

**Village of Chester
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 8, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly business meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, September 8, 2014. Members present: Mayor Philip Valastro, Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy, Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, Trustee John T Bell and Christopher Battiato. Also present: Village Attorney Ian Schlanger, Village, Police Chief Peter Graziano, Street Superintendent, Charles Bono, Water Treatment Operator, Thomas Becker, Village Treasurer, Angela O'Neill and Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr. In the audience: Kristen O'Donnell of Turner Miller Associates, Frank Nussbaum, BT Holding's project owner, Larry Wolinsky of Jacobowitz and Gubits, Ann Cutignola of Tim Miller Associates, Virginia Privitar of The Chronicle Newspaper, Missy Sosler, Keith Brideweiser, Gordon Shehab, Nikki Mayer, Leslie Smith, Clifton Patrick, David Stevenson, Former Mayor Joseph Battiato, Phyllis Battiato, Tracy Schuh, Mary Luciano, Gary Holbert, Jean Rose Anthony Quinn, Claude Brischoux, Robert Jankelunas, Joan VanDerMuelen, Tom Atkins, and Rick Ramsdell.

Mayor Philip Valastro opened the meeting at 8:10 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 a Village monthly business minutes of with a correction on Julys meeting, July 14, and August 11, 2014 was made by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy, second by Trustee John T Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

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

CASH BALANCES ENDING AUGUST 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	194,651.50	272,827.07	18.25	176,477.03
Savings	117,139.11	136,596.92	1,376.91	6,187,882.34
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Checking	38,135.22	35,232.57	21.76	237,357.40
Capital MM	--	--	7.60	85,502.82
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Checking	85,502.82	1,606.33	35.94	411,322.50

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

General Fund	3,590.66
Water Fund	83.17
Sewer Fund	111.04

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) 2014-2015 COLLECTION of Village Property Tax and Sewer continues
- (4) UNPAID TAX NOTICE: Notices of Unpaid 2014-2015 Village Taxes will be mailed out the week of 9/15/14.

A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Trustee John T. Bell, second by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Smith – 65 Greycourt Ave

- 1- No change.

Amscan – 47 Elizabeth Dr.

- 1- Fire pumps being installed.

Satin – 32 Leone Lane

- 1- Work continues.

Taco Bell- 85 Brookside Ave

- 1- Waiting on O&R gas.
- 2- Scheduled to be open week of 9/15.

Allen's Falafel 115 Main St

- 1- Work underway.

Sunoco -68 Brookside Ave

- 1- Issued Building Permit for the renovation of the convenience store.

Wendy's – 78 Brookside Ave

- 1- Issued Building Permit for the renovation of the entire restaurant.
- 2- Restaurant will be closed for approximately 5 weeks.

Issued permits for 3 more residential solar systems.

On August 30th I was called out by the fire department for a structure fire at 5 Lookout Terrace. No one was injured but house sustained enough damage causing it to be inhabitable.

On September 15th I will be meeting with the presidents of the four Whispering Hills Condo Associations to discuss recent issue at Whispering Hills.

Former Mayor Joseph Battiato asked Code Enforcement Officer, John Orr if the issue with the chickens on 12 School Street has been resolved. Code Enforcement Officer John Orr stated that the first notice went out and he will follow up.

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.
- Cycling Event For Autism - 13 Sep 14 appears to be confined to the Heritage Trail and parking area.
- Car Safety Seat Inspection Event: We will be holding a Car Seat Inspection event at the Farmer's Market on 14 September 2014 from 10am-1pm. Residents who would like their child safety seat checked for proper installation and recalls, are welcome to come out.

4. Facilities:

- Garage Door Issue: On Sunday there was a problem with one of the garage doors where three hinges broke and the cable wrapped around the pulleys and the door was stuck open about 5 feet. Street Commissioner Bono and Working Leader DeAngelis came out and assisted getting the door secured. Raynor Overhead Doors was notified. Many Thanks to both.

5. Equipment:

- No Issues.

6. Vehicles:

- No Issues

7. Department Activity YTD:

Call Type	2014			
Calls for Service	3130			
Criminal Cases	529			
Arrests	342			
Traffic Accidents	173			

STREET REPORT: Street Superintendent Charles Bono was present and read report as follows:
We have completed our 3rd round of roadside mowing, weed whacking and picking up garbage throughout the village. (Including the industrial park)

We have repaired 2-catch basins on Hambletonian Ave. and 3-catch basins on Miller Dr. Ext.

The lines for parking, crosswalks and no parking were striped downtown.

We did some blacktopping in Whispering Hills, Elm St. and Miller Dr. Ext. (where catch basins were repaired.)

I spoke to Dan Coots from the NYSDOT on September 2, 2014. Mr. Coots said that as of October 31st 2014, the Orange County Department of Public Works will no longer be involved in the maintenance and maintenance contracts for the NYSDOT Commuter Parking Lots.

We continue with the normal weekly sweeping, mowing and picking up of bags and bush.

WATER REPORT: Water Treatment Operator Thomas Becker was not in attendance no report submitted.

Mayor Philip Valastro mentioned no bids submitted for the pick-up Truck.

PARK & RECREATION: Newly appointed Park & Recreation Director Walter Popailo was not in attendance. Mayor Valastro mentioned that the Halloween Parade will be conducted by the Town of Chester Park & Recreation department. The Parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2014 with a rain date of Sunday, October 26, 2014. The route for the parade will be the same as prior years with the exception of the finish line will be at Community Park.

Former Mayor Joseph Battiatto commended Walter Popailo for his work with Park & Recreation Department.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Approval of Zoning Board of Appeals' ("ZBA") member training seminar to be provided by Norton & Christensen. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion to approve Zoning Board of Appeals' ("ZBA") member training seminar to be provided by Norton & Christensen was made by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy, second by Trustee John T Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

Appointment to Planning Board (Vacant seat).

A motion to Appoint Vincent Rappa to the vacant position of Planning Board member was made by Trustee John T Bell, second by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

Discussion/Vote on Zoning of BT Holdings' annexed property(RM Zone)

A motion to table vote on Zoning of BT Holdings' annexed property (RM Zone) until further notice was made by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, second by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

Request for an adjustment of Sprinkler Bill for 33 Brookside Ave. – Building is vacant, no running water. A motion to adjust sprinkler bill for 33 Brookside Ave due to building being vacant was made by Trustee John T Bell, second by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

Request for an adjustment to the water account (collection fee and penalties) for First Presbyterian Church located on 96 Main St.

A motion to approve adjustment on water account for the First Presbyterian Church located on 96 Main Street was made by Trustee John T Bell, second by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

Request for an adjustment to (penalties) Village Property Tax Bill for 6 Moffatt Lane.

A motion to deny adjustment to penalties for Village Property Tax Bill for 6 Moffatt Lane was made by Trustee John T Bell, second by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution Proclaiming the month of October 2014 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month:

WHEREAS, We must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment that holds promise and security; and

WHEREAS, Many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children; and

WHEREAS, Each day an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and made the target of rumors and cyber-bullying; many more students attend school in a chronic state of anxiety; and

WHEREAS, It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, Providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual; and

WHEREAS, It is time to “Stand UP for Character - DOWN to Bullying!”

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that, the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, do hereby designate the month of October 2014 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month in the Village of Chester as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying; and be it further

RESOLVED that, the Village Clerk is hereby directed to display a copy of this resolution at Village Hall, and to e-mail a certified copy of this resolution to the Academy for Character Education at the Sage Colleges.

Introduced By: Trustee John T Bell

Seconded By Trustee Betty-Jo Bono

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

Life Line Discount Telephone Service Program – Raising Awareness.

A motion to raise awareness was made by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, second by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

The Village Board’s October Meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2014.

A motion to schedule meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester for October 13, 2014, to October 6, 2014 was made by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono, second by Deputy Mayor Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

CALENDAR

- Chester Farmers Market – June 1 – October 26, 2014/9am-3pm/Erie Train Station, Winkler. Place. chesterfarmermarket@yahoo.com.
- Senior Movie Day discontinued

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the monthly business meeting and go into executive session made by Trustee John T Bell, second by Trustee Betty-Jo Bono. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rivera
Village Clerk