

**Village of Chester
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 11, 2009**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester held their monthly business meeting in the Village Hall meeting room on Monday, May 11, 2009. Members present: Mayor Philip Valastro, Deputy Mayor John Collins, Trustees John Deshler, Eugene Collins and John Reilly, III. Also present: Village Attorney Henry Christensen, Police Chief Peter Graziano, Water Commissioner Thomas Becker, Village Treasurer / Deputy Clerk Cathy Richards and Code Enforcement Officer John Orr, Zoning Board Chairman, Highway Superintendent J. Thomas Bell was absent. In the audience: Daniel Gorman, Gordon Shehab, and Susan Cleaver of the Chronicle.

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept Public Hearings, Reorganization and Village monthly business minutes of the April 1, 2009 and April 6, 2009 meeting was made by Mayor Valastro and, second by Trustee Deshler.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Cathy Richards was present and read her report as follows:

CASH BALANCES ENDING April 30, 2009

<u>Fund/Bank Account</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>(Disbursements)</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>General Fund</u>				
Key Checking	356,911.91	(406,986.94)	38.85	58,338.06
Key Savings MM	--	(175,000.00)	1,289.53	2,032,390.47
<u>Water Fund</u>				
Provident Checking	31,749.24	(26,672.46)	86.27	218,340.09
Provident Capital MM	--	--	273.68	731,701.35
Provident Capital Checking	--	--	6.66	6,423.52
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Key Checking	62,087.80	(72.00)	99.07	321,357.58
Provident Checking	--	--	5.80	27,810.04

Cumulative Fiscal Year 08-09 Total Interest Earned by Fund June 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009:

General Fund:	38,036.48
Water Fund:	7,040.35
Sewer Fund:	1,756.76

2008-2009 Tentative Budget: For your approval, attached please find a list of year-end appropriation transfers for General Fund, Water Fund and Interfund transfers. In addition, a budget control report printout from June 1, 2008 through May 8, 2008 is attached. Due to the budget freeze put into effect in January the projected surplus from unspent General Fund budget appropriations will be utilized in funding the 2009 – 2010 adopted budget.

REFUNDS: A resolution is presented for refund of (2) real property tax and (2) sewer rent payments. The refunds are a result of payments received in excess of the actual amount due. Vouchers for each refund have been prepared for Board approval.

A motion to accept the Treasure's report was made by Trustee John Deshler, second by Trustee John J. Reilly III.

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- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued.

49-51 Main Street

- 1- Work continues on the interior renovation.

Orange County Trust

- 1- Site work continues.
- 2- Certificate of Occupancy issued.

Nexans

- 1-General site work continues.

Zangrillo 4 Nicotra Lane

- 1-No work has started.

Atkin 4 Howland Ave

- 1-Foundation work complete
- 2-Framing work has started.

Palumbo 2 School Street

- 1-Issued buildings permit for garage

Buttegieg 26 High Street

- 1-Renovation of 3 Family house under way.

Green Meadows Apartments

- 1-Issued building permit for addition and renovation per approved site plan.
- 2-General site work has started.

Flynn 8 Kenner Dr.

- 1-Issued Building permit for addition
- 2-Work has started on foundation.

Trustee John J. Deshler asked Code Enforcement John Orr if Nexans sound test meet his approval. Code Enforcement John Orr stated that Nexans sound test met his approval and gave a brief description of the sound test to board members. Code Enforcement also made mention that he has notice that some lawns in the village need to be maintain and he will be addressing this issue.

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

1. Department Items:

- Manpower: None
- Vehicles: None

2. Citizen Issues:

- None

3. Public Safety Issues:

- Traffic Details: Continuing.

4. Facilities:

- None

5. Equipment:

- None

6. Department Activity:

YTD 2009:

Blotters = 1033
 Cases = 259
 Arrests = 116
 Accidents = 042

6. HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent J. Thomas Bell was not present. Mayor Valastro reported that the Village Highway Cleaning Streets and add that village residence can take their brush and branches in the dumpster located at community park but must contact the village highway department to unlock dumpster. The dumpster is maintained locked because of illegal dumping.

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

- 1- Daily Filtration plant and well #12
- 2- 2-Weekly mowing at all water facilities are being done.
- 3-Meter reading has been completed and May billing has gone out.
- 4-Gary and Joe have been replacing broken meters.
- 5-Our Drinking Water Quality Report for 2008 was sent out with the water billing and was hand delivered to locations that don't receive direct billing.
- 6-Monthly TOC and Alkalinity samples were taken to the Lab.
- 7-Water Main flushing was done on 5/4/2009.I
- 8-At 157 Grey Court Road the water Agreement was signed but the water has not been turned on because all condition in the agreement has not been completed.

8. PARK & RECREATION: Trustee John J. Deshler was present and read his report as follows:

- **SUMMER REC PROGRAM** – As of this date 471 children have been signed up for the six week program. There is a waiting list of 40 at this time. This is a 14% increase over last year.
- **BROADVIEW PROPERTY** – The property will be mowed 2 times this summer in order to keep the grass low in preparation for some fall programs.
- **CHESTER COMMONS PARK** – The trees at the entrance to the park have been cut to make way for the new Bathroom/concession Stand Building. A selected drawing of the desired building has been sent to the Town Engineer for correct drawings and blue prints. Construction is expected to start as soon as footings and water and sewer lines have been installed.
- **HALLOWEEN PARADE** – The Commission is looking into several options for the parade and will report back at the next meeting.
- **GOOSEPOND MOUNTAIN** - Hikes on Goosepond Mountain will start the end of June. Consult the Town website for dates and time or contact Park & Rec at the Town Hall.
- **MOVIE IN THE PARK** – The dates of July 24th and August 7th have been selected for the annual movie in the park to be held at Chester Commons Park. Madagascar 2 will be shown on July 24th and Journey to the center of the earth on August 7th. These are open to the public free of charge. Just bring a chair or blanket.

The resignation of Member Paul Quirk was accepted with regret.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- **MOUNTCO** – Joel Monty, Rick Golden and John Matteo of Mountco were present and gave a brief presentation in regards to the new project taking place in the Town of Chester, Camp La Guardia Project.
- **U.S.Census** – Mayor Valastro made mention to the public that Census will be in working in the Village of Chester with GPS tracking devices. If anyone has any concerns or questions regarding the individuals performing this survey they can contact the Village of Chester Clerks Office.
- **5K KIWANIS WALK/RUN** – Mayor Valastro mentioned that Mr. E. J. Szulwach is the person to contact regarding the 5K Walk/Run. It will take place on May 23, 2009 by the Railroad Station begin at 8:30 a.m.
- **Mary Altobelli** – Gave a brief statement regarding activity taken place on Garden Street which is causing her distress.

10. ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the regular business meeting and move into Executive Session for personnel reasons was made by Deputy Mayor John Collins, seconded by Trustee John Deshler. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Rivera
Village Clerk