

**Village of Chester  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 11, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly business meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, March 11, 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, Street Superintendent Charles Bono, Village Water Treatment Operator Thomas Becker, and Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr. In the audience Attorney Benjamin Oster, David Wenger, Norm Cottrill, Nikki Mayer, Gordon Shehab, Sandra Rothenberger, and John Ravert.

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 14, 2013, February 11, 2013 and Public Hearing Old Main Street Property Located near Kings Hwy February 11, 2013 minutes was made by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, second by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono. Motion unanimously passed.

At this time Mayor Valastro stopped the monthly business meeting to allow Attorney Benjamin Oster to address the public meeting scheduled on February 11, 2013 regarding Old Main Street property near Kings Hwy, which remained open for further discussion. After Attorney Benjamin Oster brief statement Attorney Ian Schlanger asked the board to make the documentation provided by Attorney Benjamin Oster with regards to Old Main Street property near Kings Hwy to be made public.

Mayor Valastro asked members of the audience if they had any questions. There were no questions or comments from the audience.

The public hearing was closed at 7:11pm on a motion made by Trustee John J Collins, second by Trustee John T Bell. On a vote of 5 to 0 the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Philip Valastro re-opened the meeting at 7:11 PM

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

**CASH BALANCES ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

<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	299,336.94	300560.49	6.12	50,538.65
Savings	10.00	227,468.55	664.45	3,259,214.95
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>				
Checking	47,695.13	67,100.83	44.85	249,884.18
Capital MM	--	--	4.89	62,876.24
Capital Checking	--	--	--	Closed
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>				
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) **2013-2014 BUDGET:** A Tentative Budget should be complete by Thursday, 3/14/13 and filed with the village clerk.
- (4) **ELECTRIC & GAS SUPPLY:** (3) Quotes were obtained for the Village's energy needs. Contracts have been signed with Nextera Energy for the electric supply and M&R Energy for gas supply. The Village was able to lock in at a rate of .0625/kwh and .6100/cf for the next 24 months. M&R Energy Resources has extended a 12 month fixed rate of .0735/kwh for village residents. A handout is available and will also be posted on the Village's website later this week.
- (5) **SEWER COLLECTION:** Sewer payments will be accepted until 4/1/13. Unpaid sewer balances will be relieved on to 6/1/13 Village Tax Bills.

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

**BUILDING REPORT:** Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John 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 underway. Connections of utilities.

C&S – 1 Elizabeth Dr.

- 1 – Complete.

Boodles – 37 Main Street

- 1- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovations almost complete.

On Force Solar – 13 June Road.

- 1- Work is complete.

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

1. Personnel:

- Request the Village Board appoint Officer Mark Vuksanovich as an officer in the Village of Chester Police Department. Officer Vuksanovich is a transfer from the Village of Goshen Police Department, has successfully completed all phases of the background and has been approved by Orange County Human Resources.

2. Citizen Issues:

- No Issues

3. Public Safety Issues:

- Traffic Details: Continuing.
- I would like to thank officers for their performance in bringing the incident at 26 High St. to a safe ending. I would also like to thank the New York State Police, Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Chester Police for their assistance.

- 4. Facilities:
  - No issues.
- 5. Equipment:
  - No Issues.
- 6. Vehicles:
  - No issues.

Call Type	2013		
Calls for Service	952		
Criminal Cases	080		
Arrests	057		
Traffic Accidents	051		

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Street Superintendent Charles Bono was present and read report but no report submitted.

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

1= Daily Filtration Plant and Well # 12 Routine.

2= At last Month’s meeting we discussed Filtration Plant technical support from the Pall Corp. The cost for one year would be \$4,200.00 24/7 phone coverage or three years for \$3,570.00 per year for a total of \$10,710.00. At this time we are without coverage. Which coverage should we take?

3= EFM backwashes are being done twice a week at the Filtration Plant.

4= Backflow preventing devices are being tested at this time.

5= The air compressors and air dryers at the Filtration Plant have been serviced.

6= I am working on our Drinking Water Quality Report.

7= Joe cleaned sidewalks last week for hopefully the last time.

**PARK& RECREATION:** No report submitted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Resolution Directing Public Hearing on Proposed Village Budget:**

WHEREAS a budget for the Village has been prepared for the 2013/2014 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS a public hearing is required to be held thereon,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 pm, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, at the Village Hall, on the proposed Village Budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk give due notice of this public hearing in accordance with the Village Code and the Laws of the State of New York.

Introduced By: Trustee John T. Bell

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

**Resolution Directing Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 1 of 2013 Tax Cap Override Law of the Village of Chester**

WHEREAS on this 11th day of March, 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 is required to be held thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M., on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, at the Village Hall, on the proposed Local Law entitled: Proposed Local Law #1 of 2013 Tax Cap Override Law of the Village of Chester; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk give due notice of this public hearing in accordance with the Village Code and the Laws of the State of New York.

Introduced By: Trustee John J. Collins

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

**Resolution Increasing Village Water Rates, Rents and Charges Beginning On June 1, 2013**

WHEREAS, increase costs in the operation of the Village's water facilities make the current rate, rent and charge structure untenable; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village Code §95-10, the Village Board may, from time to time, change the Village's water rate, rent and charge schedule,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, beginning on June 1, 2013, the water rate, rent and charge schedule shall be as follows:

Village residents: next 999,000 Gallons per Billing period at \$4.65 per 1,000 Gallons.  
Excess over 1,000,000 Gallons per Billing period at \$5.65 per 1,000 Gallons

Out of Corp: next 999,000 Gallons per Billing period at \$6.15 per 1,000 Gallons.  
Excess over 1,000,000 Gallons per Billing period at \$7.15 per 1,000 Gallons

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk shall post the new rate, rent and charge schedule in the Village Hall.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

**Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on the Application and Petition of John Sorrentino for a zone change:**

WHEREAS the Mayor and the Trustees of the Village of Chester (the "Village Board") received an application and petition from John Sorrentino (the "Petitioner"), pursuant to Article 7 of the Village Law of the State of New York and Chapter 98, Article X, of the Code of the Village of Chester, to amend the Village Zoning Law to change the zoning district of property identified on the Tax Map of the Village of Chester as S/B/L: 102-1 - 1.2, consisting of approximately 15.8 acres of land, from the RS Zoning District, Residential -Single-Family, to the RM Zoning District, Residential - Multiple Dwellings (the "Proposed Action"); and

WHEREAS section 98-42 of the Village Code, requires the Village Board, to hold a public hearing on any proposed zoning amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received the report of the Village of Chester Planning Board, as required by section 98-39 of the Village Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED that the Village Board will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 PM on or thereafter on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, at the Village Hall, on the above-referenced proposed zoning amendment; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk give due notice of this public hearing in accordance with the Village Code and the Laws of the State of New York.

Introduced By: Trustee John T. Bell

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

**Proclamation Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, the citizens of the Village of Chester and the Warwick Valley Humane Society are concerned with the humane treatment of animals; and

WHEREAS, the kind and humane treatment of animals has a strong correlation to the kind and humane treatment of people; and

WHEREAS, animal cruelty is proven to directly parallel violent and criminal acts on people; and

WHEREAS, together with the Warwick Valley Humane Society, the Village of Chester urges the vigorous enforcement of existing animal cruelty laws and want to make the public more aware ~of these laws in hopes of eliminating cruelty to all animals, wild or tame; and

WHEREAS, the month of April has been established as "Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month,"

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester does hereby proclaim April 2013 to be:

**PREVENTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY MONTH**

And call upon all residents to treat any and all animals with kindness, consideration and respect, and to report the abuse, neglect and cruelty of all animals to law enforcement agencies or to the Warwick Valley Humane Society.

Introduced By: Trustee John J. Collins

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

Records retention Day – Request by Village Clerk Rebecca Rivera to have a records retention day for the Village Clerks, Village Court and Village Bldg. Dept. – March 22, 2013. A motion to approve records retention day was made by Trustee John J. Collins, second by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono. Motion unanimously passed.

30 day Advance notice for Liquor License for MT Likquid Lounge Inc., 69 Brookside Ave, Unit 213&214, Chester, NY, 10918. A motion to waive the 30 day Advance notice for Liquor License for MT Likquid Lounge Inc., 69 Brookside Ave, Unit 213&214, Chester, NY, 10918, was made by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, second by Trustee John T. Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution form RS 2417-A for Planning Board Member Anthony LaSpina. The Form RS 2417-A is attached to the minutes.

2012-2013 Sewer Collection: The final date of Village sewer collection is Monday, April 1, 2013. Reminder notices were mailed in February. A final unpaid sewer report will be forwarded to Town of Chester on or about April 5, 2013 for the purpose of relevy onto the 2013-2014 Village Real Property Tax bill.

Annual Chester Clean up – Tom Flynn from Flynn Funeral Home- Tom Flynn was not present and the Annual Chester Cleanup was tabled until April’s monthly business meeting.

**CALENDAR:**

- Village office will be closed March 29, 2013 due to the Holiday
- Little League Parade - Opening Day Ceremony – Saturday, April 6, 2013, at 9:00am. The parade route starts at the train station 8:30am lineup and 9:00 am start. Route - Traveling down Main St and making a left onto Vadala Lane and up into Community Park. (Aka Carpenter field.)
- Senior Movie Day at the Senior Center –April 18, 2013- Senior Center – 12:30 pm -1pm. Doors open at 12:30 pm free admission.

**ADJOURN:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rivera  
Village Clerk