

**Regular meeting** of the Town of Chester Town Board was held on **September 8, 2015** at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, New York.

**Roll Call:**

Mike Packer, Frederick H. Monroe, Karen DuRose, Steve Durkish and Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner. Absent was Edna Wells.

**Minutes:**

**RESOLUTION #117: ACCEPT MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2015.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, accept Minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting, as presented.

AYE 4 NO 0

**Privilege of the Floor.**

A citizen wanted to lodge a complaint against an employee and was told to file a formal complaint.

Arnold Jensen announced that he was officially resigning as Loon Lake Constable now that the season was over. He explained that training with the Sheriff's Department would be required for a new applicant. Before advertising for a replacement, Ed Greismer from the Loon Lake Park Association suggested that someone from the Association participate in defining the required qualifications.

Linda Muench questioned the safety of the carpet in the auditorium, as it had ridges in it that could be tripped over. She asked whether a line item could be put on the budget for a new carpet in there. The board would like to see the present carpet removed, and Supervisor Monroe stated that they would start by first getting a quote for new carpet, properly installed.

**Old Business:**

**Biomass project.**

We did receive a draft contract from NYSERDA, and it was forwarded to the Attorney for review. We also need approval from USDA, who presented some questions regarding the change in the cost. Originally, we had applied for a \$20,000 grant from USDA, but NYSERDA is considering this as a demonstration project, and they will require thermal storage (in the form of a

steam accumulator), which raised the cost of the project. NYSERDA will pay 75% of the cost.

We have accepted the bid for the boiler, and after USDA approves, we can bid out the installation.

**New Business:**

Youth Commission reported that soccer has started, and they were able to add a practice on Fridays for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Mindy is working with Maria Swartz to add group piano and guitar lessons to the youth commission. Permission has been received from the school, and flyers will be sent out to see how many kids are interested.

Additionally, Mindy wondered if the Town wanted a LARAC grant for next year for the Children's opera. Application is due in October.

**RESOLUTION #118: APPROVE YOUTH COMMISSION SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR LARAC GRANT FOR 2016.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, approve Youth Commission submit application for LARAC grant for Children's Opera for 2016.

AYE 4 NO 0

**Yates Septic/well separation distance variance.**

Due to having been involved in the legal aspects of the original subdivision of the Blythwood Island parcels, as well as being a property owner on the island, and a member of the Association, Mr. Monroe recused himself from the Board, and Deputy Supervisor Mike Packer heard the petition.

Contractor John MacMillen was in attendance representing the applicant. He explained that initially, the applicant had applied for a variance in order to construct a new dwelling, but then decided not to. They have an older camp on the property, and want to make it usable. At this time, there is no water to the camp, and they want to drill a well. They are proposing a 75' separation from the well to the existing leach field, whereas 100' is required.

**RESOLUTION #119: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR YATES SEPTIC/WELL SEPARATION VARIANCE FOR OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Durkish, schedule a public hearing on October 13<sup>th</sup> for Timothy & Colleen Yates variance for a septic/well separation of less than 100'.

AYE 4 NO 0

Mr. Monroe resumed the Chair.

**Approve revised Water Rent Warrant.**

A water customer in the Pottersville Water District had had a freeze-up over the winter, and had to leave her water trickling for about 3 months until the frost came out of the ground and her water thawed. Her bill was excessive for a 92 year old person living alone, and was reduced by \$209.00.

**RESOLUTION #120: APPROVE REDUCTION OF WATER RENT WARRANT BY \$209.00.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, approve the reduction of the water rent warrant by \$209.00 in the Pottersville water district.

AYE 4 NO 0

**Authorize filling upcoming vacancy in Highway Department.**

An employee will be retiring in the next couple of weeks, and Highway Superintendent requested approval for hiring someone to fill the vacancy.

**RESOLUTION #121: AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT HIRE SOMEONE TO FILL VACANCY CREATED BY RETIREE.**

Introduced by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, authorize Highway Superintendent hire someone to fill the vacancy created by a retiree from his department.

AYE 4 NO 0

**Authorize oil leak repairs to Park's loader.**

There is an oil leak in the Park's loader, which they inherited from the Highway Department. The repairs will be extensive and will cost about \$4,000.

**RESOLUTION #122: AUTHORIZE REPAIRS TO PARK'S LOADER.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize repairs to Park's loader which is used to clear snow at the Municipal Center, the Health Center, and Main Street.

AYE 4 NO 0

**Authorize Loon Lake Park District to contract for 4 additional days of milfoil removal.**

AIM will be performing milfoil removal on the next two weekends on Loon Lake, and the Park District has requested additional funding to help cover \$2,070 per day for 4-10 hour days that they will be working. There is a large patch of milfoil in the lake that is being fragmented by boat traffic that needs to be pulled. LLPDA will cover \$3,160, and they are asking the Town to make funds available for the \$5,120 left in the budget for the Park District for milfoil removal.

**RESOLUTION #123: AUTHORIZE LOON LAKE PARK DISTRICT TO CONTRACT FOR 4 ADDITIONAL DAYS OF MILFOIL REMOVAL @ \$2,070 PER DAY.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize Loon Lake Park District to contract for 4 additional days of milfoil removal @ \$2,070 per day. The Town will release funds from the Loon Lake Park District budget in the amount of \$5,120, and LLPDA will pay the balance of \$3,160.

AYE 4 NO 0

**New ski tow bid.**

Warren County has bid out the proposed ski tow for Dynamite Hill, and they have a bid opening scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>. John Nick, through the Rotary, has volunteered to help with the project, and he indicated that the Rotary may construct the building at the bottom of the hill. The other thing that has to be planned for is the electric. We have some of the information required for the electric, and if we can put in a service for operation of the ski tow, we would also like to have a service for the snowmaking machine, instead of using a generator. Mr. Monroe would like the Board to authorize he deal with an electrician to try to determine the power requirements for the ski lift as well as the power requirements for the snow making. He will need specs, and Mr. Packer stated that he can provide those to him so that we can get some quotes.

**RESOLUTION #124: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR MONROE APPLY FOR YOUTH PROGRAM FUNDS.**

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize Supervisor Monroe apply for Youth Program Funds.

AYE 4 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #125: SET DATE FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, set date for tentative budget meeting to be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

AYE 4 NO 0

**Parking regulations on Church Street and Riverside Drive.**

The Constable, Dave Cavanagh, has observed parking in the town on the weekends. He finds that parking that occurs on Sundays takes up both sides of the street on Riverside Drive and Church Street as well. The consensus is that it is only during Church services and should be left alone.

Linda Muench asked about the restricted parking signs on Main Street that were in effect when the Health Center was located there. It was thought that any Local Law or resolution had been repealed, but the Clerk will check to see.

**RESOLUTION #126: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR CONSTABLE FOR LOON LAKE.**

Introduced by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, authorize advertising for Constable for Loon Lake.

AYE 4 NO 0

**Zoning Board of Appeals.**

Supervisor Monroe announced that he had received a resignation notice from Jeremy Little as Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**RESOLUTION #127: AUTHORIZE CLERK ADVERTISE FOR SECRETARY FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize Town Clerk advertise for Secretary for Zoning Board of Appeals.

AYE 4 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #128: REAPPOINT FLOYD WELLS TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW.**

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, reappoint Floyd Wells to the Board of Assessment Review.

AYE 4 NO 0

Supervisor Monroe stated that there was a vacancy on the Planning Board for an alternate member, and Christine Hayes had applied to our ad.

**RESOLUTION #129: APPOINT CHRISTINE HAYES TO PLANNING BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE.**

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Monroe, appoint Christine Hayes to Planning Board as an alternate member.

AYE 4 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #130: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT:**

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize payment of abstract and claims paid prior to audit:

General Fund	\$53,498.87	(368-414)
Highway Fund	\$20,364.57	(206-238
Chester Water	\$ 3,251.11	( 45-51 )
P'Ville Water	\$ 564.33	( 47-49 )
Library	\$ 40.00	( 65-65 )
Loon Lk. Park Dist.	\$ 7,078.94	( 15-22 )
Schroon Lk. Pk. Dist.	\$ 672.90	( 16-19 )

AYE 4 NO 0

On a motion by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mr. Monroe, Board went into executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss CSEA Contract negotiations, and negotiations regarding acquisition of Real Property.

On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, Board came out of executive session at 8:55 pm. No action taken.

On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, Board adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk