

**VILLAGE OF CHESTER  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES  
October 1, 2007**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester met in the Village Hall meeting room on October 1, 2007.

Members present: Mayor Philip Valastro, Trustees: Eugene Collins, John Collins, John Deshler and John Reilly, III.

Also present: John Orr-Building Inspector, Thomas Becker-Water Superintendent, Peter Graziano-Police Chief, Cathy Richards-Treasurer. Also present was Henry Christensen-Village Attorney.

Mayor Valastro opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., with a pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor noted that the Board has completed the audit of bills.

**MINUTES** –The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2007 Village Board Meeting. Trustee John Collins made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2007 meeting, motion seconded by Trustee Deshler, all in favor, motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – In the absence of the Treasurer, Mayor Valastro read the following report:

**Cash Management**

<b>Bank Statement</b>	<b>Ending Balance as of 9/28/07</b>
Key General Fund Checking	206,940.97
Key General Fund Savings	2,579,813.39
Key Sewer Fund	233,697.97
Provident Sewer Fund	27,693.45

As of this report, September 2007 Bank statements are not yet available and at this time, I do not have a report of interest earned for the month of September. However, current bank balances are obtainable via Key Bank's online Key Total Treasury Internet service, we recently implemented. The Village can now utilize this Internet service to monitor various Key Bank account transactions and balances. Through a secure log in procedure, this service permits immediate access to process fund transfers between accounts and stop payments. This allows the ability for funds to remain in the interest bearing money market savings longer and is instantly transferred to the checking account for payroll and accounts payable.

**Estimate of Property Tax Collection  
June 1 through September 28, 2007**

2007-2008 Tax Warrant	2,939,656.36
Total Taxes Deposited as of 9/28/07	2,669,703.05
Estimate balance of unpaid property taxes as of 9/28/07	269,953.31

This is an estimate of property taxes collected to date. Taxes will continue to be collected up through October 31, 2007. A list of unpaid property taxes will be generated from our collections module and forwarded to the County for relevy.

Trustee Reilly, III made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Trustee John Collins. All in favor, motion passed.

**FEMA-FLOOD PLAIN DEFINITION** – Henry Christensen gave an explanation of the new FEMA definition. This is a condition for Flood Insurance to be available to property owners in the affected areas. This new definition states that, Local Laws and Ordinances defining flood hazard areas be brought into new national standards. Some of the existing definitions have been changed. Atty. Christensen stated the Village Board needs to schedule a Public Hearing and adopt these changes as a Local Law.

The Village Board scheduled the Public Hearing for the FEMA Local Law for the November 5, 2007 meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**CLAUDETTE CONTORINO** – was present with regard to problems at Contorino Way. She has several concerns regarding her property at Contorino Way. The complaints she is referencing need to be addressed to the Village Planning Board, as Mario Contorino, the owner of the property Ms. Contorino is complaining about, will be submitting an application to the Village Planning Board.

**RECLASSIFICATION OF JOB TITLES** – The following job titles are a correction to those changed at the September 10, 2007 meeting:

Patricia Deshler: Changed from: Village Clerk/Treasurer to Village Clerk  
Cathy Richards Changed from: Treasurer/Tax Collector to Treasurer

All present had no objection, the above job title changes approved.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT** – John Orr, Building Inspector was present and gave the following report:

The Castle: Project almost complete.

I met with the Village Engineer at the site to review last issues.

Lowe's: Demolition is now complete.

Review process on submitted building plans has been completed.

Building Permit has been issued, now awaiting bond to be satisfied.

Astras; 7 Moffatt Lane – Addition is now complete.

Key Bank: Received building plans for renovation of existing bldg.

Provident Bank: Received building plans for review.

Sent letter to builder asking Provident Bank consider installing a fire sprinkler system in the building.

Iron Mountain: Received plans for improvement of the fire suppression system for review.

Fentazi; 21 Elm Street – Issued Building Permit for a second floor addition.

Becker: 8 Sanford Ave. – Addition is still progressing.

Numerous Certificates of Occupancy/Compliance issued on minor projects

Numerous Building Permits were issued during the month for decks, sheds, pools and fences.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Graziano was present and gave the following report: Chief Graziano noted that late fees on the parking tickets needed to be changed From \$10.00 to \$20.00. Trustee John Collins made a motion to increase the late fees on the parking tickets from \$10.00 to \$20.00, motion seconded by Trustee Deshler. All in favor, motion passed.

**1- Department Items:**

a. Vehicles – None.

b- Traffic Details: Continuing.

**2- Citizen Issues:**

Received a letter from Hopelin Murray of Briarwood, N.Y. commending the “professionalism, dedication, and compassion” of Officers Hagberg and Robinson when they were called to the residence of her mother who has passed away August 20, 2007 here in the Village. The Officers helped make the necessary phone calls and arrangements on behalf of the family.

**3- Public Safety Issues:**

At the request of the Village Board the late fees on Parking Tickets has been increased.

**4- Facilities:**

The Police Department would like to thank the Village Water Commissioner, Thomas Becker and the Water Department personnel for taking the time to paint the Police garage.

**5- Equipment:**

None.

**6- Department Activity:**

a. Blotters	2228
b. Cases	475
c. Arrests	219
d. Accidents	093

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-** In the absence of J. Thomas Bell, Highway Superintendent, Mayor Valastro gave the following report:

Slurry- seal has been completed in Whispering Hills.

The sidewalk on Academy Avenue should be completed within the next few days.

A reminder that the Village residents should rake the leaves to the curb, so that the leaf vac can pick them up.

Branches need to be tied in bundles, bags need to be paper, not plastic.

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

Tom Becker explained the proposed easement for the Meadow Hill Senior Citizen Complex. There is an existing 4” line that runs from Meadow Ave. up to Route 94. The developers would run a new line replacing the 4” line and create a new easement on this property. This proposed section of water main will be encompassed in a 20 foot water main easement.

The Mayor asked for approval for him to sign this easement. Trustee John Collins moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the easement agreement for the Meadow Hill Senior project. Trustee Gene Collins seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**MOOCZ PROPERTY:** Mrs. Moocz owner of property along Route 17M was present, to request Village water to this property. The Moocz's have granted an Easement to the Village for the new water line to go through this property. In exchange they are requesting an approval from the Village Board for Village water, to this property. Tom Becker has made a list of requirements that he would like to be written into the agreement for Village water to the Moocz property.

Attorney Henry Christensen stated that we need to declare this as a Type 2 act under SEQR, as this is connecting a property, which is already in the Village water service area.

Trustee Deshler made a Resolution that the Village Board declare this action as a Type 2, Negative Declaration. This Resolution seconded by Trustee Reilly, III. All agreed, motion passed.

Trustee Deshler made a motion that the Village Board grant permission to the Moocz property on Route 17M, to tap into the Village Water System, as proposed by the Water Commissioner, at the standard Out of Corporation fees. Motion seconded by Trustee Reilly, III. All agreed, motion passed.

Thomas Becker, Water Commissioner continued with his report:

- 1- Daily Filtration plant and well #12 Routine.
- 2- At the Water Dept. garage, we finished the siding on the ends of the building. most of the painting is completed. A rear door has been replaced .
- 3- Shingles were delivered, to replace the roof.
- 4- Weekly mowing has been done at all water facilities.
- 5- At the Police Dept. garage, we pressure washed the exterior on the building and applied two coats of paint.
- 6- On Kerner Drive, we replaced two ¾" water service lines one of them has been leaking for about one month, but water never surfaced. The road was sinking, which led us to the water leak.
- 7- We have started reading water meters throughout the Village for the November billings.

Tom Becker said that at Walton Lake, we have reached 14" down, when we reach 15" down, he would ask for a Voluntary Conservation Restriction.

Tom has seen increased boat traffic on Walton Lake this past year. Tom spoke to Leslie Wenger, the owner of the property across the street from the Filter Plant. Mr. Wenger would have no objection to the Village fencing this portion of his property, which the boaters are using as access to Walton Lake. He is requiring that we install a gate, so that he has access to the Lake. Tom got a quote for \$2000.00 for a rail fence. (about 140 ft) Tom will check with the Town of Monroe to see if he would need a Building Permit to install the fence. He will get another fence quote.

Mr. Becker will take the money for the fence out of the Building maintenance budget.

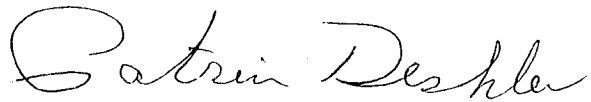
Trustee Deshler made a motion to declare the erection of the fence on the Leslie Wenger property at Walton Lake as a Type 2, Negative Declaration. Motion seconded by Trustee Reilly, III. All agreed, motion passed.

Trustee Deshler made a motion to authorize, the Water Superintendent to erect a fence on the Leslie Wenger property on Walton Lake and the funds to be withdrawn from the Building account for the Water Dept. Trustee John Collins seconded the motion. All agreed, motion passed.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION:** Trustee John Collins asked if the garbage collection has a stated time they can pick-up residential garbage. The Board thought the earliest is 6 a.m. Mayor Valastro to call the Town Clerk to check the Contract that is in effect with the garbage haulers.

Nothing further to discuss, Trustee John Collins made a motion to close the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Reilly, III. All agreed meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Deshler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Patricia Deshler  
Village Clerk