

Minutes of the Town of Chesterfield Regular Town Board Meeting Held on Thursday, November 10th, 2022 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

Those Present:

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

Guests Present:

Walter Chmura Jack Burns

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

#142 Resolved: That the reading of the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of October 11th, 2022 be dispensed with.

Supervisor Barber welcomed everyone in attendance and opened the floor for public comment.

Walter Chmura thanked the Board and Town Highway Department for the very nice job refurbishing the playground at Watson Park in Port Kent and asked if there might be funds to repair some other issues there next year as it is a draw for Air BNBs in Port Kent.

Supervisor Barber responded he doesn't want to promise anything until he sees the funds but ROOST money shared with the towns in the County might be able to help.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board Tax Cap paperwork has been filed with New York State and the Town of Chesterfield is under the 2% tax cap. Since the process is now complete, the Town can rescind the Local Law approved September 13th, 2022.

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

#143 Resolved: To rescind Resolution # 121, allowing the Town of Chesterfield to override the 2% tax cap allowed.

Supervisor Barber requested the Town Board adopt the 2023 Town of Chesterfield Budget by roll call vote.

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

Supervisor Barber Aye

Councilman Gload Aye

Councilman Klages Aye

Councilman Mitchell Aye

it was

#144 Resolved: to Adopt the 2023 Town Budget for the Town of Chesterfield.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board he had not heard anything from Denny Doyle as a follow up from October's discussion purchasing lots at the Industrial Park. Councilman Mitchell added he has spoken to Mr. Doyle. He is definitely interested and getting his ducks in a row.

Supervisor Barber followed up with the Board from last month's discussion on Treble Electric Services. He gave his opinion that the Town Board should not

commit the entire Town's residents to the program even though they can opt out. The issue was tabled.

Supervisor Barber gave a Water Project update. The same issues from last month have not been resolved. He will get 3 quotes on the heat/AC units for the Water Plant to satisfy the Town Procurement Policy.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board he, Councilmen Gload and Mitchell and Town Attorney McCormick are registered for the 2023 Association of Towns conference in NYC. Newly elected Town Justice Gary Friedrich needs to get paperwork in to go.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the concrete work at the Veteran's Park is complete and looks great. The concrete and labor were donated by Ed Giddings' business, Ed's Concrete. The Highway Department added topsoil along the sidewalks. Essex County Soil and Water will seed the Park in the spring. Supervisor Barber personally thanked Mr. Giddings and his crew adding "it is nice to have community interest in such a special place."

Supervisor Barber updated the Board on the Port Kent Cemetery. The trees have been removed by From the Ground Up and the Port Kent Cemetery Association has reimbursed the Town the agreed on price.

Supervisor Barber thanked the Town Highway Department for the good work cleaning the brush and debris from Port Kent Cemetery as well as their work putting down the rubber mulch at the playground at Watson Park.

Supervisor Barber asked Highway Superintendent Champine to inform the Board on the quote for a new 2022 Volvo L90H. Highway Superintendent Champine noted the Town would get a trade in value of \$175,000 for the 2020 Volvo. The 2022 would be smaller and have more attachments and be able to fit in the Highway Garage out of the elements. The Town would get a 2-year newer machine that will be paid off one-year sooner.

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

#145 Resolved: To purchase a 2022 Volvo L90H with attachments for \$196,023, trading in the Town's 2020 Volvo L90H for \$175,000, paying off the balance of \$103,440 on the loan on the 2020 Volvo, financing \$126,463 for 5 years at 5.07% interest.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the CDs at Champlain National Bank are up for renewal on November 17th, 2022. He suggested it would be much more

beneficial to switch those CDs to NYClass. So far this year, the General Fund has accrued \$5,727.20 in interest, the Highway Fund has accrued \$4,001.27 and the TCWD has accrued \$2,043.00. By comparison the \$101,459 the Highway Fund has in Champlain National Bank CD earned \$76.49 over 6 months while it is estimated at NYClass the return would have been \$1,132.80. There are 3 CDs (General, Highway and Building) at Champlain National.

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

#146 Resolved: To move the total amount of the Highway and General Funds currently in Champlain National Bank CDs to NYClass and renew the Building Fund CD at Champlain National Bank on November 17th, 2022.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board Court Clerk Morrow has been working on civil judgements for people with unpaid fines to the Town of Chesterfield with some success.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board Gary Bezio would like to combine his 3 parcels on Rt. 9 into one. His deed already states that.

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

#147 Resolved: to combine 3 parcels, tax map 4.3-1-65.200, 4.3-1-65.300 and 4.3-1-65.130, owned by Gary and Paulette Bezio at 1383 US Route (, Keeseville, NY into one parcel.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board Mary Dixon's term on the Board of Assessment Review expired on September 30th, 2022.

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

#148 Resolved: To reappoint Mary Dixon to the Town of Chesterfield Board of Assessment Review for a term of 5 years from 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2027.

Supervisor Barber scheduled the Town of Chesterfield Year End Meeting for December 20th at 6:00 PM.

Supervisor Barber appointed Councilmen Gload and Casey to audit the Town Clerk and Tax Collector accounts and Councilmen Mitchell and Klages to audit the Town Court financial records to be completed by the End of Year Meeting.

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

#149 Resolved: to accept the completed Supervisor's Financial Report for October, 2022, copies of which can be found in the Town Clerk's Office.

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

#150 Resolved: That all audited bills presented to the Town Board since the last Board Meeting on October 11th, 2022 be paid. Bills in the amount of \$85,972.98 were audited and paid from the General Fund. Bills in the amount of \$16,185.69 were audited and paid from the Highway Fund. Bills in the amount of \$51,439.63 were audited and paid from the Town of Chesterfield Water Department. Bills in the amount of \$5,486.58 were audited and paid from the Port Kent Water Departments. Bills in the amount of \$2,227.25 were audited and paid from the Village Debt. Bills in the amount of \$41.40 were audited and paid from the Port Kent Light District. Bills in the amount of \$60.00 were audited and paid to the Trust and Agency.

Bills in the amount of \$91,382.34 were audited and paid from the Town Water Project. Bills in the amount of \$70,883.15 were audited and paid from the ARPA COVID Fund. The total of all bills since last meeting was \$286,408.63.

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

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

Supervisor Barber offered the courtesy of the floor to Town Clerk Bourgeois who gave an update on the Holiday Event on Front Street December 10th.

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Councilman Gload asked if the Town should try for grants for solar panels for the Town to save on electric bills.

Councilman Mitchell announced the Keeseville Free Library has a new librarian, Debra Mussen.

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

Highway Superintendent Champine informed the Board the docks are being removed from Port Douglas this week. With the nice weather it made sense to leave

them in a little longer. The Department is still looking for a driver and he asked if the same policy for COVID was going to be followed this year.

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

#152 Resolved: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing water bills at 7:19 PM.

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

#153 Resolved: To return to the regular Board Meeting at 7:29 PM.

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

#154 Resolved: To resolve the water bills as discussed.

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

#155 Resolved: That with no further business to come before this Town Board Meeting, this meeting could be adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Bruce Bourgeois

Town Clerk

I. Open issues

- a) Open issue/summary of discussion
- b) Open issue/summary of discussion
- c) Open issue/summary of discussion

II. New business

- a) New business/summary of discussion
- b) New business/summary of discussion
- c) New business/summary of discussion

III. Adjournment

Supervisor Barber adjourned the meeting at time.

Minutes submitted by: Name

Minutes approved by: Name