

**Village of Chester
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 12, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly business meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, April 12, 2010. Members present: Mayor Philip Valastro, Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia, Trustee John Collins, Trustees John J. Reilly, III and Trustee Carole Duffy. Also present: Village Attorney Ian Schlanger, Treasurer Cathy Richards, Chief Peter Graziano, Water Commissioner Thomas Becker and Code Enforcement Officer John Orr. Highway Superintendent J. Thomas Bell was absent. In audience Town of Chester Supervisor Stephen Neuhaus, Gordon Shehab, Nikki Mayer and Howard Spears.

Mayor Valastro opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIT OF BILLS: Mayor Valastro noted audit of monthly bills for approval was complete.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept a Village monthly business minutes of March 8, 2010 was made by Trustee John J. Collins, second by Trustee John J. Reilly III. Motion unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Cathy Richards read report as follows:

CASH BALANCES ENDING MARCH 31, 2010

<u>Fund/Bank Account</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>(Disbursements)</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>General Fund</u>				
Key Checking	468,353.53	(344,505.86)	11.17	272,604.07
Key Savings MM	--	(210,000.00)	193.57	2,458,920.38
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Provident Checking	20,562.19	(41,378.01)	85.80	241,444.38
Provident Capital MM	--	(100,000.00)	49.65	93,844.20
Provident Capital Checking	100,000.00	(59,051.01)	15.24	93,860.34
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Key Checking	62,846.19	--	13.60	198,564.60
Provident Checking	--	--	4.80	27,869.38
<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>				
Key MM Savings	--	--	30.85	181,605.18
<u>Unemployment Reserve Fund</u>				
Key MM Savings	--	--	8.52	47,140.22

Cumulative Fiscal Year Interest Earned by Fund 6/1 – 3/31/2010

General Fund	10,774.67
Water Fund	3,942.48
Sewer Fund	538.69
General Fund Interest Comparison	
	<u>3/31/2009</u> <u>3/31/2008</u>
	36,704.10 73,921.71

BUDGET

- **2009-2010 Budget:** Attached for your review please find expense and revenue control reports for YTD 6/1/09 through current. As we approach the close of the fiscal year, a detailed revision of final budget line item transfers will be presented for your approval if required at the May business meeting.
- **2010-2011 Tentative Budget:** The 2010-2011 Tentative Budget has been filed with the Village Clerk. The proposed General Fund tentative budget represents the following:
 - Estimated expenditures are projected at \$4,653,054 – a \$482,432 or 11.57% increase over 2009-2010.
 - Estimated revenues are projected at \$1,110,420 – a \$30,570 or 2.83% increase over 2009-2010.
 - Based on projected fund balance and final village taxable assessments, the tentative tax levy is \$3,242,634 which equals a tax rate of \$13.47 per thousand – a 12.25% increase over 2009-2010.

A motion to accept the Treasures report was made by Trustee John J. Collins, second by Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

4. BUILDING REPORT: Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Orr was present and read his report as follows:

Current projects that were inspected during the last month:

Lowe's

- 1- "No Truck Parking" signs will be installed in the near future.
- 2- Screen fence will be installed above the current fence facing Hom Street.
- 3- New shields will be installed over the lights in the garden center to shield the light over Hom Street.

Nexans

- 1- No Change from last month.

Palumbo 2 School Street

- 1- Work is starting again the garage.

Flynn 8 Kerner Dr

- 1- General site work continues.

DePaulis

- 1- Operation halted for winter.

Chester Meat Market

- 1- Certificate of Occupancy Issued. Store no reopened.

Sutherland

- 1- Issued Demolition permit for 8 School St.

C&S

- 1- Issued Building Permit for the Truckers Lounge in the Village
- 2- Footings, foundation and Slab have been completed.
- 3- Issued Permit for the 8ft tall fence which the Zoning Board has granted a variance for.

Essence Nails

- 1- Issued Building permit for the renovation of storefront in the Chester Shopping Plaza for a new Nail Salon.

Request permission to attend, along with Planning & Zoning Board members, the 2010 Planning & Land Use course presented by the Orange County Planning Federation. The courses will be given in Goshen on Tuesday evenings for 5 weeks.

Request permission to attend the monthly Tri-County NYSBOC seminar and meeting each month. These events are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the tri-county area.

5. POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Peter Graziano was present and read his report as follows:

1. Department Items:

- Manpower: No issue
- Vehicles: No issue

2. Citizen Issues:

- Received a thank you letter from Mr. Fleetness of The Castle for support during a teen dance recently held there.

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3. **Public Safety Issues:**

- Traffic Details: Continuing.
- Demonstration C&S: 0630, members of the Teamsters were picketing at C&S Wholesale on Leone Ln. Numerous vehicles were parking on the roadway and in the Iron Mountain parking lot. All were asked to move. Walkers initially were allowing trucks through the driveway then began to restrict movement to the facility. Patrols opened the driveway. Leaders were advised on permitted conduct after some minor confrontations with Patrols. C&S Management agreed to negotiate at approximately 0900am and all persons/vehicles cleared the area. No injuries reported.
- V/Code §71 Peddling & Solicitation: Discussion on revisions, address issues relative to mobile food carts, frozen desert trucks, other mobile vendors, time of day, etc.

4. **Facilities:**

- No issues.

5. **Equipment:**

- No issues.

6. **Department Activity:**

YTD

Blotters = 849

Cases = 200

Arrest = 091

Accidents = 040

7. **HIGHWAY REPORT:** Highway Superintendent J. Thomas Bell was not present, no report submitted.

Mayor Valastro mentioned that the village of Florida offered the village highway the use of there chipper to clear the branches that came down in village due to the major storm. The Mayor also mentioned that the village highway is discussing and trying to come up with a plan to maintain the brush.

8. **WATER REPORT:** Water Commissioner Thomas Becker was present and read his report as follows:

- 1- Daily Well # 12 and Filtration plant routine.
- 2- Weekly testing of bacteria samples taken at filtration plant, Quarterly samples of iron & magement. From well # 12, THM's and HAA5's from the distribution system were taken to the lab.
- 3- At the filtration plant:
 - 1= Today ECM Electrical was at the plant to install water tight connections on the main control panel, Shorten wiring going to the floats, replace anchor bolts on the generator and install a vent & exhaust fan in the chemical room.
 - 2= Cappola was also at the plant to reinstall stair treads that were at different heights and replace a broken curb box.

4- I would like the board to authorize a computer system change at the filtration plant that will allow chlorine scale reading to be automatically being entered into our monthly reports.

5- I have been working to have our 2009 DWQ Report finalized to be sent out with our water billing.

6- Gary did maintenance on our lawn mower.

7- Weekly mowing at water facilities started last week.

8- Broken meters have been repaired or replaced.

9- A new water service and meters were installed at 34 Meadow Ave.

Water Commissioner Tom Becker asked the Mayor and Village Board for permission to upgrade the computer program for the water filtration plant. The cost to the upgrade is \$955.00.

A motion to authorize Water Commissioner Tom Becker to upgrade the computer program for the water filtration plant was made by Trustee John J. Reilly III, second by Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia. Motion unanimously passed.

9. **PARK & RECREATION:** No report submitted.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Town of Chester against the Orange County Industrial Development Agency IDA – Supervisor Stephen Neuhaus discussed the IDA and explained the affect it will have on the surrounding municipalities and school district. Supervisor Neuhaus stated that the Chester School District has agreed to join the lawsuit, which will be filed in Orange County state Supreme Court. The suit will contend that the IDA had no reason to offer C&S the super-enhanced PILOT, which added an extra five years to the period of property-tax breaks. He said the IDA had indicated it would offer a 10-year tax break, not a 15-year super-enhanced PILOT. The town, village the town stands to lose \$270,000 in the extra five years given to C&S, the village \$30,000, and the school district \$1.1 million. After a lengthy discussion the Mayor and the village board agreed that the Village of Chester will join the suit with the Town of Chester.

Matthew Dudgeon Walk - The Matthew Dudgeon Walk/7k Run scheduled for Saturday May 8, 2010 will take place at the Heritage Trail in Chester. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. and Race begins at 8:30 a.m. A motion to accept the Matthew Dudgeon Walk/7k Run pending insurance was made by Trustee John J. Collins, second by Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

Resolution Changing Time of all future Village Board Meetings:

WHEREAS, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, unless otherwise from time to time changed, are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Village Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined, for the benefit of the public and to conclude business in a reasonable and timely fashion, that it should hold all future meetings at an earlier time,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that all future regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Village Hall; 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 John J. Reilly III

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

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

Resolution Establishing a Special Board Meeting to Adopt the Village Budget:

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., the Village is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposed Village Budget for the 2010/2011 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Board of Trustees must hold a meeting to adopt the Village Budget for the 2010/2011 fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, New York will hold a special Meeting to adopt the 2010/2011 Village Budget on April 26, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall give due notice of this resolution in accordance with the Village Code and the Laws of the State of New York.

Introduced By: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

Seconded By: Trustee John J. Collins

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

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Resolution Authorizing the Village of Chester to Join suit with the Town of Chester against the Orange County Industrial Development Agency:

RESOLVED, that the Village of Chester authorizes the commencement of litigation against the Orange County Industrial Development Agency for the purpose of nullifying their resolution of approval dated December 21, 2009 in connection with a PILOT deviation for the project known as C&S Wholesale Grocers a/ka/ C&S Grocers (and for such other and further relief as Counsel shall request); and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is conditioned upon the use of Counsel to be supplied by the Town of Chester at no cost to the Village of Chester.

Introduced By: Trustee John J. Reilly III

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Philip Roggia

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

11. CALENDAR:

- Records Retention day – May 21, 2010 – Village office will be closed.
- Kiwanis 5k walk/run – May 29, 2010
- Memorial Day – May 31, 2010 – Village office will be closed

12. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the regular business was made by Trustee Mayor John J. Collins, second by Trustee Carole Duffy. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Rivera
Village Clerk