

**Village of Chester  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held its monthly meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, July 8, 2019.

Members present: Mayor John Thomas Bell, Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato, Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly and Trustee Brian J. Boone. Trustee Alan Battiato was absent.

Also, present: Village Clerk Rebecca Rivera, Treasurer Angela O’Neill, Attorney for the Village Henry Christensen Jr., Village Police Chief Peter J. Graziano Jr., Village Street Superintendent Charles Bono, Village Water Commissioner Gary A. Green Jr., and Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr.

Mayor John Thomas Bell welcomed everyone to the July 8, 2019 Village monthly meeting.

Mayor John Thomas Bell opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AUDIT OF BILLS:** Mayor John Thomas Bell noted that the audit of the June 2019 Village’s monthly bills for approval was complete.

A motion to pay the audited bills of June 2019, was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, second by Deputy Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Monthly Meeting Minutes June 10, 2019.

A motion to approve the Monthly Meeting Minutes June 10, 2019, was made by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato, second by Trustee Brian J. Boone. Motion unanimously passed.

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

**CASH BALANCES ENDING MAY 31, 2019**

<b><u>Fund/Bank Account</u></b>	<b><u>Deposits</u></b>	<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>	<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>				
Savings (Sterling National; Bank)	--	--	666.21	3,198,477.68
Checking (Orange County Trust)	2,598,663.13	412,927.99	8.99	321,602.54
<u>Savings (Orange County Trust)</u>	937,404.39	--	354.10	1,634,037.48
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>				
Capital Checking	--	23320.00	10.60	114041.82
Checking	30,530.39	52,086.24	22.09	425,048.14
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>				
Checking	314,862.76	576.00	19.14	562,789.81

Cumulative Fiscal Year Interest Earned by Fund 06/1/18 – 05/31/2019

General Fund	\$	1,047.29
Water Fund	\$	32.69
Sewer Fund	\$	19.14

**Treasurer's Discussion:**

- 1. STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES:** Please see attached.
- 2. 2018-2019 COLLECTION:** Collection of Village Property Taxes and Sewer are underway. Sewer Installment #2 is due by 9/30/19. Sewer Installment #1 and Unpaid Village Property Taxes have incurred a 5% penalty as of 7/2/19.
- 3. 2018-2019 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:** A budget modifications schedule is attached. Requesting Board Approval to post the modifications.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report, was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, second by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

**BUILDING REPORT:** Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Orr read his report as follows:

78 Brookside Ave AT&T

- 1- Interior work underway.

22 Maple Ave

- 1- No change from last month due to change of contractors.

69 Brookside Ave.

- 1- No work has started.

69 Brookside Ave

- 1- Work well underway.

87 Brookside Ave.

- 1- Footing & Foundation are in.
- 2- In slab plumbing being worked on.

Carpenter Road.

- 1- 2 houses are framed in.
- 2- 3<sup>rd</sup> house foundation is in.

40 Greycourt Ave.

- 1- Footing and Foundation now complete.

Larkin's Green Amphitheater.

- 1- Main foundation work complete.

Whispering Hills

- 1- Issued permit for the demolition of building damaged by fire.

A motion to accept the report of the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer as read, was made by Trustee Brian J. Boone, second by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly. Motion unanimously passed.

**POLICE REPORT:** Police Chief Peter Graziano, read his report as follows:

**1. Personnel:**

- No issues.

**2. Citizen Issues:**

- Received a thank you card from the Knight of Columbus for patrols during annual carnival at St. Columba Church.

**3. Public Safety Issues:**

- Traffic Details: Continuing
- The annual Fireworks Display is 13 July. Everyone is reminded to use extreme caution in driving/walking in the area.

**4. Facilities:**

- No issues.

**5. Equipment:**

- 3 tasers have been ordered to replace the ones that are unrepairable.

**6. Vehicles:**

- No issues.

**7. Other:**

- No issues.

**8. Department Activity YTD:**

Call Type	2019	
Calls for Service	1219	
Criminal Cases	184	
Arrests	106	
Traffic Accidents	261	

A motion to accept the Police Department report, as read, was made by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato, second by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly. Motion unanimously passed.

**STREET REPORT:** Street Superintendent Charles Bono read his report as follows:

We have completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> round of roadside mowing, weed whacking and picking up garbage throughout the village.

We would like to thank the Village Board for letting the Street Dept purchase the used hot box.

Back in my May Report I had talked about the CHIPS Budget for 2019-2020 and I had mentioned that the Extreme Winter Recovery Program had been taken out of the budget. As of June 17, 2019, the Extreme Winter Recovery Program has been put back into the budget. Our appropriation will be \$8,852.19 which is the same as last year.

A motion to accept the report of the Street Superintendents' report as read, was made by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato, second by Trustee Brian J. Boone. Motion unanimously passed.

**WATER REPORT:** Water Commissioner Gary Green, Jr., read his report as follows:

- 1) Daily filter plant & well operations
- 2) Twice per week filter cleaning
- 3) Weekly mowing of the facilities.
- 4) Replaced fire hydrant at the end of Hom St.
- 5) Changing water meters continues. We are focusing on Whispering Hills at the moment.
- 6) Dug with contractor to install temporary water for new credit union.
- 7) Sealed driveway at the well house
- 8) Monthly samples were taken to lab for testing
- 9) Marking out of water lines for Dig safe N.Y.
- 10) Fixed fire hydrant that was struck by a vehicle near Steris.
- 11) Dug to find water main for new houses on Carpenter Rd. Worked with contractor to perform a wet tap on the main. The contractor had issues with the tapping sleeve so they had to reschedule the wet tap.
- 12) Quarterly water meters were read.
- 13) Power washed the filter plant.

A motion to accept the report of the Water Commissioner's report as read was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee Brian J. Boone. Motion unanimously passed.

**PARK & RECREATION:** Park and Recreations:

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to address.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**19-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE LARKIN'S GREEN PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and the Village of Chester Code, the Village of Chester invited bids for furnishing the materials required for the construction of the Larkin’s Green Amphitheater; and

**WHEREAS**, on the opening of bids, the low bidder was found to be Berthiaume's Neversink Lumber Co., Inc., 95 Jersey Ave, Port Jervis, NY 12771, with a bid of \$72,475.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Berthiaume's Neversink Lumber Co., Inc., appears to be properly qualified to furnish the materials required and has submitted a conforming bid

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to award the contract for furnishing the materials required for the construction of the Larkin’s Green Amphitheater to Berthiaume's Neversink Lumber Co., Inc., and to enter into the said contract, as approved as to form by the Attorney for the Village, on behalf of the Village of Chester.

Introduced By: Trustee Brian J. Boone  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato  
On a vote of 4 to 0, the resolution was adopted

**By Roll Call**

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain/Absent</u>
Mayor John Thomas Bell	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]
Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]
Trustee Alan Battiato	[ ]	[ ]	[ x]
Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]
Trustee Brian J. Boone	[ x ]	[ ]	[ ]

**19-27 Resolution naming Carpenter Rd Subdivision Bell Way**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Chester Planning Board Approved the Amante-Norris Subdivision Carpenter Road at its May 10, 2019 Meeting,

**WHEREAS**, the Amante-Norris Subdivision Carpenter Road will develop and ultimately dedicate a road to the Village of Chester,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED**, the Village of Chester Board of Trustees on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019 hereby name the proposed street as “Bell Way” in reconnection of the hard work of John Thomas Bell as a 35-year employee of the Village of Chester and his continuing dedication to the Village as a Trustee and current Mayor.

Introduced By: Trustee Brian J. Boone  
Seconded By: Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly  
On a vote of 4 to 0, the resolution was adopted

**Village of Chester Planning Board's Report** – Regarding Local Law #6 of 2018 August 12, 2019, at 6:45 p.m. at the Village Office, 47 Main Street in the Village of Chester, A local Law Amending Chapter 84 of the Village of Chester Code with Respect to Notice of Applications for Subdivision of land.

A motion to set a Public Hearing regarding Local Law #6 of 2018, on August 12, 2019, at 6:45 p.m. at the Village Office, 47 Main Street in the Village of Chester, A local Law Amending Chapter 84 of the Village of Chester Code with Respect to Notice of Applications for Subdivision of land was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, second by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

**Village Clerk requesting permission for Village Clerk and Village Treasurer to attend Civil Service Training:**

A motion to authorize Village Clerk and Village Treasurer to attend Civil Service Training on August 7, 2019, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, in the Legislative Chambers, located at the County Government Center, 255 Main St., Goshen was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, second by Trustee Brian J. Boone. Motion unanimously passed.

**Orange and Rockland** Representatives, Mike Pentos Project Manager and Keith Scerbo gave presentation regarding Smart Meters. Keith Scerbo, Orange & Rockland general manager in charge of smart meters; Mike Pinto, project manager; and Eric Fuentes, manager of public affairs.

Keith Scerbo thanked the village board and residents for giving them the opportunity to come out and talk to you about the program and were we are at and were we are headed.

**Mr. Dog LLC – 69 Brookside Ave, Suite 213 – requesting a waiver of 30 day hold on processing Liquor License Application.**

A motion to waive 30 day hold on processing Liquor License Application for Mr. Dog LLC, located at 69 Brookside Ave, Suite 213, was made by Trustee Brian J. Boone, second by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

**Requesting water service 11 Booth Road.**

A motion to grant water service per water service agreement to service location 11 Booth Road, property owners Mr. and Mrs. Ortiz, was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, second by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

**CALENDAR:**

- **Chester NY Music 2019 Series** – Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – August 27, 2019. **See our website calendar for listings.** (villageofchesterny.org) In case of **rain** music will be on stage at Rustic Wheelhouse or Rushing Duck Brewing Co.
- **Proposed Comprehensive plan meeting** ~~will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019.~~ **Cancelled. Date to be determined.**
- **Chester Fireworks** – Saturday, July 13, 2019 with a rain date of Sunday, July 14, 2019. Music and food trucks will be behind the old Chester High School on Maple Ave. Viewing area will be on the fields at the Maple Avenue Complex. For more information please contact Park & Recreational Department at 845-469-7000 ext.336
- **Rail/Sail New England trip** scheduled Sunday, September 15-18, 2019, 4 days/3 nights. If you are interested please contact Michele at 469-7000 ext. 332 or email: mdesbler@thetownofchester.org. We need 40 people to go, we already have 20 and a max number of 50.
- **NY Yankees vs Tampa Bay game** Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 7:05 pm game, open to everyone.

- **NY Yankees vs Baltimore Orioles**, this game is for anyone 60+ years of age. Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 1:05 pm  
See our calendar for more upcoming meetings and events: <https://www.villageofchesterny.org>

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor John Thomas Bell asked if there were any more comments from the public

Gordon Shehab stated that he would like to see a Ridge line Protection local law passed.

Tracy Schuh stated that there was no discussion of the Senior Housing at the Village of Chester Planning Board Meeting with regards to discussion of revising Village code.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. and go into executive session, with no further business, was made by Trustee Alan Battiato, second by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rivera  
Village Clerk