

**Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held its monthly meeting at the Chester Senior Center 81 Laroe Road, Chester, NY conference room at 7:00 pm, on Monday, June 12, 2023.

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

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

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Christopher Battiato called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. We will revisit the Public Hearing.

A motion to close the Public Hearing on the Proposed Village Zoning Map Changes of 31 parcels open was made by Trustee Brian Boone, seconded by Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A. Reilly. The motion unanimously passed via roll call vote.

The Public Hearing on Chapter 95 water fees updates was opened for the purposes of amending the code related to fees update so that the Village Board may update all fees by resolution. No questions or comments submitted. A motion to close the Public Hearing on Chapter 95 of the Village Code Fees was made by Trustee Alan Battiato, seconded by Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A. Reilly. The motion unanimously passed via roll call vote.

The Public Hearing on the matter of local law regarding vulnerable persons was opened. Village Attorney, Brian Nugent explained this local law would require a permit process. Any individual or organization intending to situate a group of persons in the Village of Chester, they would need to go through a special permit process through a public hearing and any conditions the Village would set. This process is outside the zoning law but rather via a permit process and this could be voted on tonight and there is also a provision in there that if the Village is undergoing a zoning review on the same issues then the Village may suspend the issuance of any permits under the chapter of the local law until the zoning reviews go through the public hearing process similar to a moratorium on the issuance of any permits. Gordon Shehab suggested that if any group was relocating a group of vulnerable persons in the Village, maybe the Village could impose some type of bond to cover the costs to take care of these individuals and that the burden would not be on the Village. Village attorney, Brian Nugent stated this would not be the Village's intent as it would be construed as placing a price of admissions on these groups. There already exists a list of minimum requirements when relocating such a group and a great deal of

effort and investment would already have been made when making the decision to relocate such a group that it is unlikely someone would just walk away and leave these persons. The minimum requirements just to name a few include, removal of garbage, maintenance of the rooms, maintenance inspections, plumbing, heating, exits, egress, clean mattresses, room cleaning, no more than 2 adults, provisions of children, operational doors, private bathrooms, followed NYS Building and Fire Codes. These are some of the requirements they have to demonstrate and then the Village Board could under circumstances place a condition because this would be a permit, the Village Board has the power to impose conditions under which a permit or license would be issued. For example, if there is a group of 140 people being relocated, then the Village may want to impose bond requirements in the event those responsible for these folks walk away, but if it is a group of a dozen people probably demanding a bond would not be realistic. It is best to leave that issue to a public hearing permit issuance process. Furthermore, to be clear, there will not be any issuance of any permits even if this law is adopted because of what is going on with the zoning, it will be put in place as a law but immediately be suspended until the zoning matters are resolved.

Patty Salerno questioned who would be issuing these permits. John Orr replied there would be an application process, which would be a village board application, that would require a public hearing and once all is satisfied, a license would be issued.

Gordon Shehab stated that currently the Village has no protection. A group may be left here in the Village and be gone. The purpose of this local law is to address the process. John Orr stated that this would also help address the matter of hotel/motel definitions in the code. The mayor stated that the idea is to protect the current residents of the Village and any incoming group deemed vulnerable to protect the community. (Recording approximately 6 minutes inaudible).

A motion to close the Public Hearing on the matter of vulnerable persons was made by Trustee Brian Boone, seconded by Deputy Mayor Elizabeth A. Reilly. The motion unanimously passed via roll call vote.

Regular meeting opened at 7:19PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023, meeting.

A motion to accept the approval of the monthly meeting minutes for May 8, 2023, was made by Trustee Brian J. Boone, seconded by Trustee Alan Battiato. The motion unanimously passed.

Police Report read by Chief, Timothy McGuire:

1. Personnel:

- Received a letter of resignation from Officer Amanda Hulse. The letter is attached to this report. Officer Amanda Hulse will be going to the City of Port Jervis Police Department. Her resignation was effective June 11, 2023.

2. Citizen Issues:

- Nothing to report.

3. Public Safety Issues:

- Officers have been out enforcing the NYS Vehicle and traffic laws, 412 tickets were issued for the month. 2, 209 tickets have been issued year to date.

4. Facilities:

- Nothing to report.

5. Equipment:

- Nothing to report.

6. Vehicles:

- Nothing to report.

7. Other:

- Speed sign was deployed from 06/01/23 through 06/12/23 in the area of 63 Main St in response to a citizen complaint. 12, 831 vehicles were counted. 10,870 (84.72%) were compliant with the 25-mph speed limit, 1,942 (15.13%) were low risk (0-+5mph over) and 19 (0.14%) were medium risk (+5-+10 over 25 mph. There were no vehicles recorded higher than medium risk.

8. Department Activity:

Call Type	<u>May</u>	<u>2023</u>		
Calls for Service	209	1036		
Criminal Cases	48	223		
Arrests	28	144		
Traffic Accidents	10	57		

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

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

CASH BALANCES ENDING MAY 31, 2023:

<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) 2,869,920.85	--	--	5,816.51
Checking (Orange Bank & Trust) 217,773.61	180,799.82	355,780.70	12.45
Savings (Orange Bank & Trust) 2,479,260.68	--	--	3,296.76
Savings (NY CLASS) 516,908.05	--	--	2,123.30
<u>Water Fund</u>			
Checking (Orange Bank & Trust) 447,874.77	206,764.45	137,520.35	21.96
<u>Sewer Fund</u>			
Checking (Orange Bank & Trust) 157,247.44	160,000	92,618.83	3.67
<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>			
H01: Water (Sterling Natl Bank) 84,163.66	--	--	166.24
H02: General (Orange Bank & Trust) 361,936.63	--	17,412.87	16.79
H03: Sewer (Orange Bank & Trust) 271,577.62	--	160,000	--

<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	\$	\$ 84,854.11	\$ 510.00

Water Fund	\$	178.91	14.19
Sewer Fund	\$	100.97	2.46
Capital Projects	\$	1,336.61	N/A

Treasurer’s Discussion:

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES: Attached.

2023-2024 TAX/SEWER COLLECTION: Collection of Village Property Taxes and Sewer are underway. Village Property Tax Bill is due by 6/30/2023. Sewer Installment #1 is due by 6/30/2023.

A motion to accept Clerk/Treasurer’s report as read by Clerk/Treasurer Angela O’Neill was made by Trustee Brian J. Boone, seconded by Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly. The motion unanimously passed.

Building Department report read by John Orr as follows:

Steris – Nucifora Blvd.

- 1– Site work continues.

92 Main Street

- 1- Pending ZBA.

12 Greycourt Ave Chester Ag

- 1- Project progressing.

9 Railroad Avenue

- 1- Repairs and renovations underway.

15 Sanford Avenue

- 1- Work is progressing.

29 Hudson Street

- 1- Work is progressing.

78 Brookside Avenue

- 1- Issued permit for the expansion of Tractor Supply into the old bowling alley.

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- 1- Issued permit for the renovation of Dunkin Donuts.

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, Alan Battiato, seconded by Trustee, Brian Boone. The motion unanimously passed.

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

We spent some time preparing for Memorial Day weekend and the 5K Race. (Blacktopping, mowing, picking up garbage and sweeping)

We have completed our 1st round of roadside mowing, weed whacking and picking up garbage throughout the village. (Including the industrial park)

The flags and banners were put up on the telephone poles on Main Street.

Most of our time has been working on the concession stand and leveling off all around the parking lot.

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

A motion to accept the Street Superintendent's report was made by Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly and seconded by Trustee, Brian Boone. The motion was unanimously passed.

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) Flushing of all watermains was completed. Roughly 30 miles of main.
- 8) We had issues with skid A not working. It too 6 plus hours to troubleshoot and repair the filter.
- 9) TD Bank's 4" fire line broke near the footing. We worked with the contractor to fix it. We also replaced the curb box on the domestic water line.
- 10) We worked with Formula Plumbing to change the meters in the Key Bank/Repro Med

building. The owner also installed the backflow prevention on both lines.

- 11) 67 High Street repaired the hole in copper service line near coupling. The leak appeared to be caused by stray current electrolysis. I advised the homeowner to remove electric ground and install additional grounding rods by a licensed electrician.
- 12) Suburban Propane had TAM Enterprises replace black plastic service line with copper from the building to the curb stop.
- 13) We rebuilt a broke fire hydrant at the intersection of Greycourt, Sanford and Lehigh.
- 14) We worked with Green Excavating to tie in a 1 ½” service line to the new building at 12 Greycourt for the wash house.
- 15) We changed the PTO Clutch on the John Deere and performed a service on it.
- 16) We worked with the plumber on the meter set for the new concession stand and installed a backflow device.
- 17) Walton lake is 4 inches below pin level which is very low for this time of year.

A motion to accept the Water Commissioner’s report was made by Trustee Brian J. Boone, seconded by Trustee Alan Battiato. The motion unanimously passed.

PARK & RECREATION REPORT:

- a. None submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

22-19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH TEXTMYGOV

WHEREAS the Village Board of the Village of Chester (“Village Board”) wishes to enter an agreement (“Agreement”) with TextMyGov for communication services for the Village; and

WHEREAS the agreement with TextMyGov has been presented to the Village Board; and

WHEREAS the Village Board desires to authorize the mayor to execute the agreement with TextMyGov.

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 mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement with TextMyGov in the form presented to the Village Board.

Section 3. The mayor or any other officer, employee or consultant 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:

	<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 J. Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony LaSpina	[]	[]	[]	[X]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

23-20 RESOLUTION TO RENEW 3-YR AGREEMENT W ORANGE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

A RESOLUTION TO RENEW, RENEW and AMEND, and/or EXECUTE A NEW 3-YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE VILLAGE OF CHESTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024, 2025, AND 2026 (AND SUCCESSIVE THREE-YEAR QUALIFICATION PERIODS), PURSUANT TO TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, THE CRANSTON GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED, AND SUBTITLE B OF TITLE IV OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1987, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Act of 1974, as amended, and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended to make grants

to states and other units of general local government to help finance Community Development and Affordable Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 99-h of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York grants to any municipal corporation the power, either individually or jointly with one or more other municipal corporations, to apply for, accept, and expend funds made available through the State, pursuant to the provision of any Federal law which is not inconsistent with the statutes or condition of this State, in order to administer, conduct or participate with the Federal Government in programs relating to the general welfare of the inhabitants of such municipal corporation; and;

WHEREAS several municipalities have requested participation and the County of Orange had determined that it is desirable and in the public interest that it make application for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds as an Urban County; and

WHEREAS participation by the County of Orange as an Urban County in the Community Development, HOME, and ESG Programs requires that municipalities and the County of Orange cooperate to undertake or assist in undertaking essential community housing and development activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS the Village of Chester agrees to participate in eligible activities to be conducted under the Orange County Urban County Entitlement Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Christopher Battiato is authorized to renew, and amend, and/or execute a Cooperation Agreement and send notice of this election to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at the New York Field Office; and

WHEREAS the aforesaid activities are in the best interest of the **Municipality**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Municipality that the Mayor is authorized to renew, renew and amend, and/or execute the Urban County CDBG Cooperation Agreement with the County of Orange to participate in the Orange County Urban County Entitlement Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended for the program years commencing Federal Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 and 2026 (and successive three-year qualification periods); and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment, as provided by law.

Introduced By: Trustee, Alan Battiato

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call 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 J. Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony LaSpina	[]	[]	[]	[X]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

23-21 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2023 (TEMPORARY RESIDENCY OF VULNERABLE PERSONS)

WHEREAS the Village Board in carrying out its responsibilities to regulate the public health, safety, and welfare of persons in the Village of Chester enacts legislation; and

WHEREAS the Village Board desires to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all persons in the Village of Chester, including residents of vulnerable persons who may be placed temporarily for residency purposes at a location in the Village of Chester; and

WHEREAS the Village Board desires to enact a licensing program to carry out its intent.

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 adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2023 (Temporary Residency of Vulnerable Persons) as Chapter 89A of the Village Code.
- Section 3. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law into the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law book of the Village of Chester, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law by filing the Local Law in the Office of the New York Secretary of State.
- Section 4. The mayor and any officer, employee or consultant as directed by the mayor is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.
- Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment, as provided by law.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly
Seconded By: Trustee, Alan Battiato

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call 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 J. Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony LaSpina	[]	[]	[]	[X]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

23-22 RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENCY FOR VULNERABLE PERSONS

WHEREAS, the Village of Chester has adopted a local law concerning licensing of temporary residency for vulnerable people as Chapter 89A of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS Section 89A-10 authorizes the suspension of issuance of temporary residency for vulnerable persons in the event the Village Board has introduced proposed zoning amendments that would regulate or otherwise effect temporary residency of persons in structures within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has now introduced proposed amendments to the Village Zoning Code that regulates or otherwise effects temporary residency of persons in structures within the Village; and

WHEREAS the Village Board desires to suspend the issuance of temporary residency licenses for vulnerable persons until such time that such proposed zoning amendments are adopted by the Village Board or at such time that the Village Board declines to adopt such zoning amendments.

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 suspends the issuance of temporary residency licenses for vulnerable persons pursuant to Section 89A-10 of the Village Code.
- Section 3. The Village Clerk and Building Inspector are directed not to accept any applications for temporary residency of vulnerable persons until further notice.
- Section 4. The mayor and any officer, employee or consultant as directed by the Mayor is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution, including execution of the Agreement.
- Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective contemporaneously with the effective date of Local Law No. 1 of 2023 enacted Chapter 89A of the Village Code.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment, as provided by law.

Introduced By: Trustee, Brian Boone
 Seconded By: Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call 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 J. Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony LaSpina	[]	[]	[]	[X]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

**23-23 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023
 A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 47 (FEES) OF THE VILLAGE CODE**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Chester, New York (“Village Board”) from time to time reviews its laws, rules, and regulations to be certain the same are consistent with all current lawful practices as well as best practices to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Village residents; and

WHEREAS the Village Board desires to adopt a Local Law to Amend Chapter 47 (Fees) of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS such introductory Local Law was introduced before the Village Board on June 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly published and posted, a Public Hearing was held on said Local Law on June 12, 2023, wherein public discussion was heard concerning the merits of said Local Law and after hearing from all those present wishing to speak and acknowledging that no written comments had been received, the Village Board declared the public hearing closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board as follows:

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

Section 2. The Village Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 2 entitled, “LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023 TO AMEND CHAPTER 47 (FEES) OF THE VILLAGE CODE as attached hereto as Schedule “A.”

Section 3. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law into the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law book of the Village of Chester, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law by filing the Local Law in the Office of the Secretary of State in the State of New York.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment, as provided by law.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly

Seconded By: Trustee, Alan Battiato

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call 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 J. Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony LaSpina	[]	[]	[]	[X]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

23-24 RESOLUTION TO LOCAL LAW ENTITLED “MULTIPLE PARCELS ZONING AMENDMENTS”

WHEREAS the Village of Chester (“Village”) is responsible for the enactment of zoning codes in the Village pursuant to the Village’s Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS the Village Board previously adopted Comprehensive Plan in 2022 for the Village of Chester; and

WHEREAS such Comprehensive Plan included the recommendation for the rezoning of various M-2 parcels along NYS Route 17M to the B-2 Zoning District; and

WHEREAS the Village Board desires to enact such recommendations and consider existing uses along the corridor.

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 adopts the Local Law entitled “Multiple Parcels Zoning Amendments” of the Village of Chester.

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

Section 4. The Village Clerk or other persons as designated by the mayor is authorized to file the amended Village Zoning Map in the County Clerk’s office and with any other agency or entity as determined necessary.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Introduced By: Trustee, Alan Battiato

Seconded By: Trustee, Brian Boone

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call 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 J. Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony LaSpina	[]	[]	[]	[X]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

23-25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF WATER AGREEMENT

WHEREAS Juan M. Baez (“Owner”) is the owner of certain real property situated in the Town of Chester, County of Orange, State of New York, located at 3563 Route 94, Chester, N.Y. 10918 and designated on the Town of Chester Tax Map as Section 1, Block 1, Lot 3.100 (the "Premises"); and

WHEREAS the Owner has requested that the Village of Chester (“Village”) supply water to the Premises located outside the Village limits; and

WHEREAS the Village desires to enter into a Water Agreement substantially in the form presented to the Village Board.

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 the Water Agreement with Juan M. Baez in the form presented to the Village Board in a 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 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, Alan Battiato

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call 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 J. Boone	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Anthony LaSpina	[]	[]	[]	[X]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

CALENDAR:

Nothing reported.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly stated she attended a watershed protection meeting with water commissioner, Gary Green Jr. earlier today. There are various grant opportunities available for the purposes of watershed protection. Unfortunately, the deadline is July 28th, 2023. Perhaps the Village can apply next year as it offers funding for land acquisition related to water source protection with a low local match and an advanced payment option. Water commissioner, Gary Green stated DEC is putting out a grant. Gary will share the slide show. The grant allows for land acquisition or development of buffer zones or easements to protect the water source around Walton Lake. There were two seminars today. The second was on updating mapping. There may be a possibility of applying for the grant next year with a deadline of Spring 2024. Gary Green stated the Village can also work with Orange County Land Trust, an organization that helps in the process of securing the grant and identify stakeholders (community members and board members) who would form a group that would complete grant docs, disseminate information, attend workshops, etc. Gary Green stated he would meet with Orange County Water Authority to seek additional help/information as far as moving forward with grant.

Deputy Mayor, Elizabeth A. Reilly stated she has a list of where stop signs are needed in the Village. She will type up a list of locations to be distributed the rest of the board so that they may be considered.

Patty Salerno of 11 Hambletonian questioned if there is anything going on with Nexan's Property as she continues to see cars heading up there. Building Inspector, John Orr replied that the property is being marketed and a couple of proposals have been presented to the planning

board. An application has been submitted to the planning board to split the building into 3 separate uses. As of now there is no end user in sight. They are having a difficult time marketing to one end user only because of the size of the building. Patty Salerno asked what it does to the zoning. John Orr replied to the zoning would remain the same, M2 and the uses would have to fit into that. Initial proposals to the planning board were not favored. Patty Salerno stated that as a neighbor of the property she is opposed to the traffic warehouse would generate. Planning Board Secretary stated documents and information related to the project may be found on the Village's website or can be requested from her office, project is under the name 25 Oakland, but they are not expected to be on the planning board agenda any time soon. Patty Salerno questioned if the building has been completely cleaned out, John Orr replied not yet.

Patty Salerno asked if Tractor Supply's other side will be a warehouse. John Orr replied to the current space of Tractor Supply is where their warehouse will be called their "open warehouse". They are doing away with their fenced in areas, which will become parking. There will be a greenhouse, garden center on the left side. The store itself will be where the bowling alley area used to be. This store is one of their best stores for feed in NYS. This will probably be their largest store. They may not begin construction until Dunkin Donuts is done.

Patty Salerno stated that she heard the firehouse is the only one doing the cooking for the summer concert series that begin tomorrow. Trustee Alan Battiato stated that is not true, and anyone that is local and willing to sell foods/beverages would be considered. Food Trucks will continue to serve, such as Christopher's Bistro and the BBQ Truck. Trustee, Brian Boone stated that the intent is to keep it local, but there are challenges since local eateries do not own a grill.

Patty Salerno stated she is being questioned about bringing smaller acts ½ hour before the main act during the summer concert series, like High School kids or solo performances to promote music and the arts in the Village. Trustee, Alan Battiato replied that such an act performed this past Sunday. Trustee, Brian Boone stated the performances would have to take place off stage and with the performers' own equipment as it is challenging as there is a lot to take care of to prepare for the 7PM performance. It was recommended that if such an act is interested, they should contact Trustee, Brian Boone.

A motion to close the meeting was introduced by Trustee, Alan Battiato and seconded by Trustee, Brian Boone.

Respectfully,
Angela O'Neill

Clerk/Treasurer