

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **September 13, 2006** at 7:30pm in the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Fred Monroe, Frank Shaw, Edna Wells and Karen DuRose. Mike Packer - Absent. Mark Schachner - Attorney for the Town.

RESOLUTION #148: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETINGS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw 2nd by Mrs. Wells to accept minutes of the August 8th and 24th Town Board meetings. AYE 4 NO 0

Privilege of the floor:

Bob Bartholomew - request that the air conditioner in the library be checked, when it starts it trips the circuit breaker. He also inquired on the Town purchasing an emergency generator. Supervisor Monroe stated that the school district is applying for a grant and should they receive the grant the plan is to have the school be an emergency center. Town is still considering a mobile generator for the water districts.

Art Troisi - was appointed chairman of the "Save the school" committee in the late 90's. He gave a report on various issues of that time and had concerns over the auditorium/gym use. He felt that with the addition of the "apron" on the stage and the theater lights, use of the "gym" is limited.

Paul Bubar - concern on speed limit in Pottersville on Route 9. He offered a solution of moving the "triangle" (which is owned by the Wells House / public domain) closer to the Wells House and that would eliminate the triangle and open up the traffic flow from the Olmstedville Road on to Route 9.

Old Business:

Proposal for solid waste study - Proposal received from R S Lynch & Co. Town Board reviewed both proposals. First proposal was from Environmental Capital LLC - Richard McCarthy, president.

RESOLUTION #149: ACCEPT R.S.LYNCH & COMPANY PROPOSAL FOR SOLID WASTE STUDY.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. DuRose to accept proposal from R.S. Lynch & Company for solid waste study. Project fee \$6,500 and an additional fee, to be determined, prior to the issuance of an RFP.

AYE 4 NO 0

Radar speed sign location - highway work permit is required.

Discussion on location - north or south end of Chestertown or the east end of Pottersville or south west end.

Town Board determined that placement be at the top of the hill, by the cemetery on Route 9, in Pottersville.

Request for work permit will include various sites for the placement of the portable radar speed sign.

RESOLUTION #150: REQUEST NYS DOT TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT IN HAMLET OF

POTTERSVILLE FROM 40 MPH TO AN AREA SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MPH.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells requesting NYS DOT to reduce speed limit in the hamlet of Pottersville from 40 mph to an area speed limit of 30 mph. AYE 4 NO 0

Procedure to remove properties from the Pottersville water district -

Supervisor Monroe stated that he has received a paper from Mr. Finch, Pottersville water district resident, which just has signatures of those in the water district but is not in the form of a petition stating that the signers have no objections to removing the four residents (Finch, Stetson, Hammond and Smoke Rise) from the Pottersville Water District.

Mr. Schachner now feels that a petition (to remove properties from the Pottersville Water District) does not apply and only is for a water supply district. He went on to say it is either State Comptroller opinion or New York State Attorney General opinion "that specifically holds that a town doesn't have the authority to decrease the size of a water district" and it would require special legislation. This is different than what was said at the August meeting, the Board was under the impression that a petition would be needed and then action could be taken. Mr. Schachner will check on this for the next meeting.

Discussion on having the legislature take action. A survey map showing the current size and what the new proposed boundary would be is required. Discussion on cost and who would be responsible - town or water district.

RESOLUTION #151: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR MONROE TO MEET WITH NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND SURVEYOR TO DETERMINE COST AND FEASIBILITY IN REGARDS TO DECREASING THE SIZE OF THE POTTERSVILLE WATER DISTRICT.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorize Supervisor Monroe to meet with New York State legislature and surveyor to determine cost and feasibility in regards to decreasing the size of the Pottersville Water District, which will remove the four properties who do not have water service but pay a water tax.

AYE 4 NO 0

Loon Lake Park District Association request for monitor and pressure wash station at boat launch - some funding may be available through the milfoil grant. John West has been asked to look at the old chamber of commerce building to see if it can be used for restrooms.

Pottersville street light project - DOT highway work permit has been received. Town of Hague has 22 lights that they will sell reasonably. John West will check on price and bring one over to be looked at.

Status of Pottersville Episcopal Church - clean up to start soon.

Status of Loon Lake Milfoil project - final dive was September 12. Maps will be produced for next year and general feeling is that the milfoil is under control.

Zoning maps - town should have maps soon.

New Business:

RESOLUTION #152: RE-APPOINT ROBERT THURLING TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Shaw to re-appoint Robert Thurling to Board of Assessment Review. Term expires 9/30/2011.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #153: SET DATE FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET MEETING.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw 2nd by Mrs.Wells to set date of October 3, 2006 at 7:00 pm for Tentative budget meeting for the 2007 budget.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #154: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF RESTORE NEW YORK GRANT APPLICATION.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells:

Town Board authorizes submission of Restore New York Grant application for Glendale property and Town Board hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the Town of Chester Comprehensive Lead Use Plan.

2. The proposed financing is appropriate for the Glendale property.

3. The project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources.

AYE 4 NO 0

Authorize Mark Schachner to draft agreement with Glendale - discussion on having an agreement with Glendale owner in regards to the grant application.

RESOLUTION #155: SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON RESTORE NEW YORK GRANT APPLICATION.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to set date for public hearing on Restore New York Grant application for September 27, 2006 at 7:00pm.

AYE 4 NO 0

Chamber of Commerce plan to sell old information booth - Tabled.

Engineer to see if septic system is possible at Loon Lake beach, if old information booth is being considered for Loon Lake.

Will work into 2007 budget.

RESOLUTION #156: APPLY FOR LARAC GRANT.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose authorizing the Town of Chester Youth Commission to submit application for a grant through LARAC. Grant would enable Youth Commission to provide funding for Seagle Colony Children's Opera for summer of 2007.

AYE 4 NO 0

Chamber request to paint Dynamite Hill sign - Supervisor will check on cost of painting sign and see if Mr.Jones is willing to do it.

Pottersville playground - remove burrs from sand, or replace sand with wood or rubber chips. - John West stated that the burrs "have been there forever". Has tried various ways to eliminate. They will now try to excavate (1 ½ feet), put down fabric and get new sand. John West will check out the Gamble Beach project/completion. Further discussion on Gamble Beach for next month meeting.

RESOLUTION #157: AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF TREE PLANTING GRANT TO NYS DEC WITH IN-KIND SERVICES MATCH.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. DuRose:

RESOLVED that Frederick H. Monroe, as Supervisor of the Town of Chester is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for 50% matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to this municipality for Tree Planting Grant. AYE 4 NO 0

North Country Ministries offer to help with affordable housing -

Supervisor Monroe has been contacted by Mr. Ken Winters, who is willing to help in anyway.

Mr. Schachner will get copy of draft IZOD from Saratoga and Burlington Zoning Ordinance (board has copies) - **Tabled.**

Warren County Economic Development Grant for water main extension to Peckham property - a pre-application has been made, with no cost to the Town of Chester.

Pottersville Methodist Church request use of Municipal Center for Election Day bake sale. Request granted - they will be able to set up tables in the hall way for their sale.

Request for parasail regulations - Tabled.

Helpers Fund request for office space - no space is available for office set up - space could be provided for file cabinet.

Another request to reduce speed limit on Old Schroon Road from 40 to 30. Bela Ambrus request that the Town try again to have speed limit lowered because of the traffic and narrowness of the Old Schroon Rd and the fact that Word of Life Campsite is at the beginning of the road, with a great deal of traffic.

RESOLUTION #158: REQUEST NEW YORK STATE DOT DECREASE SPEED LIMIT ON OLD SCHROON ROAD FROM 40 MPH TO 30 MPH.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. DuRose requesting New York State Department of Transportation to decrease the speed limit on Old Schroon Road from the 40 mph to 30 mph. AYE 4 NO 0

Assessor's proposal for Assessment update. \$50,000 split between 2007 and 2008 - Request assessor to attend budget meeting on October 3.

State says that the Town of Chester is now down to 75% on reval, last year town was at 100%.
Concerns over being able to budget this amount for 2007.

RESOLUTION #159: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF PAYMENT OF USDA GRANT FUNDS TO HHHN.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing transfer of funds from the USDA Grant Funds to HHHN. AYE 4 NO 0

Resolution of appreciation for Marv Cole - Mr.Cole recently passed away. Mr.Cole was involved in the transformation of the high school building into the Town of Chester Municipal Center, very active in the Loon Lake Park Association, and also in the cleanup/restoration of the amphitheater at Scaroon Manor. Mr.Cole will be greatly missed. Supervisor Monroe stated that a sign has been placed at Scaroon Manor, in honor of Marv, called "Marvin Gardens".

RESOLUTION #160: RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO MARV COLE.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing that a resolution of appreciation and also that a plaque, in Mr.Cole's honor, for all that he did for the Town of Chester. Plaque to be presented to Mrs.Cole and perhaps having it put in the Town Municipal center.
AYE 4 NO 0

Parking lot lights - Tabled until Mr.Packer is able to review.

Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells the Town Board went into Executive Session at 9:45pm to discuss: CSEA negotiation status, Friedland litigation, and Pat Remington employment and health insurance. Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells regular session was resumed at 11:35pm. No action taken.

RESOLUTION #161: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing payment of abstract:

General Fund	\$ 48,843.60	(391-446)
Highway Fund	\$ 29,645.27	(162-182)
Chestertown water	\$ 1,690.25	(38- 46)
Pottersville Water	\$ 588.57	(26- 32)
Library	\$ 1,116.02	(44- 47)
Loon Lake Park Dist	\$ 392.26	(7- 8)
Schroon Lake Pk Di	\$ 620.00	(2)
	AYE 4	NO 0

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 11:40pm.

Town Clerk