

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **November 13, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

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

Public hearing restricting parking on Main Street opened at 7:05 p.m. Parking would be restricted between the two driveways of the Town Hall within 40' of the northern driveway, it will be unlawful to park on the west side of Main Street 40' in either direction from the Main St. Ice Cream Parlor or other similar businesses, and the east side of Main St. 40' in southerly direction from the intersection of Pine Street & Main Street/NYS Rte. 9. This Local Law will repeal restricted parking opposite the former site of Hudson Headwaters which was passed when the Health Center was there, and supersedes Local Law #2 of 1999 which prohibited parking within 20 ft. of any residential or commercial driveway on Main St. in the hamlets of Pottersville and Chestertown, in either direction. This Local Law will not be in effect until filed in the office of the NYS Secretary of State.

Linda Muench wanted to know how many spots would be taken away from the Town parking. Mr. Monroe stated that it was not a safe situation with cars parked on both sides of the driveways, especially during the Farmer's market, as people cannot see to pull out in traffic. Mary Jane Dower asked that the curbs be painted yellow so that people would know that it is a no-parking zone. The signs for limited parking on Main Street will be removed, and Jason will paint the curbs where applicable. Signs will also be posted where there is no parking. Following discussion, public hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

RESOLUTION #179: APPROVE LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2012 FOR RESTRICTED PARKING ON MAIN STREET, AND AUTHORIZE JASON TO DO ANY PAINTING OF CURBS, AND INSTALLATION OF OR REMOVAL OF ANY SIGNS.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, approve Local Law #3 of 2012 for restricted parking on Main Street and authorize Jason to remove any unneeded signs, install new signs, and paint curbs where needed.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #180: ACCEPT OCTOBER MINUTES (1ST, 9TH AND 15TH) AS PRESENTED.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, accept October Minutes, as presented.

AYE 5 No 0

Privilege of the floor.

Mary Jane Dower gave the Board a brief summation of the success of the Farmer's Market, as well as a thank you to the Town Board for their moral and monetary support. The Market opened on June 20th and ran

until October 10th, with a total of 6,177 people. Next summer they will be changing their hours to 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the request of some of the vendors. Congratulations on a very successful venture!

Budget. Bruce (Bookkeeper), had made the requested changes in the budget.

RESOLUTION #181: ADOPT 2013 BUDGET.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, adopt the 2013 budget.

AYE 5 NO 0

Waste Oil Tanks. Supervisor Monroe thanked Jason for all of his work on the waste oil tank project. The Board is aware that the highway crew dug up all the tanks and stockpiled the soil. DEC took samples, and they are still waiting on the results. Cedarwood Engineering had found that the soil was non hazardous. All in all, highway crew has amassed about 5 one ton loads of soil, (about 18 yards), which would equal about one tandem load to be taken to the burn plant. Highway crew should be able to complete the job. Mr. Monroe stated, further, that we had had bids ranging from \$84,000 to \$132,000 for the tank removal, and he recommended that we reject all bids.

RESOLUTION #182: REJECT ALL BIDS ON REMOVAL OF WASTE OIL TANKS AT HIGHWAY GARAGE.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, reject all bids submitted for removal of waste oil tanks at the Highway Garage.

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Solar project. All of the conduit is in for the dynamite project, as well as the pre-cast base for the pole mount array that will be installed by the warming hut. There is a billboard at the top of the hill, and it will be turned into an informational/educational vehicle for the kids, showing them how much energy was produced, how much carbon was saved in the environment, etc.

Pine Street Building. The building is down.

Streetlight project. Notice of award was sent to the low bidder. A sample LED light was on display in Supervisor's office, and everyone had viewed it and approved it for use in the streetlights. The template for the bolts will be sent up, so footings will need to be put in for them soon.

Municipal Center Sign. Supervisor Monroe has signed the contract with Garnet Signs for the new Municipal Center sign, and they are working on it, and looking at the 1st of December for installation. Jason and the highway crew will be doing the excavation and footings for that, as well.

RESOLUTION #183: AUTHORIZE CLERK ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SALE AND DELIVERY OF #2 FUEL OIL, DIESEL FUEL AND KEROSENE.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize Clerk advertise for bids for sale and delivery of #2 Fuel Oil, Diesel Fuel and Kerosene.

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RESOLUTION #184: AUTHORIZE CLERK ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON CONTRACTS WITH NORTH WARREN CHAMBER, NORTH WARREN EMERGENCY SQUAD, NORTH CREEK FIRE DISTRICT, CHESTERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT AND RIVERSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize Clerk advertise for public hearing at the December 11th meeting on contracts with North Warren Chamber, North Warren Emergency Squad, North Creek Fire District, Chestertown Fire District and Riverside Volunteer Fire Co.

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RESOLUTION #185: AUTHORIZE CLERK ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR WEEKLY SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, authorize Clerk advertise for bids for weekly Senior Citizen transportation.

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RESOLUTION #186: SET DATE FOR RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, set date of re-organizational meeting to be held on date of Regular January meeting, being January 8, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

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RESOLUTION #187: AUTHORIZE ASSESSMENT OF BUILDING DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL COSTS AGAINST TAX MAP PARCEL #104.10-4-5.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish,

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2011, the Town Board duly authorized the demolition of an unsafe building located at 10 Pine Street, Town of Chester, County of Warren, State of New York and known as Tax Map Parcel #104.10-4-5 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the cost of demolition and removal of the unsafe building to the Town is \$42,864.20; and

WHEREAS, Town Ordinance #2 of 1982 and New York State Town Law S130(16) permits the Town to have all costs associated with demolition and removal of the unsafe building assessed against the Property and collected in the same manner as taxes levied thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board reaffirms its authorization to demolish and remove the unsafe building located on the Property; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all costs to demolish and remove the building shall be assessed against the Property, become a lien thereon; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to submit the above costs to the Warren County Real Property Tax Service Agency so that they shall be included as an assessment on the Property's January 2013 Town and County Tax Bill.

Duly adopted this 13th day of November, 2012, by the following vote:
AYES 5 No 0

Supervisor Monroe stated that if the Board agrees, he would contact nearby businesses and suggest they chip in to purchase the property for a Parking Lot. The tax foreclosure process has already begun at the County. From there, it would go to Auction next August, but once they have a judgment of foreclosure, they can sell it to adjoining property owners.

Johnsburg Justice resignation. Supervisor had been contacted by Ron Vanselow from the Town of Johnsburg, requesting assistance, as their Judge has resigned effective November 30th, 2012. The Office of Court Administration should take care of it, and they do encourage a Town to appoint someone when they lose a Judge. No action taken.

Auditorium floor. Carpet in the auditorium has been rolled up, as it has become very stained, and had never been tacked down. The Board feels that we should leave it rolled up, and refinish the floor instead.

Health Insurance agreement. The Bargaining Unit has agreed to the Blue Shield of NENY Sky Plan I, and the paperwork has all been signed for the new years' coverage.

Streetlight by Crossroads. Mr. Durkish mentioned that the Tri-Lakes Business Alliance, on behalf of John West, owner of the Crossroads, was requesting a streetlight on the pole on the East side of the Schroon River Road, and the North side of Route 8.

RESOLUTION #188: AUTHORIZE APPROVAL FOR STREETLIGHT BY THE CROSSROADS, AS REQUESTED BY DON BUTLER, FOR WHATEVER WATTAGE IS ALLOWED.

Introduced by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mrs. Wells, to authorize a streetlight by the Crossroads, as requested by Don Butler.

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RESOLUTION #189: APPROVE ABSTRACT AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, approve abstracts and claims paid prior to audit.

General Fund	\$43,742.64	(506-653)
Capital Project~		
10 Pine St.	\$42,864.20	(1-4)
Highway Fund	\$51,984.98	(248-287)
Dist. I Water	\$ 1,059.34	(41-45)
Dist. II Water	\$ 2,097.47	(48-52)
Library	\$ 1,876.30	(52-56)
Loon Lk. Pk. Dist.	\$ 492.80	(11-11)

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Adjournment. On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk