

**Village of Chester
Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept 8, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester met in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, Sept. 8, 2008. Members present: Mayor Philip Valastro, Deputy Mayor John Deshler, Trustees Jack Collins, Eugene Collins, and John Reilly. Also present Village Attorneys Harold Pressburg, Water Commissioner Thomas Becker, Code Enforcement Officer John Orr and Village Treasurer Cathy Richards. In the audience Sid Ketchum, Danny Gorman, Leslie Hyatt, Sandy Clever, Howard Spears, Gordon Shehab and Nikki Mayer Cliff Robinson, Bob Newman and Jim Wicks. Police Chief Graziano and High superintendent Tom Bell were not present

Mayor Valastro opened the meeting at 7:40 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Valastro noted that the monthly auditing of monthly bills has been completed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the Aug 11, 2008 meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Deshler and second by Trustee Jack Collins. Motion unanimously passed.

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

VILLAGE OF CHESTER CASH BALANCES ENDING AUG 31, 2008

<u>Fund/Bank Account</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>(Payouts)</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>General Fund</u>				
Key Checking	167,475.12	(676,341.20)	357.59	59,429.27
Key Savings MM	388,265.99	--	5,511.31	3,676,311.93
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Provident Checking	51,947.05	(107,607.01)	35.97	67,284.40
Provident Capital MM	--	--	802.41	727,626.15
Provident Capital Checking	--	--	--	18,876.88
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Key Checking	10,422.51	(413,180.29)	126.33	118,420.78
Provident Checking	--	--	5.98	27,763.54

Cumulative Total Interest Earned by Fund June 1, 2008 - August 31, 2008:

General Fund:	13,804.69
Water Fund:	2,355.48
Sewer Fund:	904.09

REAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

2008-2009 Tax Warrant

Real Property Taxes	2,846,793.52	
Relevied Prior Year Sewer	<u>109,765.36</u>	
Total Warrant 2008-2009	2,956,558.88	
Collected through 8/31/08	2,760,505.13	
Unpaid as of 8/31/08 remaining		196,053.75
July & August interest/Penalties Collected		3,700.75

The Village mailed out notices on 9/2/2008 to all property owners for which taxes remain unpaid as of 8/31/2008. Per Real Property Tax Law § 987, it states ... "On or about 31 days following the expiration of the period during which taxes may be paid without interest/penalty, but no later than 85 days after such expiration, the collecting officer must mail a notice to each owner of real property upon which taxes remain unpaid."

The Village will continue to collect real property taxes through October 31, 2008.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Deputy Mayor Deshler and second by Trustee Jack Collins. Motion unanimously passed.

BUILDING REPORT: Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Orr presented his report as follows:

Current projects that were inspected during the last month:

1. **Lowe's:**
 - General site work continues
 - November opening planned.
2. **Provident Bank**
 - Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued.
 - Working through some minor issues to finalize project.
3. **Fentazi 21 Elm Street**
 - Work continues
4. **49-51 Main Street**
 - Work continues on the interior renovation.
5. **Orange County Trust**
 - Site work continues

Building Inspector made mention of the property behind McDonalds with regards to dividing the property.

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

1. Department Items

Manpower: Introduction of 3 new part-time Officers who are filling existing open positions. Officers Jason Andino, Julian Dwornik and Luis Caquais.

Vehicles: 315 recently had a transmission replacement, awaiting report from Jasper Transmissions as to the cause of the failure.

2. Citizen Issues:

- Received a letter from Mr. Matthew DeRosa commending Officer Jackler for his performance at an "out of control" neighbor dispute in Whispering Hills 7 August 2008.

3. Public Safety Issues

- Traffic Details: Continuing
- Request to Village Board consider eliminating parking on Carpenter Rd from Academy Av to SR 17M (right side).

I would also request that the Board consider lowering the speed limit to 25 miles per hour. PD is getting complaints that roadway is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass in opposite directions due to the limited sight distance of the curve in the area of Butler Terr. Traffic has increased due to drivers using Carpenter Rd. as short cut due to the length of times the traffic lights takes to cycle and control approx. 11 lanes of traffic at the SR 17M/Academy/Summerville Way intersection.

Mayor Valastro stated that the Introduction of a Local Law regarding eliminating parking on Carpenter Rd. from Academy Av to SR 17M (right side) will take place on October 6th Village Board Meeting and then pass resolution in November's Village Board meeting.

4. Facilities

- The replacement of the carpet in the Police Station has been completed.

5. Equipment

In-car computers that were obtained by a 100% state grant have been installed and we will begin software installation and department training on the use.

6. Department Activity

- a. Blotters = 2112
- b. Cases = 552
- c. Arrests = 307
- d. Accidents = 91

HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent J. Thomas Bell was not present Mayor Valastro read report as follows:

This past month we measured out and repainted our parking spaces in the downtown section due to the slurry sealing. No parking, police parking, and no parking by fire hydrants were also painted. The municipal lot off Center and Howland also had the parking spaces repainted.

The center lines, stop lines, arrows, fire hydrant lines were painted in the Whispering Hills development.

Blacktopping various spots on Oakland, Maple, Kerner, and the municipal lot behind Village Hall has also been done.

Weekly mowing has continued also we have started our last round of roadside mowing for the season.

Sweeping is continuing on a weekly basis. New tie rod ends were installed on the sweeper truck and an electric short in the cab was also fixed.

WATER REPORT: Water Commissioner Thomas Becker was present and read as follows:

1- Daily Filtration Plant and Well #12 Routine.

2- Mark Edsall has informed me that we have been granted a verbal approval on our filtration plant upgrade from the Health Dept.

3- Lawns at all water facilities have been mowed each week.

4- The water main on old N.Y. RT 17M is almost completed.

5- A One foot riser was installed on a fire hydrant on Leona Ln.

6- At the new Lowe's the pressure test has passed, chlorination has been done on the loop around the building and the line down to West St. The second Round of bacteria samples were taken to the Lab today.

7 – TOC and Alkalinity samples have been taken to the Lab.

8- Over the past weekend power outages at the filtration plant caused multiple problems with equipment.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT: Deputy Mayor John Deshler was present and read his report. Report not submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF
 PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 of 2008
 MORATORIUM ON
 CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION
 OF OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING FURNACES
 AND CLASSIFICATION UNDER SEQRA

Introduced by: Deputy Mayor John Deshler

Seconded by: Trustee Jack Collins

Date of Adoption: September 8, 2008

WHEREAS on this 11th day of August, 2008, a proposed local law was introduced, proposed Local Law #1 of 2008 Moratorium on the Construction/Installation of Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces; and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held and closed on September 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the above referenced local law is classified as an "action" under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder ("SERQA").

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby determines that the Proposed Action is a "Type II" Action under SEQRA, specifically 6 NYCRR 617.5 (30), AND therefore no further review under SEQRA is required; and be it further RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby adopts proposed Local Law #1 of 2008, entitled Moratorium on the Construction/Installation of Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces, which upon adoption, becomes Local Law No. 1 of 2008; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the same.

On a vote of 4 to 1 the resolution was adopted.

Leslie Hyatt High School Principal at Chester Academy came before the Board requesting permission for the first Home Coming Parade. Village Board granted permission pending all the particulars of the parade be submitted to the Police Department and an application to Village Clerk. Parade will take place on September 27th.

A motion to allow Home Coming Parade and to waive 30 day submittal of application was made by Deputy Mayor John Deshler and second by Trustee John Reilly III.

Danny Gorman owner of Clayton Delaney's located on Main Street in Chester came before the Board requesting permission to have a pig roast in October. Village Board granted permission pending all particulars of the pig roast be submitted to the Police Department and an application to the Village Clerk. Pig roast will take place on Saturday October 4th between 2p.m. and 7p.m.

A motion to allow Clayton Delaney's to a have Pig Roast was made by Deputy Mayor John Deshler and second by Trustee John Reilly III.

Sid Ketchum came before the Board to discuss his interest in purchasing Village property located on RT17M/Brookside Ave. Village Board requested that Mr. Ketchum get a survey and a resolution will be reserved for November s meeting.

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2008
REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
FOR COLD WAR VETERANSIntroduced by: Deputy Mayor John DeshlerSeconded by: Trustee Jack CollinsDate of Adoption: September 8, 2008

WHEREAS on this 8th day of September, 2008, a proposed local law was introduced, proposed Local Law #2 of 2008 Real Property Tax Exemption For Cold War Veterans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board will hold a Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M., on the 6th day of October, 2008, at the Village Hall, on the proposed Local Law entitled: Proposed Local Law #2 of 2008 Real Property Tax Exemption For Cold War Veterans; 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.

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

Mayor Valastro stated that as of November 1st applications will be available at the Town of Chester in the office of Andrea Nilon, Town and Village Assessor. The resolution will be accepted at the October 6th Village Board meeting.

Mayor Valastro made mention of the ZBA & Planning Board Fees need to be revised and further discussion will take place in Oct 6th Village Board meeting.

Mayor Valastro also informed the public of events that are taking place in the community:

The first annual Bowl O-thon fund raiser in Orange County will be taking place on Sat October 18th at the Chester Bowling Lanes in the Shoprite Mall. Another event taking place will be the 911 Memorial Ceremony on September 11th at Community Park.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Deputy Mayor John Deshler and second by Trustee John Collins.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Rivera
Village Clerk

Pages 298-302 have been voided