

**Village of Chester
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 5, 2012**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly business meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, November 5, 2012. Members present: Mayor Philip Valastro, Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, Trustee John J. Collins, Trustee Carole Duffy and Trustee Betty-Jo Bono. Also present: Village Attorney Ian Schlanger, Village Treasurer Angela O'Neill, Police Chief Peter Graziano, Street Superintendent Charles Bono, and Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr. Village Water Treatment Operator Thomas Becker was absent. In audience were, Gordon Shehab, Nikki Mayer, John Bell Norm Cottrill and Virginia Privitar of the Chronicle news.

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. Audit Report is attached.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept the Village monthly business minutes of October 1, 2012 was made by, Trustee John J Collins, second by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia. Motion unanimously passed.

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

CASH BALANCES ENDING OCTOBER 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	187495.43	200,663.52	5394	67,419.23
Savings	19,561.85	157,830.79	1,014.56	4,638,322.33
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Checking	31457.36	39,583.66	37.33	216,182.82
Capital MM	--	--	2.94	34,166.96
Capital Checking	--	--	2.47	28,688.56
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Checking	18,866.81	--	97.22	567,506.50
MM Saving	--	--	--	CLOSED

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

General Fund	4,837.11
Water Fund	234.99
Sewer Fund	464.25

Treasurer's Discussion:

- (1) **EXPENSE CONTROL REPORT:** Year to Date Expense Control Report for all funds is attached 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 Report for all funds is attached for your review. If you have any specific questions related to this document, please feel free to discuss with me.
- (3) **BANK RECONCILIATIONS:** As of today, 11/5/12 Provident Bank Statements have not been issued. Per attached e-mail from Provident Bank, they are still restoring/recovering data after the storm of 10/29/12. Reconciliations have been completed based on on-line account activity obtained from Provident's online banking site.
- (4) **WATER FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS M/M ACCOUNT:** At this time I request the Board's permission to close out the water fund capital projects money market account. The balance of \$34,166.96 will be transferred to the water fund capital projects checking account.

A motion to authorize the Village Treasurer to close the Water Filtration Fund Account was made by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, second by Trustee Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion to approve Village Treasurer's report was made by Trustee John J Collins, second by Trustee Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

Current projects that were inspected during the last month:

Tsrtaglione - 69 Brookside Ave

- 1- Work has stopped.

Rushing Duck – 1 Battiato Ln

- 1- Had minor problem with hours of operation and have addressed it with the owner.

Marco – 118 Main St

- 1- Issued building permit for renovation and addition.

Chester Collision - 63 Brookside Ave.

- 1- Work well under way.

Castle – 107-109 Brookside Ave

- 1- Issued permit for generator and some interior work.
- 2- Generator is now up and running.

Smith – 229 Lehigh Ave

- 1- Issued building permit for addition to garage.

Q Plaza – 69 Brookside Ave

- 1- Issued permit for the insulation of an elevator.

On Wednesday October 31st conducted a damage assessment of the village after hurricane Sandy. Damage to structures in the Village was minimal. A couple of structures had minor roof damage. One building down town had its roofing material completely blown off.

I have had some request for LED signs in the Village. Our current code does not properly address the new technology. I'm concerned about the brightness and the possibility of moving signs or changing signs. I will be working on some suggestions to the code and will present in the near future.

Mayor Valastro mentioned that while listening to the news before attending the monthly meeting, he overheard a State Senator mentioned that he is going to try to enact a new Law that requires gas station owners in the State of New York to have generator for their establishment.

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

1. Personnel:

- No issues.

2. Citizen Issues:

- Received an email from the family of Mr. Knitter at 224 Lehigh Av thanking Officers DeGroot and Tudisco for their assistance on a medical call.
- Received a phone call from Mrs. Reilly (Town Clerk) thanking Officers DeGroot and Tudisco for their assistance on a call.
- Received a phone call from Mr. Bryant of Warwick thanking the department and particularly Officer DeGroot for the handling of the traffic at the Cumberland Farms during the gas issue. Cumberland Farms was the only station receiving gas which caused long lines at the pump.

3. Public Safety Issues:

- Traffic Details: Continuing.
- BUNY (Buckle-Up NY) grant: \$900 awarded.
- STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) grant: \$2100 awarded

- CPS (Child Passenger Safety) grant: up to \$2500 awarded
- STOP DWI: The PD has been awarded 60hrs for DWI enforcement from 14 Oct 2012 to 1 Jan 2013.

• The Department in conjunction with NYS DOT conducted a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail on Tue, 2 Oct between 8am and 12 noon.

Trucks Inspected 7
 Trucks placed out of service 3
 Tickets Issued 15
 Warnings Issued 1 (Defect corrected at the scene)

- Contacted The Orange County Parks Department to inquire about the possibility of erecting a better fence over the Meadow Av overpass to prevent similar incidents.
- Hurricane Sandy response: I would like to thank members of the police department who endured 12hrs shifts for the Village, and then address issues at their own homes. Also thanks to the other Village departments for their support as well as the support of the Mayor and the Village Board.
 Between 29 Oct and 4 Nov, the department received 89 calls for service, 35 calls were storm related.

4. Facilities:

- No issues.

5. Equipment:

- No issues

6. Vehicles:

- The recall affecting out police impalas has been completed

7. Department Activity:

Call Type	2012
Calls for Service	3370
Criminal Cases	554
Arrests	270
Traffic Accidents	108

Village Police Chief Peter Graziano made mention that the Village Police Department will be distribution donation for Hurricane Sandy Victims.

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

Report not submitted.

WATER REPORT: Water Treatment Operator Thomas Becker was absent no report submitted.

PARK& RECREATION: No report submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2012, PROVIDING FOR THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS a proposed local law was introduced, proposed Local Law#3 of 2012, being a proposed local law providing for the disciplinary proceedings for members of the Village Police Department; and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held and closed on September 10, 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby adopts proposed Local Law #3 of 2012, entitled, DISCIPLINARY HEARING PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT, which, upon adoption, becomes Local Law No. 3 of 2012; and be it further

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

Introduced By: Deputy Philip Roggia

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

Water Filtration Property Tax Exemption - 2014:

WHEREAS the Village of Chester is the owner of real property in the Town of Monroe, County of Orange identified on the tax map as follows:

Section	Block	Lot
18	5	11
13	1	28
8	1	78
8	1	35
8	1	77
8	1	24
8	1	23
8	1	22
8	1	21
8	1	16
8	1	12
8	1	8
8	1	54
8	1	53
13	1	28
8	1	42
8	1	44
8	1	45
8	1	46

WHEREAS the above real property is devoted solely to public use and is part of the Village owned water system as the site for the Village's Water Filtration Plant, necessary connections and appurtenances; and

WHEREAS the Real Property Tax Law, Section 406(3), provides the authority for each taxing district in which municipally owned property used in such manner is located to grant a whole exemption from real property taxes levied by that taxing district; and **WHEREAS** such exemption for the Village of Chester Water supply site real property would provide a direct and immediate benefit for the taxpayers and water users of the Village of Chester, which would enhance real property ownership, encourage industrial and commercial development, and exemplify a spirit of inter-municipal cooperation between the County of Orange and the Village,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Chester, on behalf of the Village of Chester, its taxpayers, water users and citizens hereby petitions the County of Orange to grant a whole exemption from Orange County real property taxes commencing for the calendar year 2014 for the parcel of real property identified as follows in the Town of Monroe:

Section	Block	Lot
18	5	11
13	1	28
8	1	78
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and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Orange County Government officials.

Introduced By: Trustee John J Collins

Seconded By: Trustee Carole Duffy

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

Resolution Establishing Date of Village Board Reorganization Meeting:

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012, the Village is scheduled to hold its general Village Election; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the newly elected Mayor and Board of Trustees must hold a reorganization meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, New York will hold the 2012 Village Reorganization Meeting on December 3, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall; and be it further

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

WHEREAS, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester (the "Village Board"), for December 2012, is presently scheduled for December 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS the Village Board is currently scheduled to meet to hold its Organizational Meeting on December 3, 2012

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby changes the Village Board's December 2012 Village Board meeting from December 10, 2012, to December 3, 2012 at 7:10 p.m.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide notice of the change of date of the December 2012, Village Board meeting in accordance with all laws, rules and regulations.

Introduced By: Trustee John J Collins

Seconded By: Deputy Philip Roggia

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

RESOLUTION CHANGING DATE OF DECEMBER'S VILLAGE BOARD MEETING.

WHEREAS, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester (the "Village Board"), for December 2012, is presently scheduled for December 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS the Village Board is currently scheduled to meet to hold its Organizational Meeting on December 3, 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

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Introduced By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

Seconded By: Trustee Carole Duffy

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

Discussion – LGW LLC – Owner Leslie Wenger – Attorney Benjamin Oster. They did not attend the monthly meeting.

Mayor Valastro asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments. Norman Cottrill a resident of the Village of Chester publicly acknowledged the Chester Diner for their efforts during Hurricane Sandy.

Mayor Valastro read a letter regarding the employees of the Village of Chester and team work during Hurricane Sandy as follows:

Re: Super Stone Sandy

I would like to thank all Village employees for the hard work and dedication restoring the Village back to the way we know it. I would also like to thank all the families that lived without these employees during this most difficult time.

The Street department for clearing our roads from all the debris placed on them by Sandy, along with the branches, trees, and leaves that fell on our resident's properties. The Office staff after having Village Hall closed two days due to power outage processed the vouchers in a short time for the Board meeting while fielding calls from resident's needing information for help due to Sandy. The Building department that came in during the storm to aid any resident's that may have had any damage, and collecting data for the County for assessment of damage amounts caused by Sandy.

The Water department for maintaining our water system, well, and water plant while it was out of power and ran on generator power, ensuring we had water throughout the storm.

The Police department for maintaining public safety for our Village, even when the storm was at its worst they were out patrolling our roads. Also for maintaining order at our gas stations whenever fuel came into the gas stations in the Village.

To all the Department heads that took care of the many issues brought on by Sandy, while dealing with me asking questions at the same time. If anyone asks why the Village looks the way it does, and is functioning back to normal so fast, it was the teamwork of its employees working for one goal our Village.

CALENDAR:

- Village Hall will be closed November 6, and November 12, 2012 due to Election Day and Veterans Day.
- Senior movie matinee - Chester Senior Center - 1:00 November 15, 2012.
- Village Hall will be closed November 22, 2012 and November 23, 2012 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Village Reorganization Meeting and Village Monthly Business Meeting will be held on (December 3, 2012).

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting was made by Trustee John J. Collins, second by Trustee Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rivera
Village Clerk