

**Village of Chester
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, July 10, 2017.

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

Also, present: Village Treasurer, Angela O’Neill, Village Attorney, Henry Christensen, Village Police Chief, Peter Graziano, Village Street Superintendent, Charles Bono.

Absent: Village Clerk, Rebecca Rivera.

Mayor John Tom Bell opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. and started the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bell asked for a moment of silence in memory of Gordon Vanderbogart, a former planning board member who recently passed away.

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

A motion to approve the audit of the bills was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, second by Trustee Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Monthly meeting minutes of May 8, 2017 with some minor changes which were submitted to the Village Clerk, Rebecca Rivera by Trustee, Elizabeth A. Reilly.

A motion to approve the Monthly meeting minutes of May 8, 2017, by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, second by Deputy Mayor, Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

CASH BALANCES ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

<u>Fund/Bank Account</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>General Fund</u>				
Savings (Sterling National; Bank)	---	---	604.94	2,904,327.39
Checking (Orange County Trust)	2,387,294.42	1,673,503.89	26.58	832,835.16
<u>Savings (Orange County Trust)</u>	2,255,311.18	301,350.80	161.66	3,490,981.37
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Capital Checking	---	---	8.25	109,800.68
Checking	126,201.62	38,574.69	18.50	408,580.31
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				

Checking	579,705.34	416.00	18.09	783,946.15
<u>Cumulative Fiscal Year Interest Earned by Fund 06/1/17 – 05/31/2018</u>				
	General Fund	\$	793.18	
	Water Fund	\$	26.75	
	Sewer Fund	\$	18.09	

Treasurer’s Discussion:

1. STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES: Year to Date Report is attached.
2. 2017-2018 COLLECTION: Collection of Village Property Taxes and Sewer are underway. Sewer Installment #1 was due by 6/30/17, a 5% penalty has been added to past due amounts. Installment #2 is due by 9/30/17. Village Property Taxes were due by 6/30/17. Unpaid balances as of 6/30/17 have incurred a 5% penalty.
3. SEWER: Sewer a/c #505 was charged for the incorrect number of sewer units. Requesting permission from the Village Board to adjust a/c #505 from 211 billed units to 147 units for the fiscal period 2017-2018 and credit the account for the erroneous billing for the fiscal period 2016-2017. In summary, 2017-2018 adjustment = 64 units @ 58/unit = \$3,712.00 credit. 2016-2017 adjustment = 64 units @ \$36.40/unit = \$2,329.60 credit, for a total credit of \$6,041.60.

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, as read, 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, was absent. No report was submitted.

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

1. Personnel:

- Part Time Officers Garry and Bricker will be completing their State mandated field training requirements shortly, both are doing very well.

2. Citizen Issues:

- No issues.

3. Public Safety Issues:

- Traffic Details: Continuing. Monitoring Greycourt and Meadow Avenue, nothing to report at this time.
- Fireworks 8 July 2017, no reported incidents. Thanks to all those who assisted the police department in the event.

4. Facilities:

- No issues

5. Equipment:

- No issues

6. Vehicles:

- No issues.

7. Other:

- No issues.

8. Department Activity YTD:

Call Type	2017
Calls for Service	1,397
Criminal Cases	290
Arrests	188
Traffic Accidents	106

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

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

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

We spent some time preparing for the fireworks. (Mowing, picking up garbage and sweeping)

We spent a few days repairing catch basins on Chester Acres Blvd.

Chipped Sealed West Ave. (the village portion)

The school is in the process of renovating the ball fields at the old high school on Vadala Rd. and Walnut St. Spoke to the school superintendent, Sean Michel regarding concern with the drainage ditches.

The 1st section of sidewalk has been completed at Meadow Hill Apartments from Building# 2 down to Route 94. They have started the 2nd section of sidewalk on Green Meadows side, but due to a new revised sidewalk plan designed by the builders’ engineer they were advised by our engineer not to proceed any further until NYSDOT approves the plan they have submitted, being the sidewalk is in the NYSDOT right of way.

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

Request the board’s approval to add Winkler Pl. and West Ave. to our street inventory for our CHIPS Funding (Back in November I attended a CHIPS Road Mileage meeting pertaining to our Local Highway Inventory. The streets will now be measured using the GIS Format. If the streets are not on the GIS or are not recognized as a public street, they will be removed from the Local Highway Inventory. In order to have a street reinstated to the Local Highway Inventory, we need to pass a resolution.

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

WATER REPORT: Water Commissioner, Gary Green Jr. was absent. Report was read by Mayor, John T. Bell as follows:

- 1) Daily filtration plant and well operations
- 2) Twice per week filter cleaning
- 3) Weekly mowing of facilities
- 4) Continue hydrant painting
- 5) Cleared roadway and water main easement in state park
- 6) Attended class in Montgomery
- 7) Pulled out stumps behind water garage
- 8) Monthly samples were taken to lab for testing
- 9) Marking out water lines for Dig Safe, N.Y.

A motion to accept the Water Department report, as read, was made by Trustee, Elizabeth Ann Reilly. Second by, Trustee, Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

PARK & RECREATION: No report. Mayor John Tom Bell mentioned the following:

Tuesday, July 11, 2017, Village of Chester Music Series, Performer Alyssa Jones will be performing beginning @ 7PM. Chester Historical Society Benefit August 12-13th of 2017. Please see News and Events page on the Village website: www.villageofchesterny.com. For more information contact the Town of Chester, Park and Recreation, 845-469-7000 ext8.

Trustee, Brian J. Boone introduced the idea of bringing Bill Perry Day to the Village of Chester. Bill Perry Day has been celebrated in Warwick N.Y. Bill Perry was an internationally acclaimed blues-rock guitarist who lived in Chester, N.Y. most of his life. The event would take place on the last Sunday in July 2018. The event could become part of the Village of Chester Annual Festival. The Scholarship would be awarded to a Chester High School senior who has shown excellence in the field of music.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Records Retention Day on Friday, July 28, 2017, Motion to approve date introduced by Trustee, Alan Battiato, second by Trustee, Brian J. Boon. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Comments accepted by Mayor, John T. Bell as follows:

Village Resident, Michael Crean of 5 Marion St. stated there is an old mattress and other debris visible on the left-hand side of the trail. Mayor Bell replied that he spoke with someone from Orange County and will follow up again.

Village Resident, Leslie Smith showed the Village Board (2) photos of new construction buildings in other municipalities. One showed how a municipality with a comprehensive plan can have new construction blend in with the current architecture of the area. The other photo demonstrated the building without a comprehensive plan.

Anthony Quinn of 77 Main St. spoke on the sidewalk and the intersection of Route 94 and Main Street (near Walton Fire House). He suggested the possibility to move the sidewalk closer to his residence at 77 Main St. as he felt it was safer to cross there.

Village resident, Gordon Shehab asked how long it would take to establish an Architectural Review Board. Village attorney, Henry Christensen replied it would take a while as the village did not have a comprehensive plan in place.

Therese Lewis of Whispering Hills commented that it is difficult to access Route 94 from Main St. (by Walton Fire House) due to poor visibility from a large tree. The reply to her was that this would fall under the NYS DOT.

The Village Board will conduct a special meeting to discuss the proposed development of a comprehensive plant at the Village of Chester Meeting room on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 7:00PM.

RESOLUTIONS:

17.23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF CHESTER AND THE CHESTER POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Chester and the Chester Police Benevolent Association (“PBA”), are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) that expired on May 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Village and the PBA wish to amend the CBA between the Parties in a manner that best reflects the mutual interest of the Village and the PBA; and

WHEREAS, bargaining representatives of the PBA and bargaining representatives of the Village have engaged in negotiations over more than twelve (12) months in order to reach an agreement reflecting such mutually agreeable terms to amend the CBA; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to execute a Memorandum of Agreement that incorporates the mutually agreeable terms and conditions negotiated between the Parties; and

WHEREAS, the agreed upon terms as set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement appear to be in the best interests of the Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth fully.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby approves the terms set forth in the annexed Memorandum of Agreement to be incorporated into a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2020.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the annexed Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Village.

Section 4. Subject to the direction of the Mayor, any employee or officer of the Village is authorized and directed to take any necessary actions to carry out the provisions set forth in the annexed Memorandum of Agreement.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor J. Thomas Bell	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Brian Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Alan Battitao	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Elizabeth Ann Reilly	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

17.24 RESOLUTION ADDING WINKLER PLACE AND WEST AVENUE TO THE VILLAGE OF CHESTER'S STREET INVENTORY

WHEREAS, to honor an esteemed citizen of the Village, a Village Street formerly having been a portion of Main Street was re-named Winkler Place several years ago, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the reconstruction of Interchange 126 on New York State Highway 17 and the associated re-routing of New York State Highway 94, New York State, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation, abandoned to the Village of Chester the thoroughfare known as West Avenue, the same having formerly been a portion of New York State 94, and

WHEREAS the Village of Chester maintains an inventory of its streets on file with the New York State Department of Transportation, which file is to be updated as necessary from time to time; and

WHEREAS, on its current street inventory, neither Winkler Place nor West Avenue is listed despite being Village Streets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that Winkler Place and West Avenue, being Village streets owned and maintained by the Village, shall be added to the Village's inventory of streets, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Clerk, and the Street Superintendent are authorized and directed to make all applications and submissions to the New York State Department of Transportation necessary or convenient to having Winkler Place and West Avenue added to the Village of Chester's inventory of streets.

INTRODUCED By: Trustee, Brian J. Boone

SECONDED By: Deputy Mayor, Christopher Battiato

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor John Thomas Bell X

Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato X

Trustee Alan Battiato X

Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly X

Trustee Brian J. Boone X

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation was made by Trustee, Elizabeth A. Reilly, second by Trustee, Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee, Elizabeth Ann Reilly, second by Trustee, Alan Battiato.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela O'Neill
Deputy Clerk