

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **July 13, 2010** at 7:30 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center Chestertown, NY.

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

RESOLUTION #75: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JUNE TOWN BOARD MEETING.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Durkish to accept minutes of the June Town Board meeting. AYE 4 NO 0

Privilege of the floor:

Arnold Jensen - Loon Lake Park Association will be holding water carnival Saturday July 17 from 9 am til noon. They also do a golf charity tournament. Money raised from that event has been donated to Friends of the Library, Halloween Parade, scholarship, food pantry, and little league.

George Hilton - Main Street Enhancement committee - trees for health center - suggest that 4 northern red oak trees be planted at the health center, for beautification on the south end of the hamlet of Chestertown. Cost of trees approximately \$100 -\$150 per tree, town doing planting. Suggestion will also be referred to John Behan - Main Street Enhancement and to Wayne LaMothe - Warren County. Supervisor Monroe will check with Mr.LaMothe to see if the purchase of the trees would be covered under the grant that has been applied for. If the grant does not cover cost, then the town will authorize payment. John West mentioned that before any planting is done they will need to check as to where the fiber optic cable is buried.

RESOLUTION #76: APPROVE TREE PLANTING, IF COST IS COVERED UNDER GRANT OR COST COVERED FROM TOWN GENERAL FUND.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs. Wells approving four tree plantings at the south end of hamlet in Chestertown by the health center building. If cost of trees not covered under grant, town will pay for the trees and do planting. Cost of trees approximately \$150 per tree. AYE 4 NO 0

Summer Program - Nicole Howe, Youth Director - reported on the arrangements for the summer youth program, instructors, dates of program - August 9th - 11th and August 16th -18th time will be from 9 am to 11:30 am Monday - Wednesday. Discussion on pay rate. Tennis program starts on July 20th.

RESOLUTION #77: AUTHORIZE PAY RATE FOR SUMMER PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS.

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose, 2nd by Mr.Monroe approving pay rate for the two instructors for the summer youth program to be \$125 per instructor per week. AYE 4 NO 0

Old Business:

Smart Growth Grant - Community Housing Plan Committee Meeting - Supervisor Monroe has spoken with Tracey Clothier, LA Group. She would

like to be able to speak with contractors and people in need and then put together a tentative plan to be reviewed at perhaps the August town board meeting.

Revised floating objects local law (Loon Lake) - Arnold Jensen, Loon Lake Constable, has purchased the meter used to measure distance of floating objects. Mr. Jensen has measured 10 different floating devices on Loon Lake. Distances varied from 99.8' to 50' from shoreline. He has 20 - 30 more floats he would like to measure and then report on. Mr. Jensen reported on lake activity and what could have resulted in some serious accidents. Councilperson Wells reported on reports from the lifeguards about people swimming beyond the ropes.

One additional change was made in the proposed draft in paragraph b of Section 7.03(c). except that where the opposite shoreline is less than 600' distant no mooring or part thereof shall at any time extend more than 50 feet from shoreline.

RESOLUTION #78: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHESTER ZONING LAW RELATING TO MOORINGS AND SWIM FLOATS.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to schedule a public hearing for August 10 at 7:30 pm on Local Law amending Chester zoning law relating to moorings and swim floats.

AYE 4 NO 0

Town Board request that John West check on having signs put up at the Loon Lake boat launch stating that it was not for permanent docking of boats.

Letter re: flood program - Zoning office is ready to mail letters.

Loon Lake Milfoil work - Supervisor Monroe has received reports from Rich King - Lycott - on the harvesting of milfoil on Loon Lake. 19,688 plants have been harvested and ¼ acre of benthic barrier installed.

New Business:

New York State retirement incentive program - discussion on the incentive program. Mr. Schachner stated that this program is beneficial if the position is left vacant, so that there would be no cost to the town. The Town Board agreed that there is not a position that could be left vacant, if this program was to be considered, and therefore would not be cost efficient for the town to do.

RESOLUTION #79: AUTHORIZE ASSESSOR TO OBTAIN TRAINING.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells 2nd by Mrs. DuRose:

WHEREAS, the New York State Assessor Association offers courses during the week of July 12th at their Annual Seminar at Cornell University, and the week of September 26th at their Annual Conference on Assessment Administration in Lake Placid which support the Assessor

in training imperative to fulfilling the responsibilities of office and remain abreast of legislative changes pertinent to assessment administration, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Assessor is hereby authorized to travel and attend these training seminars.

All necessary expenses for same to be a lawful claim against the Town of Chester.

Aye 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #80: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH GLENS FALLS ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR 2010.

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing Supervisor Monroe to sign 2010 contract with Glens Falls Animal Hospital for the boarding of seized animals under town and state law.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #81: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF DOG LICENSING SOFTWARE.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells 2nd by Mr.Durkish authorizing purchase of dog licensing software from Business Automation Systems in the amount of \$980.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #82: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LEASE WITH DR.JON GERBER FOR RENTAL SPACE.

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose 2nd by Mr.Durkish authorizing Supervisor Monroe to sign lease with Dr.Jon Gerber, 12 Haviland Rd, Queensbury, NY for the rental of office space in the Town of Chester Municipal center. Space being rented was previously rented to Warren County Sheriff Department. Lease amount for first year will be \$850 per month, beginning around September 15 - date will depend on when space is vacated by Sheriff. Option to renew lease for 3 years at \$950 per month. No cleaning service will be provided. Re-key of doors.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #83: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LWRF GRANT ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT WITH WARREN COUNTY.

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose 2nd by Mr,Durkish authorizing Supervisor Monroe to sign LWRF (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program) Grant Administration contract with Warren County.

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Youth committee member - Warren county - Councilperson Durkish does not know if he can be available for this appointment.

Survey - discussion on how the survey can be made available to the public with the least expense. Originally it was felt that the postage may be able to be covered through the grant. Mr.LaMothe did not think that the postage was a justified expense under the grant. Mailing to Town of Chester taxpayers would be about \$1600 plus printing cost of survey. Other suggestions in getting the survey out to the public: do on line, handouts in various places around the hamlets, contact

Adirondack Journal for survey insert - returnable to Town. Mary Jane Dower inquired if the funding for postage was to come from the "housing grant"?, Supervisor Monroe will speak with LA Group, Tracey Clothier.

Recommend that postage come from housing grant or just pay for it from contingency, as it was felt that the survey is worth while.

Survey is for the whole Town of Chester.

Supervisor Monroe stated there is two grants (housing grant and waterfront revitalization grant) and now that the Main Street Enhancement committee in Chestertown is active again, he would also like to see Pottersville's committee become active.

Arnold Jensen commented on various "enhancement" thoughts - streetlights that shine down, sidewalks, hanging flower pots, banners, public access to Hudson River from Town of Chester, etc.

RESOLUTION #84: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO WORK WITH COMMITTEE, MR. LAMOTHE, AND BEHAN PLANNING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SURVEY.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing Supervisor to work with Enhancement Committee, Behan Planning, and Wayne LaMothe for the most efficient and least expensive way to distribute survey to the public and to have cost paid for from Housing Grant or up to \$2000 from contingency. AYE 4 NO 0

Further discussions in regards to employees overtime, hours worked and to keep part time workers within the limit.

Hiring decisions need to be brought to town board.

Councilperson DuRose inquired as to the need of extras at the transfer station, with now having three full time employees, with the exception of perhaps summer. John West stated that JTPA pays youth wages and youths are restricted as to what they can do at the transfer station.

John West inquired about the purchase of new mower and bagger system cost would be about \$8124. The 2007 mower has 840 hours on it and needs a hydro drive pump replaced on right side, cost \$500, engine uses ½ quart of oil every 2 days, and the bagger is wearing out. John said that cemetery mowing requires constant moving of control arms, going around the stones. He felt that maybe what puts more pressure on motors. The mower is not working now. Larger mower is used at town hall, dynamite and some places in the cemetery (Leggett). Councilperson Durkish felt that the mower should be repaired and find out why it is using oil, perhaps it is only a ring kit.

Wood chips for Pottersville playground - approximate cost \$1014 for just play ground area. John said that 8 to 10 inches of sand to be removed and put down landscape fabric.

John will check on cost of the rubber and also check with Dave Wick, Warren County Soil and Water, as to the "burrs" in the sand that has been an on going problem there.

Discussion on top soil and seeding area.

RESOLUTION #85: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

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

General Fund	\$ 42,464.79	(260-321)
Highway Fund	\$ 20,120.21	(132-153)
Chestertown water	\$ 408.34	(33-37)
Pottersville Water	\$ 104.40	(34)
Library	\$ 2,400.85	(26-34)
Schroon Lk pk dist	\$ 1,185.00	(4)

Budget amendments:

Amend appropriations:

A1110.43 court - exp from JCAP grant	+2816
A6410.22 snowmaking machine from OCC tax	+14863
A6410.41 tourism promotion	(-14863)
A6989.42 exp from HPNAP food bank grants	+300
	Total \$

Amend estimated revenue:

A2770.3 HPNAP grant from Food Bank of N/E NY	+300
A3089 JCAP grant justice court assistance program	+2816
	Total \$

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Motion by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose the Town Board went into Executive Session at 9:30pm to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. Motion by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose Town Board resumed regular session at 9:45pm. No action taken.

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned.

Town Clerk