

**VILLAGE OF CHESTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester met in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, January 14, 2008. Members present: Mayor Valastro; Deputy Mayor John Deshler, Trustees Jack Collins, Eugene Collins, and John Reilly III. Also present: Henry Christensen – Village Attorney, Police Chief Peter Graziano, Thomas Becker - Water Commissioner, J. Thomas Bell – Highway Superintendent, John Orr - Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Cathy Richards – Treasurer was not in attendance.

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

Mayor Valastro noted that the bills had been audited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mayor Valastro asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Deputy Mayor Deshler, and seconded by Trustee John Reilly III. Motion unanimously passed.

**CLERK APPOINTMENT** - Mayor Valastro asked for a motion to appoint Rebecca Rivera as Village Clerk for the balance of the term. A motion to accept the appointment was made by Trustee Jack Collins, and seconded by Trustee John Reilly III. Motion unanimously passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Cathy Richards was not in attendance. Mayor Valastro read her report as follows:

<u>Bank Statement</u>	<u>Balance as of 12/31/07</u>	<u>Interest Earned December 07</u>
Key General Fund Checking	186,827.98	93.82
Key General Fund Savings MM	2,079,959.33	8,143.97
Key Sewer Fund	80,560.43	55.72
Provident Sewer Fund	27,716.35	5.59
Provident Water Fund	121,150.60	55.15

Interest earned in Village of Chester Key Bank GF Savings Money Market Account 6/1/07 - 12/31/07:

June	1,681.66
July	8,036.18
August	11,842.09
September	10,693.85
October	10,042.82
November	9,307.97
December	<u>8,143.97</u>
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>59,748.54</b>

**WRIGHT RISK MANAGEMENT** – Loren Pratt of Compensation Alliance was present and gave an in depth presentation on the new Workers' Compensation insurance group plan for the Village of Chester. John Vero, of Vero Insurance Agency stated that after reviewing the quotes received by Compensation Alliance, Perma, and the State Insurance Fund (Triad), his recommendation was Compensation Alliance.

**RESOLUTION** – Mayor Valastro read the Workers' Compensation Resolution as follows:

RESOLVED that, effective January 21, 2008, the Village of Chester shall discontinue its participation in Orange County's Worker's Compensation self-insurance group and elects to participate in the New York State Municipal Worker's Compensation Alliance, administered by Wright Risk Management Company, Inc., and it is further

RESOLVED that Wright Risk Management Company, Inc. shall be engaged to assume administration of existing claims against the Village.

Mayor Valastro asked for a motion to accept the Resolution. A motion to accept was made by Trustee Jack Collins, and seconded by Trustee Gene Collins. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote as follows:

Deputy Mayor John Deshler	Yes
Trustee John Collins	Yes
Trustee Gene Collins	Yes
Trustee John Reilly, III	Yes

**RESOLUTION FOR REFUND OF DUPLICATE PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS** – Mayor Valastro read the Resolution as follows:

RESOLVED that the Treasurer is directed to return duplicate tax payments to the taxpayers:

Jose Rivera  
Re: 2521 Whispering Hills Drive  
SIBIL: 124-1-1.-515  
Refund amount: \$878.56

Andrew Milasko  
Re: 1917 Whispering Hills Drive  
SIBIL: 123-1-1.-45  
Refund amount: \$682.04

Mayor Valastro asked for a motion to accept the Resolution. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor John Deshler, and second by Trustee John Reilly III. Motion unanimously passed.

**KIWANIS** - E. J. Szulwach was present to discuss the Kiwanis 5K Run and ask permission for the event to take place. The Board granted the Kiwanis Club permission to hold a 5K Run on May 24, 2008 noting that the route will be the same as in the past and that insurance will be in place. Mr. Szulwach requests police and fire coverage for that date. Deputy Mayor John Deshler asked if there would be vendors for the day or a combination of activities. Mr. Szulwach stated that nothing is planned at the present.

Mayor Valastro asked for a motion to accept permission of the Kiwanis 5K Run. A motion was made by Trustee Gene Collins, and seconded by Deputy Mayor John Deshler. Motion unanimously passed.

**BUILDING REPORT** – Building Inspector John Orr was not in attendance. Mayor Valastro read his report as follows:

The Castle:

1- Project almost complete

Lowe's:

1- Site work continues.

Key Bank

1- Interior continues.

Provident Bank

1- Site work has continues.

Iron Mountain

1- Work continues.

Quickway Plaza Hotel

1-Work almost complete on retaining walls.

49-51 Main Street

1- Building permit has been issued for renovation of the entire building.  
2- Work has started.

I have started to fill out the state report of building activity, which required to be filled out once per year. This report must be submitted by February 1<sup>st</sup> for the activity logged during the previous year. At next months meeting I will give an overview of this report and all the activity of the building department for year.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Graziano was present and gave the following report:

1. Departmental:

- a. Manpower: We have 1 candidate who is taking a pre-employment psychological test this week; this is the last part of the background process. We have also canvassed the remaining candidates on the current Civil Service list.
- b. Vehicles: None
- c. Traffic Details:  
Continuing

2. Citizen Issues:

On 8 Jan 08 Chief Graziano was invited and participated as a panel member to educate parents/students on the problems of Teen Drinking at the Chester Academy. Also on the panel were Judge Klein, ADAC, SRO Jan Oppman, T/Chester PD, Judge Haslip and Judge Ranni

3. Public Safety Issues:

None

4. Facilities:

Members of the Village Water Department replaced the water heater tank in the Police garage that had failed

5. Equipment:

Discussion as to whether the Village Board wishes to purchase hand-held metal detectors for the court as recommended by the NYS Office of Court administration.

6. department Activity:

Chief Graziano mentioned State Bid on metal Detectors for the Village Court. Mayor asked for a motion. Trustee Jack Collins motioned and second by Deputy Mayor John Deshler.

**HIGHWAY REPORT** - Highway Superintendent was not in attendance due to snow removal. No report was submitted for this meeting.

**WATER REPORT** - Water Commissioner Thomas Becker was present and gave the following report:

1. Daily filtration plant and well #12 routine.
2. Old gas heaters were removed at the Filtration plant.
3. After the snow storms in December we cleaned all water facilities and fire Hydrants.
4. I met with John Szarowski from MH&E to review comment from the Orange County Health Department & the NYSDOH for our filtration plant upgrades. I have put together the information needed for some of the comments, Bob Cundle from Pall Membrane filter is working on comments directed at them and John is working on the engineering question.
5. Our Quarterly testing of THM's, HAA-5's, iron & manganese were taken to the lab along with our monthly TOC & Alkalinity testing.
6. Quarterly meter have been read.
7. Then Manganese levels at Walton Lake Have Dropped allowing us to begin taking water from the lake again. We had to flush the water main from the lake into the village before turning the lake on.
8. We handed out the unpaid water bill notices on 1-8-08
9. Gary replaced the hot water heater at the police department garage.
10. We replaced a water service line that was leaking at #5 Elm Street.
11. Inspection of water Main installation at the new Bank

**RESOLUTION TO COLLATERAL SOURCE BILL** – Mayor Valastro read the Resolution as follows:


RESOLVED that the Village of Chester supports the efforts to obtain the enactment of the Collateral Source Bill (S.4164/ A.2989) now under consideration in the New York State Legislature, which would have the effect of eliminating double recoveries for personal injury claims by municipal employees; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to communicate the Village's position to the appropriate legislators and the Counsel to Governor Eliot Spitzer Collateral source bill.

Mayor Valastro asked for a motion to accept the Resolution. A motion was made by Trustee Jack Collins, and seconded by Deputy Mayor John Deshler. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Valastro asked for a motion to adjourn and go into executive session. A motion was made by Trustee Gene Collins, and seconded by Deputy Mayor John Deshler. Motion unanimously passed and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Rivera  
Village Clerk