

**Village of Chester
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 8, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly business meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, April 8, 2013. Members present: Mayor Philip Valastro, Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, Trustee John J. Collins, Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, and Trustee John T Bell. Also present: Village Attorney Ian Schlanger, Village Treasurer Angela O'Neill, Police Chief Peter Graziano, and Street Superintendent Charles Bono. Village Water Treatment Operator, Thomas Becker, and Village Code Enforcement Officer, John Orr were not present. In the audience Mark W. Siemers PE of Pietrzak & Pfau, Gordon Shehab, Nikki Mayer, Leslie Wenger, David Wenger, Attorney Benjamin Oster, Tracy Shuh, Bernadette Giordano, Norm Cottrill, and Tom Flynn.

Mayor Philip Valastro opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIT OF BILLS: Mayor Philip Valastro noted audit of monthly bills for approval was complete.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept the Village monthly business minutes of March 11, 2013 was made by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, second by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Philip Valastro opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Angela O'Neill read report as follows:

CASH BALANCES ENDING MARCH 31, 2012

<u>Fund/Bank Account</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>(Disbursements)</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>General Fund</u>				
Checking	348,991.37	275,182.54	16.29	124,363.77
Savings	--	142,402.66	664.45	3,117,502.62
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Checking	47,695.13	67,100.83	44.85	249,884.18
Capital MM	--	--	4.89	62,876.24
Capital Checking	--	--	--	Closed
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Checking	29,938.01	3,9880.00	46.62	318,798.18
MM Saving	--	--	--	Closed

Cumulative Fiscal Year Interest Earned by Fund 06/01/2012 – 05/31/2013

General Fund	8,163.14
Water Fund	454.10
Sewer Fund	661.66

Treasurer's Discussion:

- (1) **EXPENSE CONTROL REPORT:** Year to Date Expense Control Reports for all funds has been e-mailed to you for your review. If you have any specific questions related to this document, please feel free to discuss with me.
- (2) **REVENUE CONTROL REPORT:** Year to Date Income Control Reports for all funds has been e-mailed to you for your review. If you have any specific questions related to this document, please feel free to discuss with me.
- (3) **2012-2013 BUDGET:** As we approach the end of our current fiscal year, an analysis of the current budget to identify any accounts that may need line item transfers. A formal budget modifications report will be ready for board approval during the May 2013 Village Board Meeting.

- (4) **2013-2014 BUDGET:** The 2013-2014 Budget being presented this evening includes an increase of \$.24 per thousand of assessed value. The Village Board is able to present a budget that remains below the 2% tax cap levy law. On Thursday 3/29/2012, The Village's Tax Cap Levy Documents were filed electronically with The Office of the State Comptroller declaring a tax levy of 1.84% over the 2012-2013 Budget.
- (5) **SEWER BUDGET MODIFICATION:** A budget modification is being presented for board approval in the amount of \$115,128. This amount represents the Village's portion of auto and equipment purchased by The Moodna Basin Joint Commission.
- (6) **SEWER ACCOUNTS TO BE REVERSED:** An audit of the sewer rolls revealed (2) properties that were billed for sewer, but are in fact not connected to the Village's sewer system. At this time I request the board's permission to adjust sewer bill #519 for 25 Academy Ave. and bill #531 for 16 Elm St. in the amount of \$316.57 each.
- (7) **SEWER RELEVY:** A total of \$114,991.82 of unpaid sewer billing, plus a 10% penalty will be relevied on to 6/1/13 village tax bills. A report representing this totaled will be emailed to you.

A motion to adjust the 2012-2013 sewer amount of \$316.57 on each of the two Village properties, 25 Academy Ave and 16 Elm Street, was made by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, second by Trustee John T. Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion to allow the Treasurer to make a budget modification in the amount of \$115,128.00 for the purchase of auto and equipment purchased by Moodna Basin Joint Commission was made by Trustee John J. Collins, second by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, second by Trustee John J. Collins. Motion unanimously passed.

BUILDING REPORT: Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Orr was not present. Mayor Philip Valastro read report as follows:

Current projects that were inspected during the last month:

Tartaglione – 69 Brookside Ave.

- 1- No change from last month.

Marco – 118 Main Street

- 1 – No work has started.

Chester Collision – 63 Brookside Ave

- 1 – Project almost complete.

Houston – 51 Meadow Ave

- 1- Final work continues.

Boodles – 37 Main Street

- 1- Work continues.

As spring quickly approaches I want to remind all residents that NYS requires a pool permit for all pools that can contain 24 inches of water or more. To obtain a permit you can apply using the Building permit application found on our website under the building department section.

POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Peter Graziano was present and read his report as follows:

1. Personnel:

- No issues.

2. Citizen Issues:

- No Issues

3. Public Safety Issues:

- Traffic Details: Continuing.

4. Facilities:

- No issues

5. Equipment:

- Pistol Trade in Issue: New pistols cost \$480. The vendor will give \$280 per pistol for the trade so the cost to the Village would be about \$2,700 to replace the aging department side arms.

6. Vehicles:

- No issues

Call Type	2013
Calls for Service	1363
Criminal Cases	122
Arrests	077
Traffic Accidents	061

A motion to authorize Chief Peter J Graziano to start the process in replacing the Village Police Departments handguns was made by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, second by Trustee John J. Collins. Motion unanimously passed.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Street Superintendent Charles Bono was present and read report as follows:

A motion to authorize Street Superintendent Charles Bono to move forward with the repairs to the Salt Barn was made by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, second by Trustee John J. Collins. Motion unanimously passed.

WATER REPORT: Water Treatment Operator Thomas Becker was not present and Mayor Philip Valastro read report as follows:

- 1= Daily Filtration plant and Well #12 routine.
- 2= Backflow device testing has continued throughout March and April.
- 3= At the Filtration plant quarterly filter membrane cleaning or CIPs were done to Skid A & B and EFM cleanings are being done twice a week.
- 4= Quarterly and Spring Biannual meters have been read.
- 5= Our Drinking Water Quality Report has been approved by the Orange County Health Dept.
- 6= we are in the process of repairing water facility lawns damaged by the past years snow plowing and Cell tower work.
- 7= On March 21st Tom and Gary attended a seminar sponsored by Hudson Valley Water Works Conference for 5.5 credit hours.
- 8= Quarterly testing for THMs, HAA5s and Iron & Manganese have been done.

PARK & RECREATION: No report submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Adoption of Local Law 1 of 2013: Tax Cap Override Law of the Village of Chester

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2013, a proposed local law was introduced, proposed Local Law #1 of 2013, Tax Cap Override Law of the Village of Chester; and

WHEREAS a public hearing on the above referenced law was held and closed on April 8, 2013,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby adopts proposed Local Law #1 of 2013, entitled, Tax Cap Override Law of the Village of Chester, which upon adoption, becomes Local Law No. 1 of 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the same.

Introduced By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

Seconded By: Trustee John J. Collins

On a vote of 5 to 0, the resolution was adopted.

Resolution Adopting the 2013/2014 Village Budget

WHEREAS a proposed budget for the Village was prepared and introduced for the 2013/2014 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held and closed on April 8, 2012; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby adopts the proposed Village

Budget of the 2013/2014 fiscal year which upon adoption becomes the Village Budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

Seconded By: Trustee John T. Bell

On a vote of 5 to 0, the resolution was adopted.

Annual Chester Clean up – Tom Flynn from Flynn Funeral Home was present and mentioned the Annual Chester Clean up schedule as follows:

Date: Saturday - May 4, 2013
Start Time: 8:00 AM
Start Location: Shop Rite Plaza Mall next to Wendy's Fast road Location
Finish Time: 11:00 AM

Various locations and roadsides in the Village and Town of Chester, NY to be cleaned by the following groups:

1. Chester Kiwanis Club
2. Chester Kiwanis Key Club
3. Walton Engine and Hose -Chester Fire Department
4. Village of Chester DPW
5. Town of Chester DPW
6. Chester Parks and Recreation Department
7. Village of Chester Police Department
8. Town of Chester Police Department
9. Students of the Chester Academy
10. Chester Bellvale Community

Please help the Chester Community

For additional info7nation please call Tommy Flynn (Chairperson) at 845-469-2525 or email tomflynn@optonline.net

Thank You.

Rain Date -Sunday, May 5, 2013

CALENDAR:

- Senior Movie Day at the Senior Center –April 18, 2013- Senior Center –Doors open at 12:30 pm free admission.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the monthly business meeting and move into executive session was made by Deputy Phil Roggia, second by Trustee John J Collins. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rivera
Village Clerk