

**Village of Chester
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 11, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly business meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. The regular monthly business meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2015, was rescheduled due to inclement weather. Members present: Mayor Philip Valastro, Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy, Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, Trustee John T Bell and Christopher Battiato. Also present: Village Attorney, Henry N. Christensen, Jr., Village Police Chief, Peter Graziano, Water Treatment Operator, Thomas Becker, Village Treasurer, Angela O'Neill, and Village Code Enforcement Officer, John Orr. Street Superintendent, Charles Bono was not present. In the audience: Fran Harris of The Chronicle Newspaper, Gordon Shehab, John Salerno, Phil Salerno, Benjamin Ostrer Esq., and Anthony Quinn.

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 Village monthly business minutes of November 2014's special meeting, December 2014 Regular Meeting, and January 2015 regular meeting, was made by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy, seconded by Trustee, Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

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

CASH BALANCES ENDING January 31, 2014:

<u>Fund/Bank Account</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>(Disbursements)</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>General Fund</u>				
Checking	--	12,823.84	11.08	124,136.58
Savings	--	--	617.06	2,866,985.23
Checking (Orange County Trust)	347,340.66	286,038.52	12.58	199,778.70
M.M. (Orange County Trust)	--	147,763.83	225.67	1,687,961.23
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Checking	3,205.96	--	12.33	143,257.60
Capital M.M.	--	--	7.37	85,538.93
Checking (Orange County Trust)	70,722.44	28,520.84	14.58	199,537.56
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Checking	--	--	17.16	199,242.51
Checking (Orange County Trust)	21,512.30	244,791.66	15.13	10,852.70

Cumulative Fiscal Year Interest Earned by Fund 06/01/2014 – 05/31/2015

General Fund	8,426.75
Water Fund	195.70
Sewer Fund	221.76

Treasurer's Discussion:

1. **EXPENSE CONTROL REPORT:** Year to Date Expense Control Reports attached.
2. **REVENUE CONTROL REPORT:** Year to Date Income Control Reports attached.
3. **2015-2016 BUDGET:** Meetings and preparation of budget continues. A tentative budget will be filed with the Clerk's office by 3/09/2015.
4. **BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:** Attached is a schedule of budget modifications required for the current budget. Requesting Board Permission to record modifications.
5. **SEWER:** Sewer Bill #471 will be reversed. Requesting Board Permission to adjust bill.
6. **SEWER:** Unpaid sewer notices will be mailed out week of 2/23/15. Unpaid sewer as of 3/31/15 will be re-levied on to 6/1/15 Village Property Tax Bill.

- 7. UTILITIES:** The Village has entered into an agreement with Integrys Energy Services of NY for electric supply beginning 9/8/15 and ending 9/29/17 at a rate of \$0.06990/KWH. The Village has also entered into an agreement with M&R Energy for natural gas supply beginning 9/1/15 and ending 8/31/17 at a rate of \$0.474 per ccf.

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

Satin – 32 Leone Lane

- 1- Work almost complete.

Allen's Falafel 115 Main St

- 1- Work complete.

Sienko – 20 Oakland Ave

- 1- Interior work continues.

Previtera – 18 School St.

- 1- Waiting for delivery of house.

Symrise – 45 Leone Lane (former Belmay)

- 1- Work continues.

BYK – 48 Leone Lane (former Chem-Chor.

- 1- Work has started.

N2O – 2 Vadala Rd.

- 1- Houses have been delivered.
2- Interior connections underway.

F&A – 41 Greycourt Ave

- 1- Issued permit for new single family home.

I will be attending NYBOC training in Kingston on February 18th.

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:

- No Issues.

6. Vehicles:

- 724, 2009 Impala, 75, 000mi coolant leak in the #5 cylinder.

7. Department Activity YTD:

Call Type	2015
Calls for Service	426
Criminal Cases	076
Arrests	055
Traffic Accidents	035

Chief Graziano mentioned he is looking to get a generator for the Village Hall and Police Department. He is waiting on a quote.

Chief Graziano will work with the Street department and counsel to possibly update current code to cover snow being blown on the street, as well as mailbox issues, garbage cans, basketball hoops.

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

WATER REPORT: Water Treatment Operator Thomas Becker was in attendance and read his report as follows:

1= Daily filtration plant and well # 12 routine.

2= At the filtration plant twice weekly efm membrane cleanings have been done and quarterly cips have been done. two 2 inch butterfly valves were replaced on the chn skid and ted marks stopped by the plant to look at the surge protection needed. We were scheduled to replace the tanks but due to weather issues the tanks did not get delivered on the scheduled date.

3= At Well #12 weekly iron and manganese testing has been done.

4= All unpaid water bills have been collected.

5= Joe has been cleaning sidewalks during and after each storm and we cleaned all of the fire hydrants in the village plus all water facilities.

6= Two bacteria samples were taken to the lab for January.

7= I am working on our 2014 water audit.

Water Commissioner Tom Becker mentioned the following:

- Tom Becker has been in contact with Ted Marks, equipment surge protection to get a quote for the electrical work for filtration plant.
- The tanks will not be installed for another two months due to the tanks not arriving on time.
- Joe Grassi has been clearing the snow on the sidewalks in the Village, as well as digging out hydrants.
- Tom Becker is currently working on the water audit and the annual quality report.
- New Truck is on its way another 4 weeks before it's delivered.

PARK & RECREATION: Park & Recreation Director Walter Popailo was not in attendance. No report submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Colonial Lanes/GW's – Discussion with Phil Salerno owner Colonial Lanes/GW's located at 78 Brookside Ave regarding Sewer Bowling Alley/Tavern

Benjamin Ostrer representing GW's Tavern, located at 78 Brookside Ave, stated to the Village Board of Trustees that his clients John and Phil Salerno are looking for a credit of 3 years on the sewer bill for Colonial Lanes/GW's. Mr. Ostrer also mentioned that his client would like if the Village board of Trustees would consider meeting them half way and go back to billing the establishment for 179 units.

After much discussion the Mayor stated that the Village Board of Trustees decided to take the matter into consideration. Tabled until March's business monthly meeting.

- Andrea Armstrong of Unison (cell tower lease) was schedule to meet with Village Board of Trustees but was unable to be present. Tabled until further notice.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR THE TESTING OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES, PERFORMED BY THE VILLAGE'S WATER DEPARTMENT, FOR IN VILLAGE WATER CONSUMERS:

RESOLVED that, the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, hereby establish a service charge of \$50.00, per test, for the annual testing of backflow prevention devices for consumers located inside the boundaries of the Village; and be it further

RESOLVED that, this service charge, shall be added to the list of Water Department service charges found in Village Code §47-2(d); and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be posted in the Office of the Village Clerk and shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption.

Introduced By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

Seconded By: Trustee John T Bell

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

Resolution Authorizing the 2015 Hambletonian Marathon:

WHEREAS the Hambletonian Marathon (the "Applicant") has requested the use of Village's streets and roadways as described on the attached sheet for the 2015 Hambletonian Marathon on October 18, 2015 (the "Event") from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS the Applicant has promised to provide the Village with a certificate of liability insurance naming the Village of Chester as an additional named insured (the "Insurance Certificate"),

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Applicant's request for use of the identified Village of Chester Property for the Event is hereby granted, subject to the Applicant providing the Village with the Insurance Certificate.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

- A motion to approve a payment agreement for Anthony Fontana, 358 Bull Mill Road, bill #174 and Leandra Rodriguez, 191 Lehigh Ave, bill #148 was made by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy, second by Trustee Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.
- A motion to adjust collection fee on water bill #2655, 771, 772, 773, 496, 293 and 2973 was made by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy, second by Trustee Betty- Jo Bono. Motion unanimously passed.
- A motion to waive collection fee on water bill#2792, 10 Sanford Ave, was made by Trustee John T Bell, second by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy.

CALENDAR

- Village Office will be closed on Thursday, February 12, 2015, and Monday, February 16, 2015 due to the holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the monthly business meeting and go into executive session was made by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy seconded by Trustee John T Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rivera
Village Clerk