

Special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **November 5, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

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

The Special meeting was called in order to discuss the Health Insurance renewal or replacement.

Helper's Fund contract. Carl Lamm, President of the Helper's fund, Inc., had requested that any donations that we currently have for the Food Pantry up to this point be turned over to them, since they sponsor the Food Pantry, and will be maintaining the equipment and also buying food, new equipment, etc.

RESOLUTION #174: AUTHORIZE RELEASING ALL DONATED FUNDS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY TO THE HELPER'S FUND.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, authorize turning over any donations that we have received to date to the Helper's Fund, Inc. for their use.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Durkish	YES
Mr. Packer	YES
Mr. Monroe	YES
Mrs. DuRose	YES
Mrs. Wells	ABSTAIN

Request for help with cleanup. Randy Frasier owns five different properties within the town, and has currently purchased one that is in a bad state of disrepair on Main Street. He has asked whether the town could help him with the cleanup. Mr. Monroe stated that we could offer him five clean-up cards, one for each property.

Notice of contract award. All board members have viewed the sample LED light that had been provided, and all were in agreement that it was certainly acceptable. Warren Electric has been notified of the contract award.

Health Insurance. The town will be going into it's 3rd year with the Union contract, under which they had agreed to provide Health Insurance equal to or better than was currently in effect at the time of negotiations. The current plan under which employees are covered will no longer be in effect after this year, and the alternative plan, MVP Trivantage 6 would not offer as much, and would cost 7% more, in addition to having higher co-pays.

Different plans were reviewed and discussed. The Bargaining Unit had gotten together, and one of the plans looked at was Blue Shield of NE

NY, a plan called EPO Sky Plan I. Differences between the MVP Tri-vantage 6 Plan that would replace the existing MVP 3 plan and the Sky Plan I, amounts to about \$50,591.28 in savings, if we go with the Sky Plan I offered by Blue Shield of NENY. It would also cover the non Medicare eligible retirees, whereas some of the other plans would not. The town would share the savings, amounting to \$25,295 with the 26 employees, covering 8 Individuals, 9 two-person families, and 9 families of more than 2 people.

The Bargaining Unit voted to go with the Blue Shield of NENY, as long as they received reimbursement of co-pays, and the HRA is kept in place for the life of the current contract, which is in effect for another 3 years.

RESOLUTION #175: APPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN BLUE SHIELD OF NENY SKY PLAN I WITH THE DIFFERENCE IN SAVINGS BEING SHARED WITH EMPLOYEES.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, approve changing to Blue Shield of NENY for the year 2013, sharing the savings in premium between MVP Option 3 as it was in 2010 and Blue Shield of NENY Sky Plan I with the employees, keeping the HRA in place for the life of the contract which ends in 2015.

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Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. Supervisor Monroe turned the meeting over to Mr. Packer. Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board (which Mr. Monroe is Executive Director of), has requested a donation of \$300 for services, including representation at all APA meetings, periodic reports on activities of the APA, etc. The State has cut funding by 53%.

RESOLUTION #176: APPROVE DONATION OF \$300 TO ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, approve donation of \$300 to Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Durkish	YES
Mrs. Wells	YES
Mr. Packer	YES
Mrs. DuRose	YES
Mr. Monroe	ABSTAIN

Mr. Monroe resumed position of Chair for the meeting.

Garage demolition. Justin Heller, trustee in bankruptcy for the Pine Street building slated for demolition, informed Mr. Monroe that Lincoln Logs owns the equipment inside the building and is entitled to it. It is not a part of what is being administered by the trustee. Something will be sent in writing regarding same, as we are not claiming ownership.

Tank removal at Highway Garage. Jason and Tom Suozzo from Cedarwood Engineering met with the DEC engineer. Mr. Suozzo used to be part of the spill response team with DEC. Jason had received the results from CT Male on the Lab results, and they were deemed non-hazardous. As a result, the tanks can be removed by the Highway crew and transported by us as well to a site for disposal, according to DEC consultant Steve Pasco, saving the town over \$75,000. The bids received for cleanup and removal ranged from \$84,000 to \$132,000. The Town is grateful to both Jason and Mr. Suozzo for their persistence in pursuing a more reasonable solution to this problem.

Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts would like to have a trophy case in the Town Hall, and it is thought that the opening into to custodian's closet in the hall could be converted for such use.

RESOLUTION #177: AUTHORIZE UTILIZING OPENING IN HALLWAY FOR TROPHY DISPLAY CASE FOR BOY SCOUTS.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, authorize using the opening into Custodian's office for construction of a trophy display case for the Boy Scouts.

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Discussion on Ed Wallace working as wingman for Highway, and Brett operating the Skidsteer in his place. John West has rearranged the schedule between remaining employees to cover when Ed is working with the Highway. Any future hiring of employees needs to be approved by the Town Board.

On a motion by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mr. Packer, meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk