

***Minutes of the Town of Chesterfield Town Board
Meeting Held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at the Town of
Chesterfield Offices ,1 Vine Street, in Keeseville, County
of Essex, State of New York, Pursuant to Due Notice.***

Supervisor Barber called the Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those Present:

Supervisor	Clayton Barber
Town Clerk	Bruce Bourgeois
Councilman	David Gload
Councilman	Richard Klages
Councilman	Patrick “Bill” Mitchell
Town Attorney	Michael McCormick
Supt. Of Highways	John “Jay Champine

Guests in attendance:

Shelley Davis Ryan Burns

Supervisor Barber opened the meeting with all in attendance wearing appropriate masks. Due to executive orders, the meeting was closed to the public and taped.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Barber and unanimously seconded by Councilmen Gload, Klages and Mitchell it was

#65 Resolved: that Joseph C. “Joe” Steffy, a resident of Port Kent, located in the Town of Chesterfield passed away on May 2,2020; and

Whereas, Joe was a wonderful son, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; and

Whereas, Joe proudly served his country and generously gave of himself to his community; and

Whereas, for many years Joe served the Town of Chesterfield as our Code Enforcement Officer; and

Whereas, Joe always made time for the community with his willingness to help his neighbors whether they were near or far; and

Whereas, Joe had a smile for everyone which went along with his sense of humor; and

Whereas, the residents of the Town of Chesterfield have suffered a great loss with the passing of Joe, and he will be deeply missed; and

Now, Therefore Be It Further Resolved that the Town of Chesterfield Town Board offers their heartfelt condolences to the family of Joseph C. “Joe“ Steffy and this resolution be spread upon the minutes.

Upon a motion by Councilman Klages and seconded by Councilman Gload and unanimously carried it was

#66 Resolved: That the reading of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 7,2020 be dispensed with.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board he had received a sample letter to send to President Trump and our representatives in Washington concerning federal funding for municipalities.

Upon a motion by Councilman Klages and seconded by Councilman Gload and unanimously carried it was

#67 Whereas, the federal government recently enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic in the United States; and

Whereas, Section 601 of the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) provides a \$150 billion fund for states, tribal governments, and units of local government with a population in excess of 500,000 people; and

Whereas, less than one-half of one percent of municipalities in the entire United States meet this population threshold and are thus ineligible to receive direct funding from the federal government; and

Whereas, of the 933 towns in New York, 931 are not eligible for direct federal funding under the CARES Act, including the Town of Chesterfield; and

Whereas, towns provide essential services to the 9 million New Yorkers town residents, including, but not limited to, ambulance, police and fire protection services, building and code enforcement, and highway maintenance, and have continued to do so throughout the ongoing health crisis; and

Whereas, the coronavirus pandemic has created significant financial stress for local governments in New York as an estimated \$2 billion in sales tax revenue has been lost, as well as other sources of revenue such as permit fees, justice court fines, and mortgage recording tax; and

Whereas, the depletion of different revenue sources for local governments, combined with lack of funding, will result in reducing essential services or shifting the cost onto real property taxpayers, many of whom are experiencing their own financial stress;

Now Therefore Be It

Resolved, that the Town of Chesterfield calls upon United States President Donald Trump, Senator Charles Schumer and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, to support federal funding related to the coronavirus pandemic that is directly delivered to all municipalities, regardless of population size.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board that a resolution needs to be passed to move forward on the water project. This involves destruction of wetlands present at Butternut Pond in order to move forward with improvements to the treatment plant under the guidelines set forth by DEC and DOH.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Klages and passed by roll call vote

Councilman Gload Aye

Councilman Klages Aye

Councilman Mitchell Aye

#68 Whereas, the Town of Chesterfield (the Town) has received and placed on file a Notice of Incomplete Application (NIPA) from the Adirondack Park Agency

(APA) dated February 11, 2020 (APA Project No. 2020-0022) relative to the Town of Chesterfield Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (the project), and

Whereas, the NIPA discusses wetland issues involved with the project, and

Whereas, the Town wishes to mitigate previously unauthorized fill of wetlands performed by the Village of Keeseville (now dissolved) in connection with the original construction of the Water Treatment Plant, by reconfiguring lots 5 through 9 of the Chesterfield Commerce Park in such a way to avoid subdividing the newly flagged wetlands in said Park, and

Whereas the Supervisor of the Town of Chesterfield has drafted a letter (attached) requesting the APA to amend the previously issued Permit No. 2002-2 for the Chesterfield Commerce Park Subdivision to allow the reconfiguration of lots 5 through 9 in such a way to avoid subdividing the newly flagged wetlands in said Park, and now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town Board authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the letter to the APA requesting the Amendment of the Chesterfield Commerce Park Subdivision and cause the reconfiguration of lots 5 through 9 to occur.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board that he and Dave Winter met with 2 divers. They would be laying down the rest of the mats and sand bags. The Town may have to purchase more rebar. Work is scheduled to begin on May 25th cleaning the intake. At the end of July or beginning of August, hand harvesting will take place. The Town is still looking into stocking carp. Eric Johanson has offered to donate half the cost of the stocking up to \$10000. The Town would need to install screens to keep the carp from escaping.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by councilman Gload and unanimously carried it was

#69 Resolved to authorize the expenditure up to \$7479 or 120 hours to Invasive Solutions Dive Company LLC for upkeep and maintenance to the water intake of the Town of Chesterfield Water District in Butternut Pond.

Supervisor Barber gave the Board a NYMIR update. David Winter put up the No Trespassing signs at the water plants and pumping stations. The only task from the report left to complete is the installation of fencing around bleachers higher than 30 inches.

Supervisor Barber gave a presentation to the Board on the differences of doing banking with Glens Falls National Bank or TD Bank. It seems beneficial to change

banking institutions. Much discussion ensued with the decision to do further research.

Upon a motion by Councilman Gload and seconded by Councilman Klages and unanimously carried it was

#70 Resolved: That the Supervisor's Financial Report for the Month of April 2020 be accepted. A copy of the financial report can be found on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Klages and unanimously carried it was

#71 Resolved: That all audited bills presented to the Town Board be paid. Bills in the amount of \$7904.76 were audited and paid from the General Fund; claims were numbered from 91 to 107. Bills in the amount of \$5062.16 were audited and paid from the Highway Fund; claims were numbered from 75 to 83. Bills in the amount of \$626.30 were audited and paid from the PKWD Fund; claims were numbered 16 to 19. Bills in the amount of \$123939.32 were audited and paid from the TCWD Fund; claims were numbered from 62 to 78.

Upon a motion by Councilman Gload and seconded by Councilman Mitchell and unanimously carried it was

#72 Resolved: That all letters brought before the Town Board may be filed.

Supervisor Barber offered the courtesy of the floor to Town Attorney McCormick.

Town Attorney McCormick is doing the title search on the Twining and Martin properties. He stated we need to get a value on the water plant for insurance.

Supervisor Barber offered the courtesy of the floor to Ryan Burns. He stated there are two issues; leaking through the screws and condensation. The Town should also look into either replacing or moving heat sources.

Upon a motion by Councilman Gload and seconded by Councilman Mitchell and unanimously carried it was

#73 Resolved: That Ryan Burns continue to draw up plans for the repair of the Highway Department Garage Roof.

Supervisor Barber offered the courtesy of the floor to Highway Superintendent Champine. Supt. Champine stated the broom attachment for sweeping roads is not

the right kind to meet the needs of the Highway Department. The Town has an opportunity to trade in the old attachment.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Gload and unanimously carried it was

#74 Resolved: To authorize Town of Chesterfield Highway Superintendant John “Jay” Champine to obtain quotes on replacing the brush attachment for the roads.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board that he has responded to Nicholas Chamberlain regarding the benches at the Keeseville Veterans Park. There will be three benches, two on the side and one in front of the monument. They will be chained to a concrete slab.

He also stated the Town Court has collected 26 back fines.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Klages and unanimously carried it was

75 Resolved: That with no further business to come before this Town Board meeting, this meeting could be adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Bruce Bourgeois

Town Clerk