

**Village of Chester  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held its monthly meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, March 9, 2020.

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

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

Mayor John Thomas Bell welcomed everyone to the March 9, 2020 Village monthly meeting.

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

Mayor John Thomas Bell made mention that Attorney Brian Nugent is sitting in for Village Henry Christensen Jr.

**AUDIT OF BILLS:** Mayor John Thomas Bell noted that the audit of February 2020 Village's monthly bills for approval was complete.

A motion to pay the audited bills of February 2020, was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Monthly Meeting and Public Hearing of January 13, 2020 and February 2020.

Mayor John Thomas Bell noted that they were complete and distributed to all Board members.

A motion to accept January and February 2020 minutes with edits was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

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

**CASH BALANCES ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

<u>Fund/Bank Account</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>(Disbursements)</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>				
Savings (Sterling National Bank)	--	--	1,551.29	3,211,133.50
Checking (Orange County Trust)	48,401.21	290,958.77	18.89	281,028.19
Savings (Orange County Trust)	--	--	573.64	1,448,527.72
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>				
Capital Checking	--	--	16.16	138,747.57
Checking	48,755.28	35,809.43	20.96	445,767.84
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>				
Checking	32,405.27	--	26.36	572,217.03

Cumulative Fiscal Year Interest Earned by Fund 06/1/19 – 05/31/2020

General Fund	\$	22,024.94
Water Fund	\$	306.12
Sewer Fund	\$	265.02

**Treasurer's Discussion:**

**1. STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES:** Please see attached.

2. **2019-2020 SEWER COLLECTION:** Collection of Village Sewer continues. Sewer Installment #4 is due by 3/31/2020. Unpaid sewer balances will be re-levied on to the 6/1/2020 Village Property Tax Bills.
3. **2020-2021 VILLAGE BUDGET:** A preliminary budget copy will be available at the Village Clerk's Office on 3/20/2020. The Village Board was able to remain below the 2% tax cap.

A motion to accept Treasurers report as read by Treasurer Angela O'Neill was made by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato, seconded by Trustee Brian J. Boone. Motion unanimously passed.

**BUILDING REPORT:** Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr read Building report as follows:

40 Greycourt Ave.

1- House progressing.

38 Greycourt Ave

1- Framing started.

Whispering Hills

1- Interior work continues.

Steris – 2 Nucifora Blvd.

1- Work just about complete.

Walgreen's 89 Brookside Ave.

1- No work has started.

During the month I worked with Angela on sewer assessment rolls for the 2020-2021 billing year.

A motion to accept Building report as read by Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

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

**1. Personnel:**

- No issues.

**2. Citizen Issues:**

- No issues.

**3. Public Safety Issues:**

- Traffic Details: Continuing

**4. Facilities:**

- No issues.

**5. Equipment:**

- No issues.

**6. Vehicles:**

- Bids have been received. The Nye Automotive Group is the lowest at \$34,151.14.

A motion to authorize Chief Graziano to purchase a police vehicle as presented for the following amount \$34,151.14 was made by, Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by, Trustee Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

**Roll Call**

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

**7. Other:**

- No issues.

**8. Department Activity YTD:**

Call Type	2020
Calls for Service	394
Criminal Cases	058
Arrests	037
Traffic Accidents	023

A motion to accept Police report as read by Chief Peter J. Graziano Jr was made by Trustee Alan Battiato, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

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

We were called out 2 times during the month of February and that was to deice the streets. However, none of the storms proved to be serious. (they ranged from a freezing rain to a 1/2” of snow.) As of to date we have used over a 150 ton of salt and 105 ton of salt sand mix. After each storm, the equipment was washed and serviced for the next storm.

We have completed our 1st round of roadside garbage pick-up.

We have been out sweeping our sidewalks with our sweeper attached to our John Deere tractor.

We spent some time cutting down and chipping up trees down behind our garage.

We have started going around and putting down topsoil and grass seed where the edge of lawns were damaged from snowplows.

A motion to accept the Street Department’s report as read by Village Street Superintendent Charles Bono was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee Alan Battiato. 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) Monthly Samples taken to the Lab.
- 4) Mark outs for Dig safe N. Y.
- 5) Changing all the light fixtures at the well house to LED.
- 6) Backflow preventer testing and meter upgrade changing continues.
- 7) Painting of the walls and piping at the well house.
- 8) New torques converters were installed in the 2015 Chevy pick-up. It was covered under warranty.
- 9) Replaced phosphate line at the well house.
- 10) Collection of unpaid water bills from November 2019.
- 11) Replaced fire hydrant that was struck by a bus in Whispering Hills.

Water Commissioner Gary A. Green, Jr. informed the Village Board that the Village lost 90,000 gallons of water when a bus struck one of the water hydrants located in the Whispering Hills development. Water Commissioner Green said, no one was hurt. An invoice for parts and labor was mailed to the company.

Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly asked Water Commissioner Gary Green if it was a school bus that hit the hydrant?

Water Commissioner Green said, it was a Coach USA bus.

Trustee Brian J. Boone asked when did the accident take place.

Water Commissioner Green said, sometime in February, as he didn't have the exact date available.

A motion to accept the Water Department's report as read by Village Water Commissioner Gary A. Green Jr. was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

**PARK & RECREATION:** There was no one present from Park & Recreational Department.

Mayor John Thomas Bell mentioned the following events:

- The Town of Chester Senior/Rec Center is going to Wind Creek Bethlehem, PA, on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.
- On Tuesday, June 9, 2020 Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster PA followed by a great meal at the Shady Maple Restaurant.
- Spring Fling on Friday, April 24, 2020 at the Sugar Loaf Performance Arts Center. Join us for a night of dancing, entertainment, a buffet dinner and of course valet parking.
- Our friends at the Town of Chester Police Department have been in contact with Officer Easter Bunny and he will be at the Town of Chester PD Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 10am.

Monday 3/9

Chair Yoga 9-10am

Quilting 1030-330pm

Classic Yoga 6-7pm

Tuesday 3/10

Cards 10-3pm

(Stop on by and join a game)

Wednesday 3/11

Chair Yoga 9-10am

Classic Yoga 6-7pm

Chess 730-10pm

Thursday 3/12

Osteo Exercise 9-10am

Friday 3/13

Knit/Crochet 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Classic Yoga 12-1pm

For any questions always available to assist you: Michele 469-7000 ext. 332 (Senior/Rec Center)

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Tom Flynn representing Chester Kiwanis - Annual Village and Town Clean-Up Day sponsored by Chester Kiwanis was present and asked permission to have the event on, Saturday, May 9, 2020.

A motion to authorize the Chester Kiwanis - Annual Village and Town Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at 8:30 am, provided there is a certificate of insurance presented, naming us as an additional insured was made by Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly, second by Trustee Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

**20-6 Resolution approving maintenance contract with C.R. Wolfe/Greiner Group**

**WHEREAS**, proper operation, maintenance and care of the mechanical systems on Village properties requires that the Village have available qualified mechanics when needed to service or repair such mechanical systems; and

**WHEREAS**, C. R. Wolfe/Reiner Group has successfully performed such work for the Village in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, C. R. Wolfe/Reiner Group has submitted a proposal which is acceptable to the Mayor and Trustees for the period from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Trustees find that the scope of work proposed to be performed by C. R. Wolfe/Reiner Group involves special technical skill, training or expertise, as described in the Procurement Code of the Village of Chester, chapter 20 of the Village Code, so that competitive bidding is neither required nor appropriate; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Trustees find that C.R. Wolfe/Reiner Group possesses the appropriate accountability, reliability, responsibility, skill, education and training, judgment, integrity and moral worth to perform maintenance work on and emergency coverage for the Village's mechanical systems, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village accept the Commercial Maintenance Agreement in the form presented to this meeting.

Introduced By: Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly.

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato

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

**20-7 Resolution Authorizing Entry into Contracts for Water Plant Services as Proposed by Pall Corporation.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Water Plant includes specialized equipment manufactured by Pall Corporation, and

**WHEREAS** the Pall Corporation equipment has now been in service for approximately ten (10) years, and the Water Commissioner has solicited proposal from Pall Corporation for a comprehensive inspection of the equipment and for 24/7 telephonic consulting availability for maintenance and troubleshooting issues, and

**WHEREAS** the Pall Corporation equipment is monitored automatically by computer hardware and specialized software provided by Pall corporation, and

**WHEREAS**, for cyber security purposes, Pall Corporation hardware and software for this purpose must be upgraded to Windows 10, and

**WHEREAS** Pall Corporation has proposed to provide the necessary hardware and software upgrades for a fixed price of \$25,590.00, and

~~**WHEREAS** Pall Corporation has proposed to provide 24/7 technical phone support for an annual fee of \$4,950.00, and~~

**WHEREAS** Pall Corporation has offered to perform a one-time physical review and process review of the Pall Corporation equipment for the fixed price of \$8,250.00, and

**WHEREAS** the Water Commissioner has requested and recommended that the Village accept these proposals, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and the Village of Chester Code, the Attorney for the Village has advised that this procurement is exempt from competitive bidding, and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Trustees have determined that it is in the best interest of the Village and its Water Department that these proposals be accepted,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to accept on behalf of the Village of Chester the proposals of Pall Corporation and enter into contracts with Pall Corporation for the upgrade of hardware and software at the water filtration plant, for a one-time health check of the Pall Corporation equipment,

and for 24/7 technical phone support, each agreement to be in such form as may be approved by the Attorney for the Village.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato.

Seconded By: Trustee Brian J. Boone.

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

**20-8 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and/or Chief of Police to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Orange County regarding the reimbursement of overtime for patrols related to DWI offenses.**

**WHEREAS**, Orange County (the "County") in order to promote safer roadways, created and maintains a program, the Stop-DWI/Traffic Safety Program, that, in part, reimburses local police departments for overtime spent on patrols to detect and deter intoxicated drivers and tasks related thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the County from time to time, offers an Inter-Municipal Agreement (the "Agreement") to the Village of Chester Police Department to reimburse the Village for overtime and other expenses related to the department's efforts to prevent and prosecute DWI offenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police of the Village of Chester Police Department, has reviewed the Agreement and approves of same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney for the Village has reviewed and approved the basic terms of the Agreement,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, having reviewed and proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County, hereby authorize the Mayor and/or Chief of Police to enter into an agreement substantially in accordance with the terms presented tonight to the Mayor and Board of Trustees, provided the same is approved by the attorney for the Village, and to execute any further extensions thereof.

Introduced By: Trustee Alan Battiato.

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato.

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

**20-9 Resolution Directing Public Hearing on Proposed Village Budget 2020-2021.**

**WHEREAS**, a budget for the Village has been prepared for the 2020/2021 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing is required to be held thereon,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board will hold a Public Hearing at 6:45p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, at the Village Hall, on the proposed Village Budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year;

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk give due notice of this public hearing in accordance with the Village Code and the Laws of the State of New York.

Introduced By: Trustee Brian J. Boone.

Seconded By: Trustee Elizabeth A. Reilly.

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

Alan Sorensen – An overview of the Proposed Comprehensive Plan he's been working on with the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

The Village appointed a Comprehensive Plan Committee and we've been meeting for the last year and half. We have developed a draft comprehensive plan for the Village of Chester. That plan has brought policy documents for the village and includes, policy recommendations related to natural resource protection, cultural historic resources, Main Street downtown revitalization, Also, covers community facility and services, jobs and housing. sustainability resiliency policies as well as land use policies. Some recommendation in there with

respects to your zonings, like my review, regulations etc. At this point the plan (in audible) very well by the committee. Its in its final draft form. Under NYS village law there are two public hearings that are required, this will be the first public hearing, which is the public hearing of the committee. After the public hearing there are likely to be some refinements and revisions to the comprehensive plan. Once those revision are made following the first public hearing the village board will then set a second public hearing on the comprehensive plan before it is adopted. With respect to zoning any changes recommended therein, would occur only after the comprehensive plan is adopted. That would be another process that would take place and revisions to a zoning would also be subject to a public hearing as well. This resolution that you have before you, will sets the date for the public hearing as well as simultaneously refer this matter to the Orange County Planning Municipal Department for NYS Municipal law review.

Alan Sorensen – “As you may know I will be joining Orange County as its new Planning Commissioner I will not be reviewing this document but there are staff that have been here many years who will take care of that. I’ll have to recuse myself from that side of it.”

Mayor, Board of Trustees and audience, congratulated Alan Sorensen on his position with Orange County Planning Department.

Alan Sorensen – “From my stand point it has been a real honor to work with everyone here and the committee, with the Village Board in development of this Comprehensive Plan, I think it will be really good policy document to help guide the Village for the next years and I’ll be here to help guide you through its adoption and that’s the quick overview that I wanted to present this evening. Again, it been an honor working on this plan.”

The Mayor and Village Board of Trustees thanked Alan Sorensen.

Questions related to the proposed comprehensive plan from the audience:

Leslie Smith, “This first public hearing is going to be for the committee and then the general one.”

Mayor John Thomas Bell, “we will have a public hearing for the Village Board”

John Orr asked Alan Sorensen when do we send the proposed comprehensive plan to Orange County Planning.

Alan Sorensen stated, that it should sent now to allow the Orange County Planning Department at least 30 days to review, which will before the public hearing.

Mayor asked how soon before the public hearing can be scheduled.

After some discussion it was decide that the public hearing would be scheduled on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at

**20-10 Resolution to set Public Hearing Regarding the 2020 Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Chester, New York.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board appointed a Comprehensive Plan Committee to create a Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Chester, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee met monthly at Village Hall; held a series of public workshops; and a Placemaking Tour to get public input into the development of the Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has completed its draft of the Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee must hold a public hearing on its draft of the Comprehensive Plan before it refers it to the Village Board so that the Village Board can hold its public hearing; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as Lead Agency, the Village Board determines that adoption of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan meets the criteria for a Type I Action and directs that a Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 and 2 with an expanded Part 3 be prepared; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village Board herby authorizes the Village Clerk to refer the 2020 Draft Village of Chester Comprehensive Plan to the Orange County Planning Department for General Municipal Law Section 239 m review; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in consideration of the above the Village Board is hereby setting a Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Committee scheduled meeting on April 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall to obtain public input on the 2020 Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato

Seconded By: Trustee Brian J. Boone

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

Mary Altobelli - to discuss upcoming activities of the VOCA

Mary Altobelli addressed the Village Board by stating that she has started the Chester Arts. She said that they have filed with the Arts Council as a 501c under their umbrella policy in order to relieve us of the cost. She also said that they have received approval but that she expects to hear for the Art Council sometime this month, once they receive the approval they will begin fundraising. Ms. Altobelli informed the Village board that the Chester Arts has the following social media: Facebook and Instagram account. in addition to social media they have an official email address as well.

Ms. Altobelli said, their first exhibit is the students, Chester Schools exhibit. She mentioned that the flyers regarding the exhibits have been circulated. Ms. Altobelli gave credit to the student for design the poster/flyers. The student and teachers will be working on cleaning and setting up the station on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 8 am to get ready for their opening Saturday, March 21, 2020. Performing will be the band and the band will be performing throughout the duration of the show on the weekends. The students will provide the refreshments and are really taking ownership of this, Ms. Altobelli, said, it's great.

Ms. Altobelli touched on the subject to bring people to the downtown area in accordance with the place making tour and the comprehensive plan. Ms. Altobelli said, that she would like to propose an event for Saturday, May 30, 2020, with a rain date of May 31, 2020. The event proposed is titled "Pop-up chalk drawing event, taking place in the downtown, starting from the sidewalk by the ice cream shop to the train station, which would require closing the road. We would like the Village Boards permission and cooperation to host the event. If the Village grants permission to have the event, Ms. Altobelli asked if the Village Board would grant permission to their Street Department to mark off 10x10 squares.

Mayor John Thomas Bell asked Ms. Altobelli if she carries insurance.

Ms. Altobelli said that they will see if the Park and Recreation has an umbrella police for events.

Mayor John Thomas Bell said, that he didn't think that the Park and Recreation Department has an umbrella policy.

Ms. Altobelli said, if the Park and Recreation is not an option, she would ask the Arts Council or the Erie Station/Historical Society if they would consider putting the event under their umbrella policy.

Ms. Altobelli also touched on donations for the event. Anyone interested in donating towards the event, would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to the executive directors, Mary Altobelli or David Stevenson.

Ms. Altobelli touched on future events. Ms. Altobelli said, that they have been working closely with the pastor at the Presbyterian Church in having events in the church's community room. In the fall they would like to have a village arts festival. The Presbyterian Church is planning a craft fair and the Chester Arts would like to have 10x10 ft booths downtown, so that the area has events simultaneously having an arts festival for the whole village. It would be until the Fall, around the time Apple Fest takes place.

Lastly, Ms. Altobelli touched on a community grant. She stated that there is a community grant with a deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>, it was discussed and Chester Arts would like to apply for the grant but first they would like permission from the Village Board to paint a mural under the over pass, over the heritage trail and located near Meadow Ave. The idea came from research she was done on a town named Town of Westerly Rhode Island, which was very dilapidated and lot bigger than Chester. The town had a non-profit group come in named, "Wall Dogs", a non-profit group, which painted over 30 murals in one weekend all over the town. The murals decorated, some were small, and some were huge. The murals reflected town events and characters from the community. Ms. Altobelli said, the murals were done in a stylistically old post card type. Ms. Altobelli said, ultimately what Chester Arts would like to do is multiple murals every year and the murals can be of the town onion fields, mastodons, that were found in the area. She stated when they have the apitherapy up and running it would be wonderful if people looked at these building and saw a mural of Jarvis Boone, The original music man of Chester. Ms. Altobelli mentioned that they would like to get downtown Chester painted so that people would come down here not only for Rushing Duck but also to check out the murals. Chester Arts would like to make it a community project even to go as far as making it an event where the business can be involved.

Mayor John Thomas Bell stated that they are on board with the idea but that the Chester Arts would have to seek permission from Orange County Planning Department and/or the Orange County Parks Department.

Ms. Altobelli thanked the Village Board for their time and stated that moving forward she would continue to give us updates on the Chester Arts group.

Mayor John Thomas Bell introduced Ryan DeNisco of Orange County Planning – Ryan DeNisco will be presenting information about the 2020 Census.

Ryan DeNisco – "What we are trying to do for the 2020 Census goal is to count every person once, only once and in the right place. Coming up in mid-March every home across the USA will be receiving invitations. Once the invitation arrives, you'll be able to respond in one of three ways: the first is online, the other one is by phone or

by mail. The data collected is the members of the household who are usual residents, they will ask for name, age, race, ethnicity, gender, relationship to one another/head of household. Why the complete count is important, population is used to calculate Orange County shares over six hundred and seventy -five billion dollars annually for federal funding. For every person not counted in the 2010 census Orange County lost an estimated\$ 2500 of federal funding per person, per year. That's 25,000 per person for 10 years. All responses are for seventy -two years, no agency, organization, business or individual can access the data prior to 2092. Responses are private even from the FBI. This census will not ask for social security number, bank account information, credit card number, money, gift cards or donations. How to spot fraud, when a Census Bureau employee may visit your house usually happens around June. Anyone that has not responded to the census for their household will get a visit. If you get a visit verify that they have a Census Bureau valid ID badge, with their photo, Department of Commerce water mark and expiration date. I have provided some pamphlets about the 2020census. If you do suspect fraud you can contact the local Census Bureau representative or call the Police Department. That concludes my presentation if you have any questions you can visit 2020census.gov.

Mayor John Thomas Bell mentioned that Nexans a local business, located on 25 Oakland Ave, made a donation to the Village of Chester Music Series. Village Board thanked Nexans for their donation towards the Village of Chester Music Series.

Edward J. Szulwach, (also known as EJ) address the Village Board of Trustees regarding his cable bill. Mr. Szulwach said, his cable bill has increased by 24.3%. Mr. Szulwach asked the Village Board if they had any kind of increase and if there was anything that can be done about such increase to residents' cable bill.

Mayor John Thomas Bell's response was that he is not aware if the Village has incurred any increase. The Village only has a Franchise agreement with the cable company. Mayor John Thomas Bell also said, that he has been in contact with the village attorney Henry Christensen regarding this matter and he is currently looking to see if there's a way to regulate how much the cable company can increase their fees and how often. The Village does not regulate the cable company's fees.

Flag Sponsorship Fundraiser:

Mayor John Thomas Bell read the following letter submitted from Joan Ribando, President of Chester Cemetery Association:

Dear Mayor & Board,

The Chester Cemetery Association would like permission to hold their "Flag Sponsorship Fundraiser during the month of May. (Memorial Day)

The flags would be place along the roadways in the Village.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours

Joan Ribando, President of Chester Cemetery Association.

Calendar:

Proposed Comprehensive Plan, Public Hearing Meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7pm.

Snow Ordinance is in effect November 1, 2019 thru April 15, 2020. No parking from 3am to 6am.

Repair Café, Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm, Warwick Senior Center- Town Hall Complex, January 18th, March 21<sup>st</sup>, May 16th, July 18th, September 19th and November 21st.

Village of Chester will be closed on Friday, April 10, 2020 due to Holiday.

Chester Union Free School Student Exhibition Saturday, March 21, 12 pm to 2pm, March 22,28,29, April 4, 5,11&12 from 12 pm to 2 pm.

Walton Engine & Hose Easter Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 29, 2020 @ 7:30 am.

26th Annual Chester Kiwanis' Hambletonian 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, May 23, 2020, at 8:45am

\*See our calendar for more upcoming meetings and events\*: <https://www.villageofchesterny.org>

Public Comment :

Debra Kryzmowski old Chester high school building and its property.

Addressed the Village Board regarding the painting that is on the sidewalk in front of the Blue Café, which is extends all the way to the front of her ice cream store. Mrs. Krysmoski would like to have it removed

After some discussion Mayor John Thomas Bell will reach out to the owner of the Blue Café and ask for it to be removed/cleaned.

Gordon Shehab: He expressed his concerns regarding the School Boards referendum that was voted down. He asked if the Village Board proactively contact the Chester School Board to see if they would keep the Village Board in the loop somehow. He said that what was done right up to the referendum, no one seem to know about the school boards plans with regards to the old Chester high school located on Maple Ave. It would be better for the good of the village if the Village Board would be involved with the School Board.

Mayor John Thomas Bell, mention that he had been in contact with Principle of the Chester Academy, Denis Petrilak and there was discussing about the Village Board Meeting with Denis Petrilak regarding plans for the School property located on Maple Ave. The old Chester high school. A date has not been set to hold such discussion.

Patricia Salerno made mention that the Chester School Board stated that they want input and set up public hearings. She asked the Village Board is if it's possible for a board member to actively say that they will be attending the meeting as a representative of the Village of Chester in a planning capacity regarding the plans for the old Chester high school.

Trustee Brian J Boone stated that he was not familiar with the inside of the old Chester high school as he did not attend school in Chester, so he asked for a tour of the building to become familiar with regards to upgrade the building. He also mentioned that a former BOCES employee stated that when it rains you get a moldy smell.

Leslie Smith of 119 Brookside Ave was present and mentioned that she submitted a FOIL to the NYS Board of Education for a building conditions report for the Maple Ave. school and although a copy was sent, it was not a detail report and there was no mention of asbestos in the report.

Tom Becker made mention that the original survey for the Chester Academy did not consist of a new survey. A calculation method was used to add to the prior survey's calculations.

Mayor John Thomas Bell stated that the Village Board of Trustees are in favor in assigning two members of the board to attend any meeting with regards to the future planning of the old Chester high school building and its property.

Trustee Brian J Boone expressed interest in attending Chester School Board meetings with regards to the old Chester high school building and its property.

Leslie Smith made mention that the Chester Liberian director, Maureen Jagos has written to the Chester School Board, expressing an interest in the old Chester high school building and its property. Ms. Smith stated that at their last Historical Society meeting they voted to support the efforts to bring the Chester Library back into the Village.

Mayor John Thomas Bell stated that he hasn't met with Denis Petrilak to discuss the future of the old Chester high school building and its property and he would like to talk to Denis Petrilak before planning to meet with the Chester School Board.

A motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm the meeting and go into executive session to discuss a personnel matters, with no further business, was made by Trustee Brian J Boone, seconded by Trustee Alan Battiato.