

**Tentative Budget** meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **October 3, 2006** at 7:00pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

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

**2007 Tentative Budget review:**

The projected combined tax rate for General and Highway Fund for the 2007 Tentative Budget is \$1.2783 per thousand. \$.3560 per thousand for General Fund and \$.9223 per thousand for Highway.

Increase is approximately 6.9 %.

**General Fund Revenues:** no additions or corrections.

**General Fund Expenses:**

1410.11 Town Clerk deputy - discussion on proposed hourly rate  
Increase from \$9.99 per hour to \$11.00 (2006 budget was for \$4300 for the year, 2007 budget is for \$4200 for the year, which is less hours but increase in hourly rate). Clerk is to contact other towns for deputy rates.

5410.2 replace sidewalks - \$10,000 to **\$24,000**  
Knapp Hill and Valley Farm

8510.41 Pottersville Stone Wall \$14,000 to 0  
remove amount budgeted for stone wall to increase amount for sidewalks -

**Highway Expenses:** discussion on deficit highway budget

**Review library budget.**

Ken Murray presented other library technician salary's. Increase is proposed of 5½% (\$12.64 per hour). Adjustment to library aide and clerk as there pay rate was based on 3% increase instead of 3½%. Board accepted Mr.Murray's recommendation on increase in library budget.

Discussion on a youth center building as to size, usage and what is actually needed.

A resident of the town approached the Board in regards to the town purchasing a parcel, within the hamlet of Chestertown, that he will be offering for sale. Tabled.

Judge McDermott inquired as to a tape that may need to be transcribe as result of an appeal. Supervisor Monroe stated that who ever was inquiring for the transcript should pay for the time involved in preparing. Judge McDermott will check with Resource Center and then meet with Supervisor Monroe.

Town was applying for Tree Planting Grant. Recommendation that Town apply and area for planting would be at the Health Center.

Supervisor Monroe will contact Town of Hague in regards to purchasing

just the post and bases of the decorative streetlights for the amount that was quoted, or less, (\$5700) from the electrician.

Discussion on being metered or unmetered for decorative lights. Installing of decorative streetlights in Pottersville, one resident does not want lights in front of their house. Lights are being placed within state right of way. Supervisor Monroe will contact resident and explain that light can be shaded.

Town Board agreed not to buy terrorism insurance.

**Motion** by Mr.Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells Town Board went into Executive Session at 8:35 pm to discuss CSEA negotiations, salaries and town purchasing property.

Motion by Mr.Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Shaw town board resumed regular session at 9:20pm. No action taken.

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

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Town Clerk