

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **May 11, 2010** at 7:30 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center Chestertown, NY.

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

Bid opening - backboards and blackboards -

Two bids were received for basketball backboards and 1 for slate blackboards.

1. Nicole Howe - \$15 for 1 basketball backboard
2. Tony Sapienza - \$250 for both of the basketball backboards and \$25 for one slate blackboard.

RESOLUTION #53: ACCEPT BID FROM TONY SAPIENZA FOR BLACKBOARD AND BACKBOARDS.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, 2nd by Mr. Monroe to accept bid from Tony Sapienza, 71 Dixon Rd, Chestertown of \$250 for the 2 basketball backboards and \$25 for slate blackboard. ATE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #54: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, 2nd by Mr. Durkish to accept minutes of the March and April Town Board meetings. AYE 5 NO 0

Privilege of the floor:

Jennifer Holden - Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse - located in Hudson Falls and serves Warren and Washington County. Gave presentation and explained ways to recognize and help curb drug/alcohol abuse. Will meet with youth commission group.

Mary Jane Dower - reminder clean-up day is May 15 from 10:00am -noon. She requested that Supervisor Monroe do a letter for the volunteers showing volunteer time (hours). This is needed for grant, for inkind services.

Arnold Jensen - showed town board various sign sketches for the new business district sign (Rt 8&9). New sign varies in size - present sign is 32" x 48", new sign could be as large as 48" x 96". Rotary may pay for sign if their logo is on sign.

Concerns on size of sign and would it be obstructing view.

Discussion on sign placement and what is required by town and state.

Mr. Schachner stated that sign is zoning officer's determination.

Supervisor Monroe stated that if sign is in DOT right away, approval is needed. At this time a DOT permit has not been located for the sign that is there.

John West will go with Mr. Jensen and Tony ? To DOT and help with the work permit application and would then need to be filed in Warrensburg. Existing permit may be on file with the Warrensburg office.

Mary Jane stated that planters are being built by school kids.

Old Business:

Smart Growth Grant - Community Housing Plan Committee meeting to be held tentatively June 7 at 7:30 pm.

Mark Schachner flood program recommendations - draft letter to property owners - Mr.Schachner passed letter around to board members for comments. Supervisor Monroe will get copy of letter.

Revised floating objects local law - Letter received from Friends Lake Association requesting that Friends Lake be exempted from any amendments and continue under the current zoning regulation. Arnold Jensen will do the measuring of floats probably in July for Loon Lake. No action on amendments at this time. Changes to be made to exclude Friends Lake.

New Business:

Ratify milfoil contract - Board had authorized Supervisor Monroe to sign milfoil contract (March 9, 2010 Town Board Meeting -RESOLUTION #23: ACCEPT BID FROM LYCOTT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC FOR EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL CONTROL ON LOON LAKE.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to accept bid from Lycott Environmental, Inc. 600 Charlton St, Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550.

Comprehensive survey \$2,000 - 2 days on and in the water, with maps and report; hand-harvest - \$1,800 per day three divers; matting \$2,300 per day four divers; and Benthic barrier (matting) materials \$19,000 per acre.

Town of Chester will monitor and work with Lycott to remain within 2010 budget. AYE 4 NO 0)

Supervisor Monroe explained what the contract now states and request prior resolution be ratified. In reviewing of contract, Mr.Schachner asked as to how much the town would be required to pay. Until the comprehensive survey is done, the actual amount can not be determined.

RESOLUTION #55: RATIFY LOON LAKE MILFOIL CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mr.Packer, 2nd by Mr.Durkish to ratify milfoil contract signed with Lycott Environmental, Inc for water milfoil contract on Loon Lake. Authorization will then be made for the work and approve up to the budgeted amount. AYE 5 NO 0

ATV local law re: use of roads -memo was received from Mr.Schachner. "Under NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Town may designate and post a Town road or portion of a Town road as open for ATV use only if the Town determines that it would be otherwise impossible to access officially designated ATV areas and trails adjacent to the roadway." Individuals inquiring about Marshall Fish rd and Perry Rd. Mr.Schachner has concerns.

Further discussion on town authorizing roads for ATV use. Town Board request Mr.Schachner to research on how a road is designated for ATV use.

Carpet cleaning proposal - one received from Magic Carpet. Board request that Jason try to get another quote.

BAS proposal for town clerk licensing software system - \$980 plus \$300 annual software support & maintenance fee - the State is considering eliminating the dog licensing part of Agriculture and Markets. Towns will be responsible for dog licensing, renewal notices, etc. **Tabled at this time -to see if the state is going to cut this from their budget.**

RESOLUTION #56: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF COPIER FOR COURT UNDER STATE CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mr.Packer authorizing purchase of copier for court under state contract. State contract price \$971.

AYE 5 NO 0

RFP for services re: Main street grant - Supervisor Monroe has checked with Warren County planning about purchasing policy requirements and was told that the town would follow their own policy. Under town policy professional services are exempt. A proposal has been received from Behan Planning and Design, 112 Spring Street, Suite 305, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

RESOLUTION #57: ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM BEHAN PLANNING AND DESIGN.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to accept proposal from Behan Planning and Design, 112 Spring Street, Saratoga Springs, NY, to help with the Chestertown Main Street Enhancement Committee and that the Town Board will also approve each phase.

AYE 5 NO 0

Sidewalk repair list - Chestertown sidewalks: sidewalk at the south end of the municipal building, area by chiropractor's office, curbing near Troisi property, and Theriot Ave a section is too narrow for bobcat to fit on and John West would like to have it be wider. Pottersville - sink hole by old parts store (Great Northern).

US Dept.of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index

Supervisor Monroe explained the Consumer Price Index and he also has given a written proposal to CSEA (union). Change in pay would be based on the average three years from Consumer Price Index.

Purchase Authorization. Limits - Town clerk will review minutes to see when this was last done and as to how much the Supervisor can approve.

Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board - Supervisor Monroe explained that both the Adirondack Review Board and the Park Agency were created in the same state law. State funding may be cut by 11 1/2% for APA funding and 53% on the Review Board. Review Board has already laid off an attorney. Prior to state funding, the towns use to contribute. The Review Board has asked for a contract for services of

\$250 from each town in the Adirondacks.
Supervisor Monroe turned meeting over to Deputy Packer.

RESOLUTION #58: AUTHORIZE \$250 TO ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Durkish authorizing payment of \$250 to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for services
Abstain - Fred Monroe Mike Packer - AYE Edna Wells - AYE
Karen DuRose - AYE Steve Durkish - AYE

Deputy Packer turned meeting back over to Supervisor Monroe.

RESOLUTION #59: APPROVE TOWN BOARD MEMBER TO ATTEND ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS & VILLAGES MEETING IN LAKE PLACID.

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mr.Durkish to approve Town Board members to attend the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages in Lake Placid on June 6 and 7. AYE 5 NO 0

Correspondence from a cyclist group which will be "peddling" from Glens Falls to Quebec August 8-14. Supervisor Monroe will reply to questions asked about the area.

RESOLUTION #60: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

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

General Fund	\$ 39,191.18	(158-204)
Highway Fund	\$ 33,209.58	(77-108)
Chestertown water	\$ 663.98	(22-27)
Pottersville Water	\$ 814.21	(24-28)
Library	\$ 620.31	(18-21)
Schroon Lk pk Dist	\$ 11,493.10	(2-3)
	AYE 5	NO 0

Discussion on letter received from Mr.Shannon, Chief Development Officer, HHHN in regards to expenses (\$3,154.81) caused by septic back-up.

Town of Chester maintains the health center. John West stated that he had talk to employees of HHHN. (he was on vacation at the time of the back-up). Councilperson DuRose felt that there should be some responsibility on the part of HHHN.

Supervisor Monroe will check to see what is done in other towns where there is a HHHN building. Most of the Town Board felt that the town should pay - no bill has been received, just the letter. Supervisor Monroe will also review the contract.

John also reported that the hot water tank is leaking. Quote was received for \$1300. Board felt there should be more quotes.

Councilperson DuRose inquired on the Pottersville Playground. John

stated that he contacted Garden Time to see what the burs were. They told him it was Bermuda grass. He plans on removing some of the sand, spray it, and put down a landscape fabric and then 6 to 8 inches of bark mulch.

Discussion on gazebo and perhaps another Eagle Scout would be interested in doing a project.

Motion by Mr.Monroe, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose the Town Board went into Executive Session at 9:15pm to discuss employment relating to an individual. 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