

Special budget meeting was held at 7:00 pm on **November 5, 2015** at the Town Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Edna Wells, Karen DuRose, Mike Packer, Frederick H. Monroe, and Steve Durkish.

Supervisor Monroe began the meeting by reviewing the budget changes that had been made at the prior meeting.

The projected combined tax rate for General and Highway Fund in 2016 would be \$1.48 per thousand. General Fund will be rated at \$0.226 per thousand, and Highway Fund at \$1.254 per thousand. The combined tax rate of all districts will keep us below the required 73% tax cap. Because we had decreases in some of the funds, we were able to increase the Highway budget for additional paving in 2016.

We have an increase this year of \$10,000 in Occupancy tax revenue, giving us \$46,000 for 2016. Town of Horicon will be contributing \$5,000 toward aid for the Health Center, \$3,000 reimbursement for a Mealsite worker, and \$6,340 toward the Youth Budget.

Deputy Town Clerk was allotted \$4,000, and backup payroll clerk, \$2,000. The regular annual expenses were discussed, and \$7,000 was added to the General Fund expense to purchase a building for housing the boat wash unit in, rather than continuing to rent a pod on a monthly basis.

The ski tow installation will be taking place next year, as only the electrical work can be done this year, leaving a time constraint for the installation of the ski tow with impending snowfall. Further contractual expenses were discussed.

Mr. Monroe explained that the County has increased our Snow and Ice contract by \$35,000. Highway Superintendent, Jason Monroe explained that the cost for salt went up from \$68 per ton to \$90. The County is working to reduce the use of salt, and they are providing the towns with an additional \$8,000 to buy salt reduction equipment. We use about 1,500 tons of salt per year.

Water tank inspection and painting is still unknown, due to the lead paint on the exterior of the Chestertown water tank, and \$100,000 is budgeted. Loon Lake Dam is another unknown, so \$50,000 is designated for that.

Following discussion, the public hearing opened at 7:10 pm.

David Gottesman was in attendance and spoke to the Board about there being no cost of living increase in Social Security for 2016 with a possible increase in Medicare payments, and suggested that the elected officials be sensitive to the seniors plight and not take the proposed 2% raise. This will be discussed in executive session, and the Board will then vote on acceptance of the budget.

Public hearing closed at 7:25 pm.

John Nick was in attendance to discuss the ski tow. Mr. Monroe explained that we had gotten the bid from Geise Engineering, Northumberland, PA, for the ski tow. Sam Geise and John had consulted, and Mr. Geise liked the idea of the tow mechanism being housed in a building at the base of the hill. Geise Engineering will supply any needed tech support. The bid was for \$37,500, and we still have money left in the grant in the amount of \$14,900. The balance can be paid from the Occupancy Tax. Mr. Nick recommends the Board accept the bid amount.

RESOLUTION #153: ACCEPT BID FROM GEISE ENGINEERING FOR THE SKI TOW.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, accept bid from Geise Engineering for the ski tow.

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Mr. Nick stated that they had requested Cedarwood Engineering do a lighting plan. The lighting recommendations were shared with Mr. Packer, so that they can begin digging the ditches, etc. Mr. Nick will be contacting Verizon because the poles have not been delivered yet. Mr. Nick is also working on the APA permit, but they need the original permit that had been filed at the County. Mr. Nick and Mr. Packer have been working on the plan for the electrical needs.

Mr. Monroe stated that the biomass boiler should be delivered next week. The existing exhaust pipe will be turned off, and the coal bin will be opened for removal of the old boiler.

Mr. Monroe stated that the Solid Waste bids by the County resulted in Waste Management of New York being the low bidder. Mr. Monroe recommends that we contract with Warren County for Solid Waste and everything that goes with it, but hold off on electronics while prices on that are still being sought by the County.

RESOLUTION #154: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE PROCESSING.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize Supervisor sign inter municipal agreement with Warren County for solid waste and recyclable processing:

TOWN OF CHESTER

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CHESTER AND WARREN COUNTY
RELATING TO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE DISPOSAL SERVICES (WC065-
12)
AND SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (WCV070-
12)

WHEREAS, as a result of a competitive bidding process completed by Warren County ("County") and for the benefit of local municipalities including the Town of Chester ("Town"), the County has arranged for Solid Waste and Recyclable Disposal Services (WC 065-12) and Solid waste and Recycling Transportation Services (WC 070-12) to be available to the Town through the various contractors who have been awarded contracts by the County for the foregoing services, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to utilize the County's contractual arrangements for Solid Waste and Recyclable Disposal Services upon the terms and conditions set forth in the County's agreements for such services with Waste Management of New York, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to utilize the County's contractual arrangements for Solid Waste and Recycling Transportation Services upon the terms and conditions set forth in the County's agreement for such services with Waste Management of New York, LLC, and

WHEREAS, after review and deliberation of the competitive bid proposal of Waste Management of New York, LLC, the Town desires to have Waste Management of New York, LLC, transport all the solid waste and recyclable materials from the Town's transfer station with the services to be provided by the contractor and the price for such services identified and as set forth in the Schedules attached hereto and incorporated herein, and

WHEREAS, after review and deliberation of the competitive bid proposal of Waste Management of New York, LLC, the Town Board desires to have Waste Management of New York, LLC, dispose of solid waste and recyclable material from the Town's transfer

station with the services to be provided by such contractor and the price for such services identified and as set forth in the Schedules attached hereto and incorporated herein, and

WHEREAS, the County has presented the Town Board with a proposed Intermunicipal Agreement which sets forth the terms and conditions upon which the Town will participate and pay for Solid Waste and Recyclable Disposal Services and Solid Waste and Recycling Transportation Services through the County's contractual arrangements for such services, and

WHEREAS, the term of the Intermunicipal Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2016 and terminate December 31, 2016, and the Intermunicipal Agreement may be extended for two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms through December 31, 2018, should the County elect to extend its agreements with the contractor identified in foregoing preambles of this resolution, and should the Town elect to continue to participate in the County's contractual arrangements for Solid Waste and Recyclable Disposal Services and Solid Waste and Recycling Transportation Services during any extended term,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves and authorizes the Intermunicipal Agreement between the County and the Town regarding Solid Waste and Recyclable Disposal Services and Solid Waste and Recycling Services and authorizes the Town Supervisor on behalf of the Town to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement with the County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board elects to have Waste Management of New York, LLC, provide Solid Waste and Recyclable disposal Services to the Town, which services and prices by contractor have been identified by the Town on the attached Schedules and otherwise in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County and Waste Management of New York, LLC, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and/or Counsel for the Town to take any further action necessary to effectuate the terms of the Resolution.

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Highway Superintendent Jason Monroe told the Board that he had filed for an extension on the mining permit for the sand pit.

He had met with DEC, and it appears that the State will give us the right of way to encroach on Route 9, which will give us another few 1000 feet of sand.

On a motion by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, Board went into Executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss CSEA negotiations, and approval of the budget if there are no changes.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, Board came out of Executive session at 8:35 pm.

RESOLUTION #155: ADOPT BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, adopt the budget as presented.

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On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk