

**Tentative Budget** meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **October 3, 2007** at 7:00pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

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

Supervisor Monroe stated that 4.1% personnel wage increase. Wage increase granted to CSEA for 2008 is \$.65 per hour, which is different percentage. Supervisor Monroe stated that he worked out an average to be 4.1% increase for non-bargaining. employees are contributing to health insurance.

**2008 Tentative Budget review:**

The projected combined tax rate for General and Highway Fund for the 2008 Tentative Budget is \$1.3197 per thousand. \$.3481 per thousand for General Fund and \$.9716 per thousand for Highway.

Increase is approximately 3%.

**General Fund Revenues:**

**A3001 Per-Capita Aid - increase to \$18,600**

**General Fund Expenses:**

**1220.4 Supervisor - increase to \$2,000.**

**1355.1 Assessor - to be reviewed in executive session**

**3310.4 radar speed sign - \$5000 to purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> sign in 2008. Discussion on ordering solar or hardwire sign.**

**6410.44 beach restrooms - increase from \$15,000 to \$20,000. (from occupancy tax funds)**

**7110.2 parks and rec 1 ton truck - increase from \$35,000 to \$40,000 to \$41,000.**

**CHESTERTOWN WATER EXPENSES**

**8320.21 one-half emergency generator \$15,000**

Discussion on buying generator. Red Cross recommends making the Town municipal center building a shelter. Size of generator needed for the town building would be approximately 30kw, cost \$25 to \$30 thousand.

Supervisor Monroe has requested \$25,000 from Senator Little for funding to help with purchase of generator for the town municipal building.

**POTTERSVILLE WATER EXPENSES**

**8320.23 Emergency generator (from CDBG) \$10,000**

Supervisor Monroe received call from attorney saying that those properties removed from the Pottersville Water District will be on the tax role for 2008 (effective date is March 1).

David Bradway and John Bradway were present to give account of car

crushing.

Discussion on contract being drafted with Mr. Bradway and perhaps working on a sliding scale for payment.

Further discussion on town doing the concrete pad that is required from DED for car crushing and Bradway's will take care of all removal of fluids and disposal from vehicles. **Tabled until October 9 meeting.**

(Mrs. DuRose had to leave meeting at 7:40PM)

**RESOLUTION #121: APPROVE BEAR ELECTRIC BID FOR WIRING PUMP HOUSES.**

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Packer to approve Bear Electric bid of September 20, 2007 in the amount of \$5,249.28. Bear Electric, LLC, 75 Delaney Drive, Brant Lake, NY 12815.

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Discussion on vacancy in transfer station and if 3 full time people is needed or 2 full time and 1 part time. John West felt that "off season" 3 full time positions were excessive. Supervisor Monroe was informed that during the winter transfer station people were "borrowed" for the parks department to help with snow removal. "Pat" Remington will be leaving. Position will need to be posted.

**Tabled.**

**Motion** by Mr. Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Packer Town Board went into Executive session at 7:50pm to discuss request from assessor for increase in salary. Motion by Mr. Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Shaw Town Board resumed regular session at 7:55 pm. No action taken.

(note - Mrs. DuRose was not present for Executive session)

Motion by Mr. Packer meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_