

**Village of Chester
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 4, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly business meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, November 4, 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, Water Treatment Operator, Thomas Becker, and Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr. In the audience: Carole Duffy, Gordon Shehab, Nikki Mayer, Maurice Scandurra, David Stevenson, Joseph Battiato, Gene Winters, Virginia Previtara of the Chronicle news, Frank "Uncle Buck" Pileggi, Cecil Thomas, John Raider and Norman Cottrill.

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

Mayor Philip Valastro read the Oath of Office and swore in Officer Cecil Thomas and Officer John Raider.

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 October 14, 2013 was made by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono second by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia. Motion unanimously passed.

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

CASH BALANCES ENDING October 31, 2013

<u>Fund/Bank Account</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>(Disbursements)</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>General Fund</u>				
Checking	373,014.74	303,051.65	8.88	91,832.31
Savings	98,018.79	164,500.93	1,147.40	5,271,876.40
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Checking	37,961.40	37,666.81	14.65	168,551.96
Capital MM	--	--	7.36	85,430.11
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Checking	34,407.08	391.54	26.10	310,105.53

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

General Fund	5,348.53
Water Fund	115.97
Sewer Fund	129.60

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) **UNPAID TAX REPORT:** An unpaid tax report will be submitted to The Orange County Tax Dept. on 11/4/13.

A motion to approve 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 continues.

TVT Enterprises – 143 Main Street

1- Work almost complete.

Bruedan/Fini – Former Brendan lots.

1- Plumbing & electrical work underway on first house.

2- Foundation is in on the second house.

Morris – 11 Maple Ave

1- Work continues.

Platinum Theme Parties – 69 Brookside Ave

1 – Work is underway.

Prestige Auto Body – 30 Lehigh Ave

1- Work is underway.

2- Rear addition for spray booth has been installed.

Bukowski – 16 Chester Acres Blvd.

1 – Work has started on the addition.

Middletown Urgent Care – 78 Brookside Ave

1 - Work has started on the storefront renovation for the Urgent Care

Castle – 109 Brookside Ave

1 – Work has started on the replacement “slick track”

VanDerMeulen – 32 Maple Ave

1- Issued permit for 2nd floor addition.

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

1. Personnel:

- Officer Jason Andino has resigned as a Part-Time Officer to take a Full-Time position in the Village of Goshen PD. We wish him all the best.
- Request the Board appoint John F, Rader and Cecil Thomas as Part-Time Police Officers to fill existing Vacant Positions. They have been approved by Orange County Human Resources.

2. Citizen Issues:

- Halloween Parade: Thanks to all who contributed their time, goods and services to the parade and community party. A full list of donors and Volunteers can be found at:
- www.villageofchesterny.com/police

Click on the “News and Events”, link for the Halloween Parade Thank You is on the top of the page.

3. Public Safety Issues:

- Traffic Details: Continuing.
- Hot Chocolate Run: A 5k run tentatively scheduled for 14 Dec 13. We are advised that the sponsoring company, New York City Runs, Inc. based in Brooklyn, NY is for a profit Company. Their letter indicates that they may solicit from local sponsors to help with operating costs and as such solicitors will require permits. Anyone soliciting for this event should be asked to produce their permit. To date, no one has applied for a vending permit. The course is reported to be the same as the Kiwanis 5k run.

4. Facilities:

- No issues.

5. Equipment:

- No issues.

6. Vehicles:

- 725, 2010, 44,000mi had inner and outer RF axle boots replaced due to leakage. Axel itself did not need replacement. Job was under warranty by GM.
- 726, 2011, 35,000mi, had 2 coolant leaks and had a bad mount. All were repaired/replaced under warranty.
- 723, 2007, 94,000, coil pack, wires and plugs replaced due to engine misfire, \$537.

7. Department Activity YTD:

Call Type	2013
Calls for Service	3977
Criminal Cases	436
Arrests	239
Traffic Accidents	186

STREET REPORT: Street Superintendent Charles Bono was present did not submit a report.

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

- 1= Daily filtration plant and well #12 routine.
- 2= Lawns were moved twice in the past month at all water facilities.
- 3= At the filtration plant EFM membrane cleanings were done twice weekly, the number 2 air compressor has been repaired and the plant was cleaned after the repairs.
- 3= At well #12 we are experiencing problems with the master control panel that is original to the 1969 installation. I am getting pricing to upgrade the panel.
- 4= We are continuing to clean valve boxes in the Village and I would like to thank Police Chief Graziano for the use of a Police car when we cleaned the valve boxes on Brookside Ave & Rt 94.
- 5= I had a meeting at the Orange County Health Dept. to review concerns with our future THM & Haa5 testing. They were very helpful with information and options we can use to reduce the levels of these byproducts in our water.
- 6= We did our quarterly testing for THMs & Haa5s for October.
- 7= Water bills have gone out for our October billing.
- 8= We started flushing water mains today.
- 9= Monthly reports for October have been sent to the O.C.H.D.

PARK & RECREATION: No report submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Water Filtration Property Tax Exemption - 2015:

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:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>
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 2015 for the parcel of real property identified as follows in the Town of Monroe:

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13	1	28
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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: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

Resolution Establishing Date of Village Board Reorganization Meeting:

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2013, 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 2013 Village Reorganization Meeting on December 2, 2013, 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.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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 2013, is presently scheduled for December 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS the Village Board is currently scheduled to meet to hold its Organizational Meeting on December 2, 2013

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby changed the Village Board's December 2012 Village Board herby changes the Village Board's December 2013 Village Board meeting from December 9, 2013 to December 2, 2013 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 2013, Village Board meeting in accordance with all laws, rules and regulations.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

Adoption of Proposed Local Law 2 of 2013: Amendment to Chapter 98- Signs:

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2013, a proposed local law was introduced, proposed Local Law #2 of 2013, Amendment to Chapter 98 – Signs; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby adopts proposed Local Law #2 of 2013, entitled, Amendment to Chapter 98 – Signs, which upon adoption, becomes Local Law No. 4 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: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

Seconded By: Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

Re-hire PT/Account Clerk – Loretta Schreichert

A motion to re-hire Loretta Schreichert as Part-Time Account Clerk as of November 22, 2013, was made by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, second by Trustee John T Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

Amendment to Local Law #3 of 2013

CALENDAR:

- Elections for Village – November 5, 2013
- Village Board Monthly Meeting is scheduled for the first Monday, December 2, 2013.
- Village of Chester Offices will be CLOSED on November 11, 28 & 29th due to Veterans, Thanksgiving Holiday.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the monthly business meeting and to go in to executive session was made by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, second by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rivera
Village Clerk