

**Special meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **November 29, 2006** at 7:00 pm, in the Town of Chester Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Fred Monroe, Frank Shaw, Edna Wells, and Karen DuRose.  
Absent - Mike Packer

CSEA Rep. - Rich Blair and Insurance Broker - Kurt Jagger

Many of CSEA employees and spouses were in attendance.

Purpose of the special meeting was to authorize Supervisor to sign Occupancy Tax Agreement with Warren County, review health insurance options with insurance broker, town employees and retirees, and any other such business that may come before the Town Board.

**RESOLUTION #180: AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN OF CHESTER AND COUNTY OF WARREN FOR TOURISM PROMOTION AND TOURIST AND CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.**

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Wells:

WHEREAS, the County derives revenues from the Occupancy Tax authorized by act of the New York State Legislature (Chapter 422 of the Laws of 2003) and, after deducting the amount provided for administering such Tax, is to allocate the funds to enhance the general economy of the County of Warren and its Cities, Towns and Villages through the promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events and other directly related and supported activities, and

WHEREAS, an Agreement between the County of Warren and the Town of Chester (hereinafter Municipality) is presented at this meeting, which Agreement proposes to provide funds to the Municipality for Tourism promotion and tourist and convention development (hereinafter "Agreement") from 2006 Occupancy Tax Revenues, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for initial funds of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from 2006 Occupancy Tax Revenues and for additional funds to be provided only pursuant to further resolution adopted at the sole discretion of the Board of Supervisors with all funding subject to and in accordance with and the terms and provisions of the Agreement (without the need to approve and sign additional agreements for additional payments, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also contains provisions concerning allowable fund expenditures, accounting, record keeping and under certain circumstances, refunds of Occupancy Tax funds being paid to the Municipality and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is ready, wiling and able to provide for promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events and other directly related and supported activities, and possesses or can make available all necessary qualified personnel, licenses, facilities and expertise to carry out the terms of the Agreement and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Chester hereby enter into the Agreement with the County of Warren and the Supervisor, be and hereby

is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Chester with the County of Warren for the receipt of funds in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000), with the understanding that:

1) additional funding may be made by the County of Warren pursuant to the Agreement, as Occupancy Tax revenues shall become available and in such amounts as the Board of Supervisors shall, in its sole discretion shall determine appropriate pursuant to a municipal sharing formula to be approved by the said Board of Supervisors and

2) that all funds received pursuant to the Agreement shall be subject to the terms and provisions of the Agreement (without the need to approve and sign additional agreements) and

3) said funds, if not used for eligible expenditures, shall be refunded to the County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that specific expenditure of the funds provided under the Agreement shall be subject to further approving resolution of the Town of Chester Board.

AYE 4 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #181: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF STAPLES STATEMENT.**

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Shaw authorizing payment of Staples statement, voucher # 540 in the amount of \$212.94.

AYE 4 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #182: AUTHORIZE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ATTEND ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING IN FEBRUARY, 2007 AND AUTHORIZE PRE-PAYMENT OF BUS REGISTRATION.**

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Shaw authorizing that any elected official and any other town employee, with approval of the Town Board, may attend the Association of Towns meeting to be held in New York City on February 18-21, 2007 and also authorize the pre-payment of bus registration.

AYE 4 NO 0

**Health insurance options and CSEA:**

Kurt Jagger, Broker for the Town, reviewed various health insurance plans. Mr.Jagger gave handouts which showed comparison between current plan and renewal options (copay and rates).

Discussion on:

Flex spending (FSA) and reimbursements and increasing amount from \$1000 to an agreed upon amount.

Health reimbursement arrangements - this would be in respect to co pays.

Vision Rider on Empire BCBS

Town employees insured: 6 individual, 16 2 person family, and 13 family plans.

Mr.Blair, CSEA Rep., reviewed counter proposals in regards to the Town Boards proposal of October 4, 2006.

CSEA would prefer the Empire BCBS - HMO Option 5 insurance plan with the Vision Rider.

Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells the Town Board went into Executive Session at 9:20 pm to review the CSEA counter-proposal. Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.DuRose Town Board resumed regular session at 10:45 pm. No action taken.

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm.

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**Town Clerk**