

**Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held its monthly meeting at the Village of Chester, 45 Main Street, Chester, NY conference room at 6:30pm, on Monday, March 13, 2023.

Members present: Mayor Christopher Battiato, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A. Reilly, Trustee Alan Battiato, Trustee Brian J. Boone, and Trustee Anthony Laspina.

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Angela O'Neill, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Cruz, Water Commissioner Gary A. Green Jr., Chief Timothy McGuire, Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr, Building, Planning and Zoning Board Secretary Sandra VanRiper and Village Attorney, Brian Nugent. Village Street Superintendent Charles Bono was absent.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Christopher Battiato called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

AUDIT OF BILLS: Mayor Christopher Battiato noted that the audit of February 2023, Village's monthly bills for approval was complete.

A motion to pay the audited bills of February 2023, was made by Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee, Alan Battiato. Motion unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023, meeting.

A motion to accept the approval of the monthly meeting minutes for February 6, 2023, was made by Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee Anthony Laspina. Motion unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF SECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Approval of Special Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023, meeting.

A motion to accept the approval of the special meeting minutes for March 1, 2023, was made by Trustee Alan Battiato, seconded by Trustee Brian J. Boone. Motion unanimously passed.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Timothy McGuire read police report as follows:

1. Personnel:

- Nothing to report.

2. Citizen Issues:

- Nothing to report.

3. Public Safety Issues:

- Officers have been out enforcing the NYS Vehicle and traffic laws, 555 tickets were issued for the month. 1,094 tickets have been issued year to date.

4. Facilities:

- A shadow box in memory of Officer John Grzywaczewski has been hung in the lobby of the Police station. Officer Gryzwaczewski died suddenly off duty on May 9, 2022. This shadow box was created as a memorial for all the Officers in this department that had the pleasure of knowing and working with Officer Gryzwaczewski.

5. Equipment:

- I have attached a printout of the map for the estimated locations of 12 LPR cameras that would be attached to either the telephone pole or a standalone pole with a solar cell. These cameras would be placed at every entrance/exit of the Village. These cameras are valuable tool that will increase our solvability rate in cases and cut the investigative time in half. Over 70% of all crimes committed involve a vehicle in some way.

6. Vehicles:

- I spoke to the Dodge Dealership in reference to the new Durango, they advised that it has been built and is in shipping. They advised the vehicle should be here in a few weeks.

7. Other:

- Recruit Bulson and Recruit Hulse have completed the State mandated Requirement of Field Training to get their certification as a Police Officer. They have now transitioned into the Department's Field Training program. Both Officers are still on track to complete field training and be assigned to a squad in the beginning to middle of May.

8. Department Activity:

Call Type	February	2023		
Calls for Service	217	406		
Criminal Cases	51	91		
Arrests	32	62		
Traffic Accidents	17	24		

NY - Chester Village PD

Signed By: robert.hubbs@flocksafety.com on Feb 24, 2023, 11:58 AM

NY - CHESTER VILLAGE PD

CHESTER VILLAGE PD -
FALCON CAMERAS (12)

#01 Rte 94 @ US 6 WB

#02 Rte 94 @ US 6 WB

#03 Rt 94 @
Hambletonian Ave WB

#04 Summerville Way @
West Ave EB

#05 Academy @
Brookside Ave EB

#06 West @ 17-M
(Chester Mall)

#07 Leone Ln @ Kings
Hwy EB

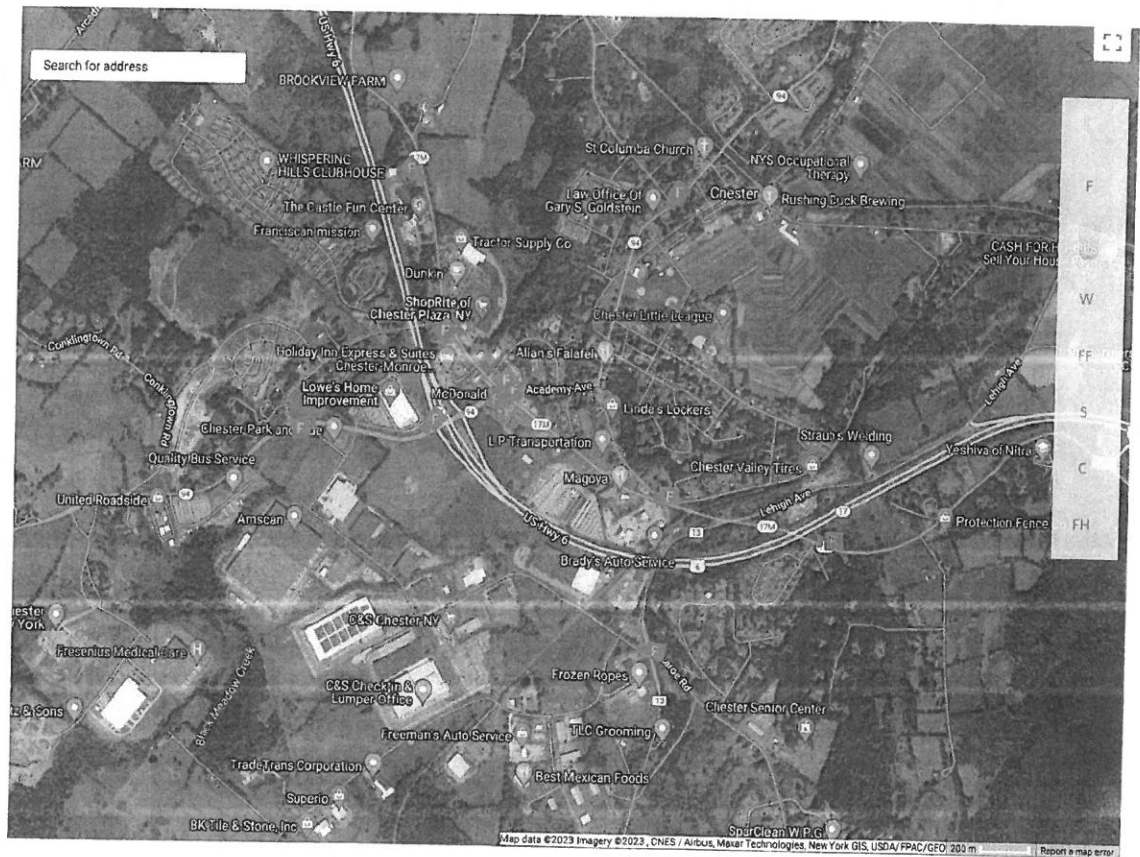
#08 Hwy 17-M @ Main St
EB

#09 Hwy 17-M @ City
Limits SB

#10 Brookside @ Rte 94
SB

#11 Hwy 17-M @
Academy NB

#12 Hy 17-M @ City Limits
WB



A motion to accept the Police report as read submitted by Chief Timothy McGuire was made by Trustee Anthony Laspina, seconded by Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly Trustee. Motion unanimously passed.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk/Treasurer Angela O'Neill read the Clerk/Treasurer's report as follows:

CASH BALANCES ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2022:

<u>FUND/BANK ACCOUNT</u> <u>ENDING BAL</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>(DISBURSEMENTS)</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Savings (Sterling National Bank) 2,853,330.01	--	--	4,730.26
Checking (Orange Bank & Trust) 480,816.04	196,692.98	361,954.30	18.22
Savings (Orange Bank & Trust) 2,470,644.10	--	--	2,282.39
Savings (NY CLASS) 510,843.68	--	--	1,710.19
<u>Water Fund</u>			
Checking (Orange Bank & Trust) 507,496.79	10,230.00	46,181.03	20.10
<u>Sewer Fund</u>			
Checking (Orange Bank & Trust) 290,335.51	8,929.95	--	11.27
<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>			
H01: Water (Sterling Natl Bank) 86,728.98	--	--	139.75
H02: General (Orange Bank & Trust) 399,331.96	--	30,300.00	15.94
H03: Sewer (Orange Bank & Trust) 393,352.74	--	1,878.50	--

<u>Cumulative Fiscal Year Interest Earned by Fund 06/1/2022 – 6/30/2022 FYE 5/31/22 as of 6/30/21</u>			
General Fund	\$	53,568.43	\$ 510.00
Water Fund	\$	118.97	14.19
Sewer Fund	\$	78.08	2.46
Capital Projects	\$	810.76	N/A

Treasurer's Discussion:

1. **STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES:** Attached.
2. **2022-2023 SEWER:** Collection of Village Sewer continues. Sewer installment #4 is due by 3/31/2023. Unpaid sewer balances will be re-levied on to the 6/1/2023 Village Property Tax Bill.
3. **BUDGET MODIFICATION SCHEDULE YE 5/31/2022:** Presented. Requesting approval to post the budget modifications per attached schedule.
4. **2023-2024 VILLAGE BUDGET:** A preliminary budget copy can be found on the Village's website (villageofchesterny.org). If you do not have access to the website, please call the Village Clerk's office (845-469-2388, ext. 232)

A motion to approve budget modification was made by Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee, Anthony Laspina.

A motion to accept Clerk/Treasurer's report as read by Clerk/Treasurer Angela O'Neill was made by Trustee, Alan Battiato, seconded by Trustee, Brian J. Boone. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Steris – Nucifora Blvd.

1– Site work continues.

92 Main Street

1- Work continues.

12 Greycourt Ave Chester Ag

1- Steel now going up.

9 Railroad Avenue

- 1- Issued permit for demolition of areas effected by fire damage.

1 Howland

- 1- No work has started.

A motion to accept Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr's report as read by Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr was made by Trustee Brian J. Boone, seconded by Trustee, Anthony Laspina. Motion unanimously passed.

STREET REPORT: Absent. No Report due to the preparations of the Winter snowstorm.

WATER REPORT: Water Commissioner, Gary A. Green, Jr read the Water Department report as follows:

1. Daily filter plant & well operations
2. Twice per week filter cleaning
3. Monthly samples were taken to the lab.
4. Mark outs for dig safe NY.
5. Meter replacement continues.
6. Backflow preventer testing continues.
7. We repaired the curb box at 43 Brookside ave. cabins. We worked with the plumber to fix the piping in the meter pit so they can fix the leaks in their cabins.
8. We changed the controller for the Hach turbidimeter at the plant.
9. We worked with the contractor to fix a service line leak at 13 Maple ave.
10. UCMR5 testing was completed for the EPA.
11. We fixed a leak in the meter pit at Ricky Lane.
12. We spent 2 days looking for a leak on High Street.
13. We fixed the leak on the water main on High Street across from the Fire Department. I want to that the highway department and the sewer department for their help with the project.

14. Walton lake is 3 inches over pin level.

A motion to accept the Water Commissioner's report was made by Trustee Brian J. Boone, seconded by Trustee Anthony Laspina. Motion unanimously passed.

PARK & RECREATION REPORT:

- a. Cape Cod, MA Trip June 12 – June 16, 2023: Please call Michele @ 845-469-7000, Ext. 332.
- b. Summer Camp 6/26-7/31/2023, outdoors only. Text 845-325-7227 or email mdeshler@townofchester.org.
- c. Fireworks are scheduled for 7/8/2023 with a rain date of 7/9/2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Flynn: We're going to have two clean up's this year; one in the Spring and one in the Fall. We will make that permanent from now on. The first date is May 13, 2023, from 9am-12pm and lunch will be provided. The two rain dates are May 20th and May 21st. I went to the Town Board, and they said that they would help. Next, I'll go to Walden Engine Hose. I was going to contact Blaise Gomez to see if she would do an article on the highway. I did speak to Linda and asked her for four dumpsters this year instead of three, just so we have them. I think we're in good shape this year. We have long claw grabbers this year. Anybody over six foot three, you don't have to worry about bending over. I do not have the dates for the Fall clean up as of now. I must work with the Chester Academy, but I will have that by next week. During the Town Clean up, I'm going to let everybody know when the next clean-up will be and of course I will come back to get the Village Board's permission. I was thinking of going to some of the municipal businesses in corporate park and see if they could ask some of their employees for an employee day's work as a community day. I don't know if that's possible but I'm sure they will let us know.

A motion to have a clean up day on May 13, 2023, from 9am-12pm with a rain date for May 20, 2023, and/or May 21, 2023, was made by Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee Alan Battiato.

23-4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT REGARDING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM COUNTY GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS the County of Orange is the recipient of grant funds from the New York State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program ("Grant Program") and desires to enter an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Chester, which will provide for installation of certain computer equipment and support for responding to terrorism events; and

WHEREAS the Village Board of the Village of Chester desires to into said Intermunicipal Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CHESTER, as follows:

Section 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Mayor to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement in a final form approved by Village Counsel with the County of Orange for the Village to receive said computer equipment.

Section 3. The Village Mayor, and any Village official, employee or consultant as directed by the Village Mayor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly

Seconded By: Trustee, Anthony Laspina

On a vote 5 to 0 the resolution was adopted

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution 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 Christopher Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Reilly	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Alan Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Brian Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony LaSpina	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

**23-5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTERMUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE ON BEHALF OF THE STOP-DWI
TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the County of Orange ("County"), by and through its Department of Emergency Services, administers the County's Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated ("STOP DWI") in accordance with New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this program is to coordinate and fund the County's town, city, and village efforts to reduce alcohol-related traffic injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the County has made such funds available to the Village of Chester and the Village Board desires to enter an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County for the purposes of ensuring the utilization of such funds to facilitate safe and sober roadways within Village limits.

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 Board hereby authorizes the mayor to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement in the final form approved by Village legal counsel.

Section 3. The mayor, and any officer, employee, or consultant, as directed by the mayor is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Introduced By: Trustee, Alan Battiato

Seconded By: Trustee, Brian J. Boone

On a vote 5 to 0 the resolution was adopted

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution 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 Christopher Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A Reilly	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Alan Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Brian Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony Laspina	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

**23-6 RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023-2024
VILLAGE BUDGET**

WHEREAS a tentative budget for the Village has been prepared for the 2023-2024 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NYS Village Law § 5-508, 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 7:00PM on April 10, 2023, at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 45 Main Street, Chester, New York on the proposed Village Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

And be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk/Treasurer give due notice of this public hearing in accordance with the Village Code and the Laws of the State of New York and that such notice state the compensation to be paid to each member of the Board of Trustees and state that a copy of the tentative budget shall available at the office of the Village Clerk where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

Introduced By: Trustee, Anthony Laspina

Seconded By: Trustee, Alan Battiato

On a vote 5 to 0 the resolution was adopted

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution 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 Christopher Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A Reilly	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Alan Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Brian Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony Laspina	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

23-7 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE WAIVER OF THIRTY DAY PERIOD FOR ON-PREMISES BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR 8 GREYCOURT AVENUE

WHEREAS the Meadow Blues Coffee, LLC (“Bar/Tavern”) has submitted its application for on premises liquor license at property located at 8 Greycourt Avenue, Village of Chester, New York (“Premises”)

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2023, the Bar/Tavern presented to the Village its required 30-day notice to file said license with the New York State Liquor Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Village has no objections to said application or issuance of license and desires to waive the 30—day period.

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

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby authorizes the mayor to execute a letter waiving the thirty-day review period.

Section 3. The mayor, and any officer, employee or consultant as directed by the mayor is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly

Seconded By: Trustee, Anthony Laspina

On a vote 5 to 0 the resolution was adopted

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution 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 Christopher Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A Reilly	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Alan Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Brian Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony Laspina	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

**23-8 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE WAIVER OF THIRTY DAY PERIOD FOR ON-
PREMISES BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR 67 BROOKSIDE AVENUE**

WHEREAS the Three Brothers of Chester, Inc. D/B/A The New Chester Diner has submitted its application for on premises liquor license at property located at 67 Brookside Avenue, Village of Chester, New York (“Premises”)

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2023, the (“Restaurant”) presented to the Village its required 30-day notice to file said license with the New York State Liquor Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Village has no objections to said application or issuance of license and desires to waive the thirty-day period.

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

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby authorizes the mayor to execute a letter waiving the thirty-day review period.

Section 3. The mayor, and any officer, employee or consultant as directed by the mayor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Introduced By: Trustee, Alan Battiato

Seconded By: Trustee, Anthony Laspina

On a vote 5 to 0 the resolution was adopted

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution 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 Christopher Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A Reilly	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Alan Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Brian Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony Laspina	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

**23-9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
AGREEMENT WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
REGARDING GML REFERRALS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Chester, New York (“Village”) and the Orange County Department of Planning (“Department of Planning”) desire to enter into an Agreement to reduce the number of applications to be referred for certain planning and zoning actions to the Orange County Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS the attached Agreement reflects the terms and conditions between the Village and the Department of Planning for the period commencing February 7, 2023, through December 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Agreement between the parties shall be extended automatically for successive years thereafter, up to a total of five (5) years, unless terminated by the parties in writing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Village Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with the Orange County Department of Planning substantially in the form annexed hereto as approved by the Village Board and Village legal counsel.

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

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Introduced By: Trustee, Anthony Laspina

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly

On a vote 5 to 0 the resolution was adopted

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

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Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A Reilly	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Alan Battiato	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Brian Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony Laspina	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A. Reilly asked if the planning board and zoning board received the information?

Vincent Rappa responded that he did receive the email and it doesn't seem like anything had changed. Typically, everything gets sent to Orange County Planning.

David Stevenson, chair of the zoning board stated "We have some reservations about it only because there have been times where the county had made a determination that actually slated for example, our Comprehensive Plan. With the Sobo and Sobo attorney, we were under the impression that we would have a sign that looked nicer in our historic village. The county came back saying this is not in compliance with your historic aims, as outlined in your new Comprehensive Plan. The reason they were able to do that is because Alan Sorenson was involved in our Comprehensive Plan. So, he had intimate knowledge of that. He told us, you should really think about this, and we were able to lean into that to have Sobo do the sign that they had. Otherwise, it was going to be a large neon lit box. I personally like having the county's eyes on it, because it's an intermunicipal thing. They know what's going on in other municipalities and they could possibly see trends that we don't see. So, if you're telling me I spoke to our attorney, and he agreed with me that that another set of eyes on it would be good. But if Mr. Nugent says that we still retain the right to send whatever we want there, then I'm okay with that. I don't think they listed several things there that they would like to not see."

Village Attorney, Brian Nugent stated "The Village Board can send this back and say we're signing, this is our copy for the Village Board, but you should speak directly to planning and zoning and then get their view. We don't need to speak for those boards, nor should we. That's why I don't think they should have put all three signatures or three different boards on one agreement because even though typically the mayor signs contracts, this isn't monetary so they could say yes, we're in agreement, or we're not. I'm fine just saying this is for the Village Board

and the planning and zoning could be dealt with directly with county planning, however it is that they want to proceed.”

Village code Enforcement Officer John Orr stated but they can’t sign an agreement to that.

Village Attorney, Brian Nugent stated “Well, I think they could sign this because they're just consenting to this process. You can't sign anything that would bind the village, but all that you're binding is that board and there's no monetary compensation. There's nothing really to enforce here. One's not going to be suing the other. We just agree not to send you something. My suggestion would be to let each board deal with the county planning. You might even amend the agreement and say, well, we'd like to send these items. Maybe this would just apply to whether you as the Village Board send something over for a referral.”

Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly stated, “If that's what we decide, then the mayor should sign on the Village Boards behalf and send a letter back to them.”

Village Attorney, Brian Nugent stated Yes, we should send a cover letter just saying that this is on behalf of the Village Board. If you seek the same agreement from planning or zoning that should be done directly with those boards. This way, you’re not deciding what those boards do, because they are independent when it comes to how they operate. So, they can just sign ‘we consent to this process’.

A motion to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village Board and to notify county planning that they should communicate directly with our planning and ZBA as to how they wish to proceed was made by Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee, Alan Battiato.

CALENDAR:

1. Village Snow Ordinance in effect November 1, 2022, thru April 15, 2023
2. Village Hall will be closed on 3/22/2023 for employee mandatory training and records retention.
3. Village Hall will be closed on 4/7/2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Leslie Smith of 117 Brookside Avenue wanted to thank Village Code Enforcement Officer, John Orr, for speaking to Advanced Auto about removing their sign. It looked very trashy and now it’s gone.

Cliff Patrick of 117 Brookside Avenue stated that the Historic Site has scheduled their annual yard sale for May 20 Instead of June, I've only got a couple fliers here. That's always successful.

Tommy Becker of 163 Lehigh Avenue wanted to thank Gary and the Village Water Department for coming out on March 12, 2023, to get some parts for the Town of Chester Water department to make a repair on a valve. Thank you, when everyone works together, it’s a wonderful thing.

Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly stated "I received a copy of the Moodna Basin minutes, which I appreciate. I think that we should exchange minutes back and forth with the planning board and zoning board. I honestly don't know if they're on the website. If they are. I haven't looked. Are they up there? Sandy?"

Building, Planning and Zoning Board Secretary Sandra VanRiper stated I'll make sure they're up to date but yes, most of them are up there.

Village Code Enforcement Officer John Orr stated they don't usually go up until they're certified or voted on it. Would you like a copy of the planning and zoning board minutes once they're approved? In your mailboxes?

Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly stated that would be easier than me looking on the website.

A motion to continue the Public Hearing on April 10, 2023, at 7pm, was made by Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly, seconded by Trustee, Anthony Laspina.

Rita Flynn of 3 Hudson Street stated "I've been doing this for a long time. I live in a funeral home, and I can't even put lawn furniture out. There's a lot of garbage that blows over from across the street. This has been an ongoing nightmare. I called the Building Inspector since I didn't know who to call. It didn't result in much, but my complaint is this: I've been here for a long time so it used to be the baseball field and Conklin's lumber yard, which was paved. Now, it's a complete nightmare. It's the biggest eyesore. Besides that, they got to work all through COVID. It's the amount of dirt that bothers me. The dirt I saw blowing over onto Kings Highway, you can even see! Dust balls are created when the trucks come in and out of there. It seems like it's a lucrative business. I'm not sure how come they can't have it paved or something to keep down the amount of dirt. It either blows towards the cemetery and over on us. You can look at the bushes that line my neighbor's property. If it's not trapped on some of my property, it's on their bushes, and it's huge pieces of TARP, lots of garbage. It's just been an ongoing thing that just doesn't seem to get addressed. My issue is that years ago, when we planted the trees on the hill, there were very specific guidelines of where we were to plant and how we were to plant but this nightmare just continues. I was at the Town Zoning Meeting, and they had a lawyer saying that they were looking to expand. My house looks terrible in the summer because I drape it all with fabric trying to keep the dust off. It's just an ongoing issue for a long time. And I'm just trying to get some resolutions here."

Mayor Christopher Battiato stated I totally understand. John Orr, weren't you out there about the garbage and all this stuff they had stacked up and piled up all over the place?

Village Code Enforcement Officer said Yes, I'm trying to get someone to work on a few things there. I'll have them make another appointment.

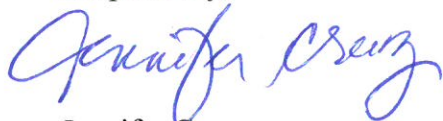
Thomas Becker of 163 Lehigh suggested that littering fines would be an awesome idea.

Cliff Patrick of 117 Brookside Avenue stated "I worked with Pete Graziano a decade or so ago on a similar issue with trash getting out where it didn't belong. We found something in the code

that gave him the authority to act immediately, and it was resolved. I think I've got notes on what part of the code that was I'll try to find it and email it to Clerk/Treasurer Angela O'Neill."

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27PM was made by Trustee Alan Battiato, seconded by Trustee Anthony Laspina. No executive session due to impending Winter Snowstorm.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Cruz", is written over the printed name.

Jennifer Cruz
Deputy Clerk