine Street, that is falling down. Supervisor Monroe stated that town can ask for a emergency order from building codes department to level it. He has discuss this with engineers and has been recommended that building be checked for lead and asbestos first. Money would be needed to do this inspection. Concerns over entering building.

Linda Muench - inquired about the one hour parking signs by motorcycle shop and pizza shop and if they can be removed. Check to see if there was a local law for this.

Check with John West for the new sign that was for Town of Chester beach.

Mary Jane Dower - has concerns over the trees that were bought (by private individuals) for the town hall lawn. Monroe stated that 2 of the trees may have to be moved. Mary Jane - were was the money (payment) for the Veteran's plans (Beehan's drafted) coming from. The Veteran's paid for the plan. Mary Jane felt there would be a lot of stuff on front lawn. She also stated that the committee has been left out of any discussion in respect to the town hall lawn, this year.

Old Business:

Water main extension to Railroads on Parade - Water and highway departments have done the work for the running of the water main extension (cutting across Rt 9) and to be completed next day. Sprinkler system has been installed in building.

Loon Lake Dam repair work - all done. Next step is to have an Engineering Assessment done by August 19th.

RESOLUTION #91: AUTHORIZE AN ENGINEER ASSESSMENT AND OPERATION MAINTENANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY DEC FOR LOON LAKE DAM.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose authorize an Engineer Assessment and Operation Maintenance Plan as required by DEC for the Loon Lake Dam completion. AYE 5 NO 0

Supervisor Monroe will write a letter of "thanks" to Town of Chester Highway Department and Water Department for work done on the Loon Lake Dam and water main extension.

New Business:

FEMA flooding washouts preliminary damage assessment - Supervisor Monroe, a FEMA representative and Mark Westcott (from Congressman Gibson's office) visited areas in the Town of Chester that were affected by the flooding in April and May (2011). There is a possibility that some reimbursement may be received, and the dam may be included (some were pre-existing conditions on dam).

Auxiliary dam - Supervisor Monroe will request engineers to prepare a draft plan and ask for estimate on cost - there is an old pipe that needs to be removed/ replaced (if pipe is needed) and is shallow.

Bernie Bolton - request for wood chips at transfer station -

Supervisor Monroe will check with Highway Superintendent Clark to see if he has any plans for using the chips and how chips can be removed. Chips are available to the public.

RESOLUTION #92: AUTHORIZE USE OF CDBG FUNDS TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF WATER MAIN TO RAILROADS ON PARADE IN POTTERSVILLE.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mr.Packer to correct June 14, 2011 abstract, voucher #24, Pottersville Water District charge. Changing charge to CDBG Pottersville Water Facilities Fund, Voucher #1, code CD8340.4 amount (remains same) \$2927.49. AYE 5 NO 0

Request for boat for Loon Lake - Arnold Jensen stated that his boat is in need of repairs and the only time he uses it is for patrolling Loon Lake. Board will check on used boats with the county and Park commission.

Schroon Lake Watering Tub - Schroon Lake Park District - Supervisor Monroe stated that he has met with Schroon Lake Park District. They have concerns over a survey that was done and liability. As the result of the survey the "watering tub" is on Schroon Lake Park District property. (Everyone thought that Town of Horicon owned it). Was suggested that they work with Town of Horicon.

Maintenance of Water line to businesses at south end of town - (Chestertown) - Supervisor Monroe has spoken to Mr. Ross. Jason doesn't have any maps yet. Mr. Schachner will draft an agreement between the town and Mr. Ross. Delaware Engineers are working on a plan to extend the water district to include these businesses at the south end of town. Town highway could probably do much of the work. Town Board will look into this further.

Further discussion on the property on Pine Street: demolition, cost and was suggested that area could be used for town parking.

RESOLUTION #93: RETAIN C T MALE TO DO LEAD AND ASBESTOS INSPECTION.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, 2nd by Mr. Packer authorizing Town to retain C T Male to do a lead and asbestos inspection at the building located 10 Pine Street, Chestertown, SBL# 104.10-4-5.

AYE 5 NO 0

Public hearing on Zoning Local Law amendments was re-opened at 8:35 pm.

Mr. Schachner reviewed written comments of Mr. Muench. Mr. Schachner's comments: felt that the new proposed local law on junkyard was not intended to start a new 3 year period and on accessory apartments - does have flexibility with guide lines. Town Board had no further comments.

Public hearing was closed at 8:45pm.

Discussion on reprinting the zoning local law "book" with the new amendments.

RESOLUTION #94: ADOPT ZONING LOCAL LAW AMENDMENTS AND SEND TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mr. Durkish to adopt the Zoning Local Law Amendments for the Town of Chester:

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And authorize Mr.Schachner to prepare paper work that clerk will submit to Secretary of State.

AYE 5 NO 0

Discussion on transfer station and closing for lunch hour. Glen Redmon had gone through "channels" (head of department and union) in regards to closing for a half hour lunch at the transfer station. Town Board was not aware of this. Problem may be resolved now that the part time people will be hired. Board feels transfer station needs to be opened during lunch.

Glen asked if clean-up cards can be sent with tax bills. Town Clerk said that this can not be done (only tax bills can be in envelope).

Boat on Valley Farm Road - letter has been sent. Supervisor will check on this.

June sent email in regards to someone dumping garbage in the town dumpster.

Councilperson Wells reported on a recent meeting with Schroon Lake Association in regards to milfoil program (independent study) for Schroon Lake. Bids were received and funds are available for part of the amount, Both Schroon Lake Assoc and East Schroon Lake Assoc will contribute \$1000. Members of the committee were asked to request their town boards to contribute \$1000 each (Schroon, Horicon, and Chester). Supervisor Monroe will check with comptroller office about borrowing money from general fund and then pay it back and see if it should be equal amounts contributed or go by the proportion amount, which for the Town of Chester is about 8%. 2011 Budgeted money for that district has been used.

RESOLUTION #95: AGREE WITH PLAN FOR SCHROON LAKE MILFOIL STUDY AND TOWN OF CHESTER'S SHARE BASED ON ASSESSMENT.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose: Town of Chester agrees with the proposed plan for independent milfoil study on Schroon Lake and Town of Chester agrees to fund their share based on the same calculations (based on assessed value of each of the towns within the park district)used for contribution to the Schroon Lake Park District. And contingent on Horicon and Schroon paying their share, using the same formula.

AYE 5 NO 0

Councilperson DuRose inquired as to the proposed bathrooms for Dynamite Hill. Supervisor Monroe stated that he had reviewed this with Wayne LaMonthe. Supervisor Monroe still has concerns with location in respect to the town well and brook. Discussion on a different type of toilet - solar composting. Information is being gathered.

Discussion on solar energy heat. Supervisor Monroe will try to set up a tour (Plattsburgh) for the Town Board.

RESOLUTION #96: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT AND APPROVE CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

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

General Fund	\$32,653.42	(244-290)
Highway Fund	\$39,542.54	(117-140)
Chestertown water	\$ 436.38	(29- 33)
Pottersville Water	\$ 481.53	(25- 30)
Library	\$ 1,669.88	(26- 31)
Loon Lake Pk Dist	\$ 696.24	(2)
	AYE 5	NO 0

Motion by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mr.Packer Town Board went into Executive Session at 9:20 pm to review transfer station applications and reconsider pay rate for part time position at transfer station. Motion by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose Town Board resumed regular session at 10:00 pm. No action taken.

RESOLUTION #97: SET PAY RATE FOR PART TIME TRANSFER STATION WORKERS.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose to set pay rate for part time workers at the transfer station for \$12 per hour.

Fred Monroe - Aye Mike Packer - Aye Edna Wells - Aye
Karen DuRose - Aye Steve Durkish - abstain

Town Board will conduct interviews for one part time employee at transfer station on July 18th at 6:30pm. Letter was received from Barbara Durkish declining the part time position that was offered to her at the June 30 meeting.

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

Town Clerk