

VILLAGE OF CHESTER

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

December 10, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester met in the Village Hall meeting room on December 10, 2007.

Members present: Mayor 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 and John T. Bell-Highway Superintendent. Also, present was Henry Christensen-Village Attorney.

Prior to the opening of the meeting Mayor Valastro presented a bouquet to Patricia Deshler, the Village Clerk who is retiring from the Village after 22 1/2 years.

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

MINUTES – The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2007 Village Board Meeting. Trustee John Deshler made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting. Motion was seconded by Trustee John Collins. All agreed, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

CASH MANAGEMENT

<u>Bank Statement</u>	<u>Balance as of 11/30/07</u>	<u>Interest Earned November 07</u>
Key General Fund Checking	271,812.95	68.85
Key General Fund Savings	2,394,565.55	9,307.97
Key Sewer Fund	52,269.27	35.87
Provident Sewer Fund	27,710.61	6.15
Provident Water Fund	150,031.50	35.23

Recap of interest earned by the Village of Chester from Real Property tax collection:

June	1,681.66
July	8,036.18
August	11,842.09
September	10,693.85
October	10,042.82
November	<u>9,307.97</u>
Total Interest	\$51,604.57

07-08 Fiscal Year

A six-month General Fund expenditure report was provided to the Board of Trustees. Following shortly an expenditure summary of the Water and Sewer Fund will be submitted. In early 2008, revenues will be analyzed and compared with budget projections.

Trustee Deshler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Trustee Reilly, III. All agreed, motion passed.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION RESOLUTION - The Mayor stated that the County of Orange is getting out of the Worker's Comp business. The Village of Chester needs to go out on their own and purchase their own Worker's Comp Insurance. For approximately the last ten years the County of Orange has been administering the self-insured Worker's Comp pool for any municipality in Orange County that wished to participate. We need to find an Insurance company that will take our old claims with them. John Vero, our Insurance agent, is checking with two Insurance companies to get quotes. The big problem is how we are going to deal with the existing claims. If we decided to stay with the County, our premiums could more than double next year. After a discussion, Mayor Valastro read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Chester has, for some years, provided workers' compensation coverage for its employees through a cooperative self-insurance program managed and administered by Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Orange County has expressed its intention to cease offering such program and/or to impose significant increases to the cost to the Village of participating in such program and/or has suggested to the Village that it explore alternative sources of such coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chester needs to provide workers' compensation for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Vero Agency, insurance brokers, are in the process of soliciting quotations for providing the Village of Chester with workers' compensation insurance coverage for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the placement of such coverage may become necessary prior to the next meeting of the Mayor and Trustees,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement to purchase on behalf of the Village of Chester workers' compensation coverage for its employees from such insurer or insurers as shall present the proposal deemed by the Mayor to be the most advantageous to the Village.

Trustee Deshler made a motion to accept the Resolution as read by the Mayor regarding worker's compensation, seconded by Trustee John Collins. All agreed, motion passed.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION – The Mayor wished to acknowledge the four Boy Scouts from Troop – 152 that have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. They are: namely, Eagle Scout Nicholas A. Biblis, Eagle Scout Kevin C. Jones, Eagle Scout David Markiewicz and Eagle Scout Frederick Salamone.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

**VILLAGE OF CHESTER
EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION**

The Village Board
of the Village of Chester
is proud to recognize the outstanding achievements by
residents of the Chester Community, and
acknowledges that the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout
is a special goal to reach which deserves particular recognition.

The Village Board is proud to honor the achievements of
Boy Scout Nicholas A. Biblis, Kevin C. Jones, David Markiewicz
and Frederick Salamone.

who have successfully completed the Eagle Scout
requirements of the Boy Scouts of America, and,
Hudson Valley Council Troop 152.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor
and the Village Board of the Village of Chester
do hereby wish to congratulate these Scouts, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this
Proclamation be inserted in the minutes of the
Village Board meeting on December 10, 2007.

Trustee John Collins made a motion to pass the Eagle Scout Proclamation as read, motion seconded by Trustee Deshler. All agreed, motion passed.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT – John Orr was present and gave this report:

The Castle:

Project almost complete.

Lowe's:

Site work has started.
Footings are being installed this week.

Key Bank:

Work has started on interior.
Working with Planning Board on updated site plan.

Provident Bank:

Site work has started.
Footings and foundation work is on going.

Iron Mountain:

Work continues.

Fentazi – 21 Elm Street:

Issued building permit for a second floor addition.

Quickway Plaza Hotel:

Work almost complete on retaining walls.

49-51 Main Street:

Building Permit has been issued for renovation of the entire building.
Work has started.

Strauss Newspapers:

Work is almost complete on renovation of office building at
20 West Avenue.

Trustee Deshler made a motion to accept the Building Inspector's report, seconded by Trustee Reilly, III. All in favor, motion passed.

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

Department Items:

Manpower:

Part-time Police Officer *Jason Jackler* has been moved to full-time status as of November 16, 2007.

Currently we are reviewing applications for the open full-time position and a part-time position.

Vehicles:

None

Traffic details:

None

Citizen Issues:

None

Public Safety Issues:

None

Facilities:

The Herbert Company representative will meet with me on Dec.11, to discuss the carpet replacement and the best type of flooring for the main area of the Police Dept.

Equipment:

None

Department Activity:

Blotters	2770
Cases	606
Arrests	286
Accidents	117

Trustee Deshler made a motion to accept the Police report, seconded by Trustee John Collins. All in favor, motion passed.

HIGHWAY REPORT – John T. Bell was present and gave the following report:

We completed our leaf collection for the season. This past month we picked up leaves just about everyday.

We prepared our vehicles for the winter season. Plows and sanders were put on the vehicles. Snow blowers were installed on our two tractors and are ready for service.

We have been out on eight occasions due to snow. To date we have used about 125 tons of salt.

We received a money order for \$300.00 for the damage to the 911 Memorial fence. Protection Fence did the work and directed me to donate the money to the Village. I turned the money over to the Village on 11/15/07. I am requesting the Village to send a thank you note to Protection Fence, Attn: Joe & Ella Moocz.

Trustee Deshler made a motion to send a letter to Protection Fence thanking them for their donation to the Village of the fence and donating their time for installing the fence. Motion seconded by Trustee Reilly,III, all agreed, motion passed.

The Mayor received a phone call from Coach USA, asking for an extension of the time they are allowed to park the buses on Chester Boulevard. The Mayor expressed his concerns about the buses parking in front of the fire hydrant, the difficulty the Village is having during snow removal, also, the bus drivers parking in the park & ride lot. There needs to be a discussion with Coach USA, in regard to the additional Village cost for the Highway manpower and vehicle use due to snow removal of the Coach USA area. A suggestion was made that the Mayor and the Highway Superintendent meet with Coach USA, and discuss the possibility of an additional charge. The Highway Dept. will get approximate additional costs to the Village for snow removal of the Coach USA areas.

WATER REPORT – Thomas Becker was present and gave the following report:

Daily filtration plant and Well #12 Routine.

TOC & Alkinity testing has been done for December.

One of our monthly total coliform tests failed in November. Repeat tests taken at the same location and surrounding area showed that the sampling site was bad.

We replaced 260 ft. of 8" water main under Route 17, that broke the night of our last meeting.

One final mowing was done at all water facilities and our mowers were cleaned and put away.

We are working on servicing all of our small equipment.

Hydrant markers have been installed on hydrants close to the road.

We used our air compressor to blow out the sprinkler lines at the ball fields.

Our Filtration Plant is experiencing high manganese levels on the raw water. To avoid dirty water problems, that we experienced in 2004, we have flushed the water main from Walton Lake into the Village, and reduced the amount of water taken from the Lake and are running Well #12 as our primary water source until the manganese levels drop.

Prior to the closing of the meeting the Mayor wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Deshler made a motion to closed the meeting, seconded by Trustee Gene Collins. All agreed, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Deshler
Village Clerk