

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2018 AT 7:00PM AT THE TOWN OFFICES ON THE CORNER OF CLINTON AND VINE STREETS, IN KEESEVILLE, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE.

SUPERVISOR MORROW CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00PM.

EVERYONE STOOD FOOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

SUPERVISOR: GERALD H. MORROW
TOWN CLERK: LYNN A. JARVIS
COUNCILMAN: RUSSELL L. BLAISE
COUNCILMAN: DAVID P. GLOAD
COUNCILMAN: RICHARD J. KLAGES
COUNCILMAN: CLAYTON J. BARBER
SUPT.OF HWYS. PHILIP W. PRAY
TOWN ATTORNEY: MICHAEL J. McCORMICK

GUESTS PRESENT WERE:

TAMARA MROSE
RON RODGERS
HOLLY HILLYER

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN KLAGES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAISE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#21 RESOLVED: THAT THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2018 BE DISPENSED WITH.

SUPERVISOR MORROW OFFERED THE COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO GUEST.

TAMARA MROSE ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING 2007 OPEN BURNING BAN LAW. SHE REQUESTED THAT THE TOWN BOARD ENFORCE THE 2007 LAW. SHE TOLD THE BOARD THAT HER NEIGHBORS ARE BURNING AND THE AIR IS FULL OF PLASTICS AND DEBRIS WHICH HAS CAUSED HER ASTHMA TO FLARE UP MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR HER TO BREATHE. SHE WILL EMAIL A COPY OF THE LAW SHE IS REFERENCING TO THE SUPERVISOR.

SUPERVISOR MORROW STATED HE WOULD REVIEW THE LAW THAT SHE WAS REFERENCING. NO ONE CAN BURN WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM DEC AND THE PERSON BURNING WOULD NEED A PERMIT. THE COMPLAINER SHOULD NOTIFY DEC OF THE ISSUE AND THEY WILL INVESTIGATE AND ENFORCE THE LAW.

SUPERVISOR MORROW THANKED MS. MROSE FOR ATTENDING MEETING AND VOICING HER CONCERNS. HE WILL DO A PRESS RELEASE REMINDING CITIZENS TO CALL DEC TO OBTAIN BURNING PERMITS.

SUPERVISOR MORROW GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD WATER PROJECT. HE WILL BE MEETING WITH AES ENGINEER ON 2/7 REGARDING PROJECTION OF PLAN. FURTHER DRILLING HAS NOT STARTED, A DISTRIBUTION PERMIT WILL BE NEEDED AND SUPERVISOR WILL GET COST ESTIMATE.

THE YOUTH COMMISSION HAS ASKED THE TOWN TO APPOINT ERIC BUZZELL TO THE KEESVILLE YOUTH COMMISSION AS THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD REPRESENTATIVE. HE IS TO REPLACE DARLENE LAMOUNTAIN WHO SUBMITTED HER LETTER OF RESIGNATION. MR. BUZZELL SUBMITTED A RESUME WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BARBER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KLAGES AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#22 RESOLVED: THAT ERIC BUZZELL BE APPOINTED AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD TO THE KEESVILLE YOUTH COMMISSION.

SUPERVISOR MORROW INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT THE ROAD NAMED ARCADIAN HEIGHTS WAY NEEDS TO BE CHANGED TO ARCADIAN HEIGHTS LANE; THIS CHANGE IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE TOWN IS TAKING OVER THE ROAD. THE ROAD WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE TOWN BY DEED AND TOWN ATTORNEY McCORMICK IS REVIEWING AND WORKING ON THE CHANGE.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN KLAGES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GLOAD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#23 RESOLVED: THAT THE ROAD CURRENTLY KNOWN AS ARCADIAN HEIGHTS WAY WHICH IS BEING TURNED OVER TO THE TOWN WILL BE RENAMED ARCADIAN HEIGHTS LANE.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN KLAGES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAISE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#24 RESOLVED: THAT LYNN JARVIS BE REAPPOINTED AS THE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS AND SHELLEY DAVIS BE REAPPOINTED AS DEPUTY REGISTRAR.

SUPERVISOR MORROW, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE ASSESSOR, ANNOUNCED THAT EVERYONE BE NOTIFIED THAT THEIR EXEMPTIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1, 2018.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BARBER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GLOAD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#25 RESOLVED: THAT THE SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018 BE ACCEPTED. THE FINANCIAL REPORT CAN BE FOUND ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN KLAGES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GLOAD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#26 RESOLVED: THAT ALL BILLS PRESENTED TO THE TOWN BOARD BE PAID. BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,314.98 WERE AUDITED AND PAID FROM THE HIGHWAY FUND; CLAIMS NUMBERED 6 TO 29. BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,797.62 WERE AUDITED AND PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND; CLAIMS WERE NUMBERED FROM 11 TO 37. BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,224.75 WERE AUDITED AND PAID FROM THE PKWD FUND; CLAIMS WERE NUMBERED 10 TO 16. BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,135.33 WERE AUDITED AND PAID FROM THE TCWD FUND; CLAIMS WERE NUMBERED 17 TO 37.

COUNCILMAN GLOAD ASKED IF THE BILL PRESENTED FOR LED BULB CHANGE WAS THE TOWN'S TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY; SUPERVISOR MORROW INFORMED HIM THAT IT WAS.

SUPERVISOR MORROW INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE TAXES ARE COMING IN VERY WELL.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BLAISE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BARBER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#27 RESOLVED: THAT ALL LETTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD BE FILED.

SUPERVISOR MORROW INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT HE WILL BE MEETING WITH ANCA ON FEBRUARY 12, 2018 AT 10:00AM TO DISCUSS CHANGING ALL STREET LIGHTS TO LED.

SUPERVISOR MORROW OFFERED THE COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO THE TOWN BOARD. NO BOARD MEMBERS HAD ANYTHING FURTHER TO OFFER.

SUPERVISOR MORROW OFFERED THE COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO THE SUPT.OF HIGHWAYS.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT HE WOULD BE DOING A STREET LIGHT SURVEY.

SUPT.PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT THE 1999 VEHICLE HAS BEEN RETURNED AND THE WINDOW HAS BEEN REPAIRED.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A DROP SIDE CONTRACTOR BODY TO GO ON THE MILITARY TRUCK; LOW SIDE PROFILE TRUCK. THE COST IS \$13,600.00. THE TRUCK WILL BE USED BY HIGHWAY AS WELL AS WATER DEPARTMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN KLAGES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BARBER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#28 RESOLVED: THAT THE SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS BE APPROVED TO PURCHASE A DROP SIDE CONTRACTOR BODY FOR THE COST OF \$13,600.00 TO GO ON MILITARY TRUCK AND TO BE USED BY HIGHWAY AND WATER DEPARTMENTS.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT HE WOULD LIKE APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A USED 2017 ROTO-SCREEN RECUPERATOR SERIES II MODEL R-454 WITH 200 HOURS ON THE MOTOR. THE COST IS \$72,000 PLUS NECESSARY TRANSPORT FEES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BARBER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GLOAD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#29 RESOLVED: THAT THE SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS BE APPROVED TO PURCHASE A USED 2017 ROTO-SCREEN RECUPERATOR SERIES MODEL II R-454 WITH 200 HOURS

ON THE MOTOR FOR THE COST OF \$72,000.00 AND NECESSARY TRANSPORTAION COSTS.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT HE WILL BE PLACING A "NO PARKING" SIGN AT THE END OF THE AUGAR POND ROAD BECAUSE VEHICLES THAT ARE PARKING THERE ARE EFFECTING THE SNOW PLOW TURN AROUND.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT PARKING ON FRONT AND BEACH STREETS CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM DURING A STORM. HE HAS PLACED LETTERS ON VEHICLE WINDSHIELDS; HOWEVER IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BARBER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GLOAD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#30 RESOLVED: THAT VEHICLES WHICH HAVE RECEIVED A WARNING BUT CONTINUE TO OBSTRUCT PLOWING BY PARKING ON THE STREETS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNERS EXPENSE.

SUPT. PRAY WILL NOTIFY NYSP OF THIS NEW POLICY.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT THE 1995 TRUCK CONTINUES TO HAVE MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. THE INJECTORS AND PUMPS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED; CURRENTLY \$13,000.00 HAS BEEN PAID IN REPAIRS. THE COST FOR FURTHER EVALUATION WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$3,300.00.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD. REPAIR COST WILL BE SHARED WITH THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN KLAGES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GLOAD AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#31 RESOLVED: THAT SUPT PRAY WILL BE APPROVED TO SPEND \$3,300.00 FOR FURTHER EVALUATION OF ISSUES ON THE 1995 TRUCK.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT ADVOCACY DAY IS MARCH 7TH. ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND MUST NOTIFY THE TOWN OFFICE SO THEY CAN GET REGISTERED. IT IS A GOOD TIME TO SHOW APPRECIATION TO THE LEGISLATORS AND TO ADVOCATE FOR ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE TOWN. FURTHER DETAILS ARE TO FOLLOW.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS WOULD LIKE TO PLACE 18,000 FEET OF 48-F FIBERCABLE FROM REMOTE

CLINTONVILLE TO ARIEL MINISTRIES CAMP ALONG TOWN RIGHT- OF- WAY. A HIGHWAY AGREEMENT WILL BE NEEDED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD; TOWN BOARD IS IN AGREEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE BENEFICAL TO THE TOWN.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BARBER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAISE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#32 RESOLVED: THAT SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS PRAY BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A HIGHWAY AGREEMENT ALLOWING FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS TO PLACE 18,000 FEET OF 48-F FIBERCABLE ALONG TOWN RIGHT- OF-WAY FROM REMOTE CLINTONVILLE TO ARIEL MINISTRIES CAMP CONTINGENT UPON REVIEW OF AGREEMENT BY TOWN ATTORNEY McCORMICK.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SURPLUS A BOOM LIFT AND SOME TIRES. THE BOOM LIFT WAS USED BY THE TOWN FOR 3 YEARS.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN BLAISE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BARBER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#33 RESOLVED: THAT SUPT. PRAY IS APPROVED TO SURPLUS A BOOM LIFT AND TIRES.THESE ITEMS WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSPAPER WITH OPENING OF BIDS SCHEDULED AT REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 6, 2018 AT 7:00PM.

SUPT. PRAY INFORMED THE TOWN BOARD THAT HE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS REGARDING THE GRADER. IN OCTOBER 2017 THE ENGINE BLEW UP. HE CONTACTED CATEPILLAR FOR A NEW CRATE ENGINE, NONE AVAILABLE SO THE SENT A LONG BLOCK ENGINE. THE ENGINE WAS PUT IN BY CATEPILLAR IN CLIFTON PARK AND WITHIN 3 HOURS IT WAS NOTED TO BE LEAKING OIL.THE GRADER IS CURRENTLY DISMANTLED IN THE COUNTY DPW SHOP. SUPT. PRAY WOULD LIKE THEM TO TAKE ENTIRE MACHINE (GRADER) TO CLIFTON PARK AND MAKE APPROPRIATE REPAIRS SO IT FUNCTIONS PROPERLY. HE HAS KEPT SUPERVISOR MORROW INFORMED OF ON-GOING ISSUES.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

UPON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GLOAD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BARBER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#34 RESOLVED: THAT TOWN ATTORNEY McCORMICK BE AUTHORIZED TO WRITE A LETTER PUTTING CATEPILLAR ON NOTICE THAT LEGAL ACTION WILL BE

TAKEN IF THE GRADER IS NOT RETURNED TO CLIFTON PARK AND REPAIRED SO THAT IS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. A TIME FRAME IS TO BE SPECIFIED IN THE LETTER.

MR. GARY FRIEDRICH ADDRESSED THE TOWN BOARD CONCERNING FOREST RANGERS SMALL FORCE VS INCREASED STATE LAND AND INCREASED RESPONSIBILITES. STATE LAND HAS INCREASED BY 1 MILLION ACRES SINCE 1970. JOB RESPONSIBILITES HAVE BECOME GREATER WITH INCREASED TOURISM. THERE ARE NOW APPROXIAMAETLY 350 RESCUES PER YEAR.

A GRASSROOTS APPROACH ALONG WITH THE PBA (POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION) OF NYS IS UNDERWAY TO APPROACH THE GOVENOR TO REINTRODUCE THE STAFFING BILL TO INCREASE STAFF FOR DEC FOREST RANGERS.THE CURRENT FORCE IS 136 AND THE GROUP IS ASKING TO ADD APPROXIMATELY 40 POSITIONS.

UPON A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MORROW AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#35 RESOLVED: THAT THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD SUPPORT THE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE INC. (PBA OF NYS) PROPOSAL TO INCREASE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOREST RANGER STAFFING TO A STATEWIDE TOTAL OF 175.

WHEREAS, NYS FOREST RANGERS HAVE PROVIDED CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE FOREST PRESERVE AND ALL DEC MANAGED LANDS THROUGHOUT THE STATE SINCE 1885, PROTECTING THE VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE PEOPLE WHO RECREATE THERE; AND

WHEREAS, FOREST RANGERS ARE UNEQUALED STEWARDS OF THE LAND WHO ARE POLICE OFFICERS, WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS AND WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDERS THAT PATROL THESE LANDS YEAR ROUND; AND

WHEREAS, THE ADDITION OF OVER 1 MILLION ACRES OF DEC MANAGED LANDS THE LAST SEVERAL DECADES WITHOUT STAFFING INCREASES HAS CAUSED THE RATIO OF DEC MANAGED LANDS PER RANGER TO GROW FROM 1 RANGER PER 28,516 ACRES IN 1970 TO 1 RANGER PER 53,572 ACRES TODAY; AND

WHEREAS, THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN RECREATIONAL USE ON STATE LANDS HAS LED TO A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS. IN BOTH 2015 AND 2016 FOREST RANGERS PARTICIPATED IN OVER 300 INCIDENTS ANNUALLY. THOSE NUMBERS HAD NOT BEEN SURPASSED IN THE RANGER'S PREVIOUS 13 YEARS OF EXISTENCE; AND

WHEREAS, ADIRONDACK COMMUNITIES RELY HEAVILY ON TOURISM ASSOCIATED WITH STATE LAND RECREATION WHICH, GRATEFULLY, HAS BEEN WELL PROMOTED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION; AND

WHEREAS, FOREST RANGERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND POSITIVE RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR TOURISTS UTILIZING STATE LAND; AND

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FOREST RANGER STAFFING, 135 STATEWIDE INCLUDING SUPERVISORS, IS NOT ADEQUATE TO FULFILL THEIR UNIQUE MISSION GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF LAND THEY PATROL AND THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS THEY RESPOND TO; AND

WHEREAS, THE PROPOSAL BY THE PBA OF NYS TO INCREASE FOREST RANGER STAFFING HAS WIDE PUBLIC AND BI-PARTISIAN SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESS GROUPS, ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUBS FOR A SIMPLE REASON: IT PROTECTS THE PEOPLE FROM THE LAND AND THE LAND FROM THE PEOPLE; AND

WHEREAS, THIS PROPOSAL REPRESENTS THE BEST SOLUTION TO ADDRESS THE INCREASE IN PUBLIC LANDS AND THOSE UTILIZING IT.

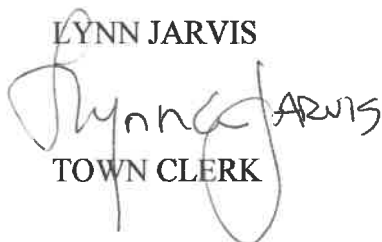
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD DOES HEREBY SUPPORT THE PBA OF NYS PROPOSAL TO INCREASE FOREST RANGER STAFFING TO 175 RANGERS STATEWIDE, WHICH IS DEEMED CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY, STATE LAND, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE PBA OF NYS, 11 NORTH PEARL STREET, SUITE 1200 ALBANY NY 12207.

UPON AM OTION BY COUNCILMAN GLOAD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KLAGES AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED IT WAS

#36 RESOLVED: THAT WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS TOWN BOARD MEETING; THIS MEETING COULD BE ADJOURNED AT 7:55PM.

LYNN JARVIS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Jarvis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

TOWN CLERK