

Minutes of the Town of Chesterfield Regular Town Board Meeting Held on Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 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 6:00 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
Councilman	John Casey
Town Attorney	Michael McCormick
Supt. Of Highways	John "Jay"Champine
Clerk to Supervisor	Laura Ocasio

Guests Present:

Brad Noviski (AES)

Supervisor Barber opened the meeting with everyone in attendance vaccinated. The meetings are now open to the public.

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

#65 Resolved: That the reading of the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 11, 2021 be dispensed with.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Clayton J. Barber and unanimously seconded by Councilman John S. Casey, Councilman David P. Gload , Councilman Richard J. Klages and Councilman Patrick W. Mitchell and carried it was

#66 Resolved: that Gilbert G. Liberty Sr. passed away on May 20,2021 at the age of 82; and

Whereas: Gil was community oriented, serving as a member of the Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department, Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Senior Citizens Club and

Whereas: Gil served as Councilman for the Town of Chesterfield from 1972 until 1987 and

Whereas: Gil also drove the Senior Nutrition Bus to bring seniors to the Nutrition Center for daily lunches and

Whereas: The Community has suffered a great loss with the passing of Gilbert G Liberty Sr. and

Now, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved: That the Supervisor and Town Board offer their sincere condolences to the family of Gilbert G. Liberty Sr. and spread this resolution upon this meeting.

Supervisor Barber opened the courtesy of the floor to the public. He also stated that going forward in the meeting, anyone asking any questions would please wait until the public is addressed again at the end of the meeting.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the 2020 AUD has been completed. Town Clerk Bourgeois presented the Board with copies of the AUD. Supervisor Barber noted that the Town is now in compliance with the Office of the State Comptroller. He lauded Clerk to the supervisor Laura Ocasio and Cathy Persons for working through this.

Upon a motion by Councilman Klages and seconded by Councilman Casey and Cathy Persons to bring the Town of Chesterfield in compliance with Office of the State Comptroller.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board that He, Supervisor Senecal, Brad Noviski and several other members of AES, Councilmen Klages and Mitchell on June 3rd. Supervisor Senecal will present to her Board at her next meeting. AES will prepare

the income survey. The Towns of Ausable and Chesterfield will do the mailings and AES will condense the results of the survey. The Town has water billing going out June 15th. With the bill will be the 2020 water quality report, a letter explaining the water project also explaining the cost increase and the income survey.

Brad Noviski informed the Board that there is still no update from the Army Corps of Engineers. There is a valve shortage due to COVID which could lead to delays. Weather could become a factor if not completed by end of October.

Supervisor Barber gave an update on the first full month electric consumption since changing to LED street lights. The Town of Chesterfield dropped to 1315 KWH from 4305 KWH. Port Kent Light District dropped to 556 KWH from 1849 KWH. Ausable Chasm Light District dropped to 60 KWH from 207 KWH. That equates to a 70 % savings the first month.

Supervisor Barber gave the Board a Town of Chesterfield Website update. Dan Ocasio is nearing completion of the project. He has purchased the domain of chesterfieldny.com and it will be live shortly. You can check the progress by going to <https://chesterfieldny.godaddysites.com>

Supervisor Barber informed the Board he had a conference call with Spectrum and was assured service would be continuous and if any downtime at the main office line, calls will be forwarded to the designated cell phones, leaving no time without service.

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

#68 Resolved: To authorize Supervisor Clayton Barber to sign a 36-month contract between the Town of Chesterfield and Spectrum to switch phone service at the Town Office and Town Highway Garage.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board that the Ocasio family has generously donated a tree to plant at Mountain Valley Federal Credit Union and Moss Brook has generously offered to donate the planting, hopefully this week. The Town will install power below the tree and the Town should be able to decorate it this winter.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board that the Town sharing cost with the Town of Ausable, is looking to purchase picnic tables and grills for Port Kent Beach to replace missing or damaged ones. Maybe some this year and some next year.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board that the Highway department completed paving 2.2 miles on Trout Pond Road. The documentation has been submitted to CHIPS/EWR/PaveNY programs for reimbursement in the amount of \$212,622.06. The reimbursement should be made by the end of the month.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board that through budget courses with the State Comptroller, Clerk to the Supervisor Ocasio has learned that budget amendments must be made on a continual basis. There are a few line items that the Town overspent on. He presented the budget amendments.

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

#69 Resolved: To accept the proposed budget amendments presented to this Board for the 2021 Town of Chesterfield Budget. A copy can be found in the Town Clerk's Office.

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

#70 Resolved: To accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of May, 2021. A copy of the report can be found on file in the Town Clerk's office.

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

#71 Resolved: That all audited bills presented to the Town Board be paid. Bills in the amount of \$11565.56 were audited and paid from the General Fund. Bills in the amount of \$26330.44 were audited and paid from the Highway Fund. Bills in the amount of \$5836.17 were audited and paid from the Town of Chesterfield Water District. Bills in the amount of \$14545.66 were audited and paid from the Port Kent Water District. Bills in the amount of \$2804.05 were audited and paid from the Port Kent Light District. Bills in the amount of \$385.76 were audited and paid from the Ausable Chasm Light District. Bills in the amount of \$64.21 were audited and paid from the TCWD Project.

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

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

Supervisor Barber offered the courtesy of the floor to Town Clerk Bourgeois.

Town Clerk Bourgeois informed the Board that at the rabies clinic of May 12th there were 123 rabies shots and 17 COVID shots administered. He thanked Councilmen

Klages and Gload for helping the Health Department. He also thanked Shelley Davis for opening and closing the K of C hall and the Knights of Columbus Council 4689 for allowing the Town and County to use their facilities. Supervisor Barber added that County Health Director Linda Beers was happy with the results and operation. The Town of Chesterfield always has the best turnout of the County.

Supervisor Barber offered the courtesy of the floor to the Councilmen.

Councilman Casey brought up zoning issues of junk cars, garbage, etc. Supervisor Barber explained the complexities of enforcement and stated both he and Code /Zone Enforcement Officer Pray were working to address some of those issues. issues.

Councilman Mitchell addressed ATV usage in JC Park. It is not permitted to use ATVs at the park. The Town is working on ticketing those who are caught.

Councilman Klages brought up the old building behind the Fellowship Center and working with the owner to demolish the building.

Supervisor Barber offered the courtesy of the floor to Superintendent of Highways Champine.

Superintendent Champine stated there will be at least one opening at the Town Highway Department.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the Town is looking at acquiring a portable speed reader. The Town is also still in need of a dog control officer.

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

#73 Resolved: That with no further business to come before this Town Board meeting, this meeting could be adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Bruce Bourgeois

Town Clerk