

**Village of Chester  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 10, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly business meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, February 10, 2014. Members present: Mayor Philip Valastro, Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, Trustee John T Bell and Trustee Carole Duffy. Also present: Village Attorney Ian Schlanger, Village Treasurer Angela O'Neill, Police Chief Peter Graziano, Water Treatment Operator, Thomas Becker and Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr and Street Superintendent, Charles Bono was not present. In the audience: Sandra Rothenberg, Virginia Privitar of The Chronicle Newspaper, Gordon Shehab, Nikki Mayer, 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 January 13, 2014 was made by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia second by Trustee Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Angela O'Neill was present and read report as follows:

**CASH BALANCES ENDING DECEMBER:**

<u>Fund/Bank Account</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>(Disbursements)</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>				
Checking	557,705.87	435,473.37	12.03	219,918.88
Savings	--	358,582.88	977.69	4,111,399.29
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>				
Checking	29,817.73	48,557.77	26.41	285,695.71
Capital MM	--	--	7.83	85,452.72
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>				
Checking	9,634.65	1,481.40	16.84	187,888.82
MM SAVING	--	--	--	CLOSED

**Cumulative Fiscal Year Interest Earned by Fund 06/01/2013 – 05/31/2014**

General Fund	8,666.81
Water Fund	417.64
Sewer Fund	596.36

**Treasurer's Discussion:**

- (1) **EXPENSE CONTROL REPORT:** Year to Date Expense Control Report for all funds was e-mailed to Board Members on 1/10/14. 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 Report for all funds was e-mailed to Board Members on 1/10/14. If you have any specific questions related to this document, please feel free to discuss with me.
- (3) **BUDGET 2014-2015:** Meetings and preparation of budget continues. A tentative budget will be filed with the Clerk's office by 3/17/2014.
- (4) **SEWER:** Unpaid sewer notices will be mailed today (2/10/14). Unpaid sewer as of 3/31/14 will be relieved on to 6/1/14 Village Tax Bill with a 10% penalty.

A motion to approve to the Treasurers report was made by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, second by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono. Motion unanimously passed.

**BUILDING REPORT:** Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Orr was present and read report as follows:

Current projects that were inspected during the last month:

Boodles – 37 Main Street  
1- Work continues.

Smith – 65 Greycourt Ave  
1- Work stopped for the winter.

Bruedan/Fini – Former Bruedan lots.  
1- Second house interior work continues.

Morris – 11 Maple Ave  
1- Work continues.

Prestige Auto Body – 30 Lehigh Ave  
1- Project complete.

Bukowski – 16 Chester Acres Blvd.  
1 – Work continues.

Middletown Urgent Care – 78 Brookside Ave  
1 – Work almost complete.

VanDerMeulen – 32 Maple Ave  
1- Interior work continues.

Request to attend the NYS Floodplain and n Managers conference in Poughkeepsie on March 25-27.

Remind residents that it is your responsibility to clear snow and ice from sidewalks. And while they are doing so please clear the fire hydrants in the area.

A motion to approve Village Building Inspector to attend NYS Floodplain and n Managers conference in Poughkeepsie on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> was made by Trustee Carole Duffy, second by Trustee John T Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

**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
- KIK Messenger [www.kik.com](http://www.kik.com) see attached information Sheet.
- 2013 Uniform Crime Report- New annual report issued by NYS.

**4. Facilities:**

- No issues.

**5. Equipment:**

- No issues.

**6. Vehicles:**

- No issues.

**7. Department Activity YTD:**

<b>Call Type</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Calls for Service	3763	3799	4689	153
Criminal Cases	687	632	520	018
Arrests	342	309	285	012
Traffic Accidents	198	223	230	004

**STREET REPORT:** Street Superintendent Charles Bono was not present no report submitted.

**WATER REPORT:** Water Treatment Operator Thomas Becker was present and read report as follows:

- 1= At the filtration plant EFM filter membrane cleanings are being done twice each week , quarterly CIP membrane cleanings have been completed and we have begun rebuilding chlorinators .
- 2= At well #12 daily phosphate tests and weekly iron & manganese testing are being done.
- 3= NYLD was in the Village for two days as part of a free leak detection program that was offered by the Orange County Water Authority. No leaks were detected in our water distribution system.
- 4= Our water audit for 2013 has been completed and our unaccounted for water at 9%.
- 5= Unpaid water bills have been collected.
- 6= I have been working on our 2013 DWQR.
- 7= there have been several meter freeze ups that required replacement meter bases.
- 8= Joe has been cleaning sidewalks during each storm.
- 9= Fire hydrants were all shoveled out after the last snow storm.
- 10 = The new exterior paint coating on the Whispering Hills water storage tank has started to peel at several locations.
- 11= I am currently working on our annual water withdrawal report for D.E.C.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Trustee Betty-Jo Bono was present and read report as follows:

Trustee Bono mentioned that she attended the Park & Recreation meeting and it was mentioned that Park & Recreation committee has filled two seats and is looking to fill one more. Also mention was the following park & Recreation activities:

- Ice rink is open at Community Park but still no liner. (Waiting on the Liner)
- Basket Ball Program has no date.
- Summer Camp Registration starts in March
- Beginning Adult Basket Ball Program

For more information please contact Park & Recreation, located at Town of Chester.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Adoption of Local Law 1 of 2014: Tax Cap Override Law of the Village of Chester**

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2014, a proposed local law was introduced, proposed Local Law #1 of 2014, Tax Cap Override Law of the Village of Chester; and

**WHEREAS** a public hearing on the above referenced law was held and closed on February 10, 2014,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it hereby

**RESOLVED** that the Village Board hereby adopts proposed Local Law #1 of 2014, entitled, Tax Cap Override Law of the Village of Chester, which upon adoption, becomes Local Law No. 1 of 2014; and be it further

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

Introduced By: Trustee Carole Duffy

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

**Resolution Authorizing Tax Refund to Knollcrest Apt. Assoc. L.P.:**

**WHEREAS**, on or about December 12, 2013, by Order of the Hon. Catherine M. Bartlett, A.J.S.C., the assessments, for certain real property owned by Knollcrest Apt. Assoc. L.P. (the "Petitioner"), were reduced for tax years 2008-2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Treasurer, using the reduced assessments as ordered by the Court, has calculated the refund due the Petitioner for that portion of the refund(s) the Village is responsible, to wit: those tax years when the Village of Chester ceased to be an assessing unit and adopted the Town Tax Rolls (6/1/11); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Treasurer has calculated that the refund due to the Petitioner is \$7,407.37,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it hereby

**RESOLVED** that, pursuant to the Order of the Hon. Catherine M. Bartlett, A.J.S.C., the Village Treasurer is hereby directed to issue a refund in the amount of \$7,407.37, to the Petitioner's attorneys, Cronin & Cronin Law Firm, PLLC, as attorneys.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

Seconded By: Trustee John T Bell

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

- Resolution for the 2014 Hambletonian Marathon was tabled to next Village Board meeting.
- A motion to Change the Village Board meeting date from April 14, 2014 to April 7, 2014 was made by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, second by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia. Motion unanimously passed.
- Tom Flynn - Chester's Annual Clean up – A motion to approve the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chester Clean up sponsored by Tom Flynn from Flynn Funeral Home – Sat, April 26, 2014 @ 8am in front of Wendy's located in the ShopRite Mall was made by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, second by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono. Motion unanimously passed.
- Record Retention Day for Village Clerk's Office, Court Office and Building Dept. – Friday, March 21, 2014. A motion to approve Record Retention Day for Village Clerk's Office, Court Office and Building Dept., on Friday, March 21, 2014 was made by Trustee Carole Duffy, second by Trustee John T Bell. Motion unanimously passed.
- 12 Hambletonian Ave – Mrs. O'Gorman submitted a letter to the Village Board requesting the penalties be waived on her water account. A motion to deny waiving penalties was made by Village Board.

**CALENDAR:**

- \*Crafting and Quilting – For more details call \*Park & Rec\* @ (845) 469-7000 x8.
- \*Senior Movie Matinee – February 20, 2014
- \*Sleigh Riding @ Knapp's View
- \*Toddler Storybook Dance
- \*Youth Basketball
- Office will be closed on February 12, 2014 and February 17, 2014 Holiday, for Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday
- Office Clerk's. Court and Bldg. Dept. will be closed for regular business on Friday, March 21, 2014 for records retention day.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn the monthly business meeting and to go in to executive session was made by Trustee John T Bell, second by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rivera  
Village Clerk