

**Village of Chester  
Board of Trustees  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 29, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held a Special Meeting at the Chester Senior Center, 81 Laroe Rd, Chester, NY at 6:45 pm, on Monday, March 29, 2021.

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

Also, present: Village Clerk Rebecca Rivera, Treasurer Angela O'Neill, Attorney Mary E. Marzolla, Chief Timothy McGuire, and Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr. Attorney Brian Nugent was absent.

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor John Thomas Bell called the meeting to order.

Mayor John Thomas Bell open the meeting at 6:50 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Notice of special meeting as advertised in the official paper, Times Herald Record as follows:

**VILLAGE OF CHESTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. at the Chester Senior Center, 81 Laroe Rd, located in the Town of Chester, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, Orange County, New York will conduct a Special meeting, to discuss the Police Reform and discuss any other business that comes before the board.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF CHESTER, NEW YORK

Rebecca Rivera  
Village Clerk  
Dated: March 12, 2021

Mayor John Thomas Bell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

As there were no public comments regarding the Police Reform Plan Mayor Bell proceeded to read the following resolutions:

**21-14 RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York executed Executive Order No. 203 on June 12, 2020 requiring local governments in New York State to perform a comprehensive review of various police practices, strategies, policies, procedures and to implement a plan to improve such; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chester ("Village") established a Community Policing Advisory Committee ("Committee") and conducted meetings collaboratively with the Town of Chester comprised of local government,

the Chief of Police of the Village of Chester, and stakeholders in the community contemplated by Executive Order No. 203 to create a plan to adopt and implement the recommendations promulgated thereby; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with the Village and its stakeholders, that Committee has developed a plan and offered that plan for public comment to all citizens in the locality; and

WHEREAS, throughout this process, public comment has been duly considered by the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chester, through its Committee and the plan established therefrom, wishes to adopt and file said plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- Section 1. All “WHEREAS” paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.
- Section 2. The Village of Chester hereby adopts the proposed Village of Chester Police Reform Plan, annexed hereto.
- Section 3. The Mayor or his designee is hereby directed to transmit a certification to the New York State Director of the Division of the Budget to affirm that such process has been complied with and that the Plan has been adopted by this Resolution.
- Section 4. The Mayor and any other officer or employee as directed by the Mayor shall take any and all necessary actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.
- Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato

Seconded By: Trustee Alan Battiato

On a vote of 4 to 0, the resolution was adopted.

**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 ]	[ ]	[ ]

**21-15 RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MCGOEY, HAUSER AND EDSALL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, D.P.C. FOR MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Village Board (“Village”) of the Village of Chester (“Village Board”) wishes to enter a professional services agreement with McGOEY, HAUSER and EDSALL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, D.P.C. (“MHE”) for municipal engineering services for the benefit of the Village;

WHEREAS, the final professional services agreement for municipal engineering services by MHE have been presented to the Village and is now ready for execution; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to complete this transaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that:

Section 1. All “Whereas” clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the agreement relating to MHE as presented to the Village Board.

Section 3. The Mayor or any other officer or employee as directed by the Mayor are authorized to take any and all necessary actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

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

	<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 ]	[ ]	[ ]

**21-16 RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ESTABLISH SEWER CAPITAL FUND**

WHEREAS, the Village Board (“Village Board”) for the Village of Chester (“Village”) in the management of Village finances, may take all measures and do all acts deemed expedient or desirable for the good government of the Village, its management and business, the protection of its finances; and,

WHEREAS, based upon information and professional advice received by the Village, and after consulting with the Village’s Certified Professional Accountant, the Village Board has determined that it is necessary to establish a Sewer Capital Fund for long range financial and strategic planning and any and all public purposes including, but not limited to, operating, investigation, capital replacement, emergency capital, capacity, and stabilization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that:

Section 1. All “Whereas” clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Village is authorized to establish the Sewer Capital Fund in the form approved by the NYS Comptroller’s Office consistent with the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed for local governments.

Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to execute all documents necessary to establish the Sewer Capital Fund.

Section 4. The Mayor or any other officer or employee as directed by the Mayor are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

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

	<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 ]	[ ]	[ ]

**21-17 RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE SEWER FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT TO THE SEWER CAPITAL FUND**

WHEREAS, the Village Board (“Village Board”) for the Village of Chester (“Village”) in the management of Village finances, may take all measures and do all acts deemed expedient or desirable for the good government of the Village, its management and business, the protection of its finances; and,

WHEREAS, based on information and professional advice received by the Village, and after consulting with the Village’s Certified Professional Accountant, the Village Board by separate resolution has established a Sewer Capital Fund for long range financial and strategic planning and any and all public purposes including, but not limited to, operating, investigation, capital replacement, emergency capital, capacity, and stabilization; and,

WHEREAS, based on information and professional advice received by the Village, and after consulting with the Village’s Certified Professional Accountant, the Village Board desires to loan One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Village’s Sewer Fund Checking Account to the Village’s Sewer Capital Fund in the amounts and frequency as needed to fund ongoing project costs and,

WHEREAS, the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to transfer the aforementioned sum from the Village’s Sewer Fund Checking Account to the Village’s Sewer Capital Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that:

Section 1. All “Whereas” clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to execute all documents necessary to loan the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Village’s Sewer Fund Checking Account to the Village’s Sewer Capital Fund.

Section 3. The Mayor or any other officer or employee as directed by the Mayor are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Christopher Battiato

Seconded By: Trustee Alan Battiato

On a vote of 4 to 0, the resolution was adopted

**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 ]	[ ]	[ ]

**21-18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN LOTS FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF WATERSHED PROTECTION OF VILLAGE WATER SOURCE**

WHEREAS, the Village Board (“Village Board”) for the Village of Chester (“Village”) desires to purchase the parcels consisting of approximately seven hundred (700) square feet located at Section/Block/Lot Nos. 8-1-39 and 8-1-40, Lakes Road, Town of Monroe, New York (“Subject Parcels”); and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Subject Parcels, Alan W. Stone, has offered the Subject Parcels for sale to the Village in the sum of One Thousand Two-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) for Section/Block/Lot Nos. 8-1-39 and One Thousand Two-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) for Section/Block/Lot No. 8-1-40; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to purchase, subject to any applicable requirements, the Subject Parcels, for the public purpose of watershed protection of Village water source and for other Village purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Village Board as follows:

Section 1. All “WHEREAS” paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction relating to the Subject Parcels subject to all applicable requirements and in form approved by legal counsel.

Section 3. The Mayor or any other officer or employee as directed by the Mayor are authorized to take any and all necessary actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

	<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 ]	[ ]	[ ]

**21-19 Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of Chester Declaring Lead Agency status and issuing a negative declaration for the purchase of certain lots for the public purpose of Watershed Protection of the Village Water Source.**

**Resolution 21-19 was tabled.**

As there were no public comments Mayor John Thomas Bell asked for a motion to go into executive session with no further business to be conducted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to into executive session with no further business was made by Deputy Christopher Battiato, seconded by Trustee Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion to come out of executive session at 8:36 pm and close meeting was made by Trustee Alan Battiato, seconded by Trustee Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Rivera  
Village Clerk