

**Minutes of the Town of Chesterfield Regular Town Board Meeting Held on Tuesday, October 11th, 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:**

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

**Guests Present:**

**Denny Doyle     Allegra Mussen**  
**Walter Chmura   Scott Belcastro**

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

**#133 Resolved: That the reading of the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of September 13th, 2022 be dispensed with.**

**Supervisor Barber welcomed everyone in attendance and reminded them that the meeting was not a discussion and to please refrain from speaking unless recognized.**

**Supervisor Barber informed the Board Denny Doyle has approached him concerning purchasing # 1 and #3 lots at the Commerce Park. One for boat repair and one for storage. Supervisor Barber offered the courtesy of the floor to Mr. Doyle.**

**Denny Doyle addressed the Board informing them that he like to construct a 40x 140 storage building and eventually moving his boat repair business there as Sherm Bezio is retiring. Rick Klages asked "how many employees?". Mr. Doyle answered "none right now. Probably not too many". Right now he is leasing from Fuller's. Supervisor Barber suggested Mr. Doyle present an offer to the Town Board to move forward.**

**Supervisor Barber introduced Scott Belcastro from Trebel Electric Services.**

**Mr. Belcastro gave a presentation on community electrical aggregation with 100 different programs with ability of the community to opt in or opt out for lighting and clean energy. The Board tabled the discussion.**

**Supervisor Barber presented the Board with an update on the Clinton Street sinkhole repair. The wall has been reinstalled with new concrete brick, the railing still needs to be installed but the drainage is complete and now tied to the storm water infrastructure installed last year. Work is progressing replacing the retaining wall that is collapsing on Vine Street.**

**Supervisor Barber informed the Board he finally contacted Mark Clark concerning a quote. Mr. Clark has a very full schedule. Supervisor Barber will put the project out to bid in the spring.**

**Supervisor Barber gave a Water Project update. The entire Board with Mike Metcalf from AES did a final walk through. The plant looked good. Two remaining parts of the project are the air and heat pump stations and the fence for the lagoons. The Town Water Department employees will paint the one pipe still needing it.**

**Supervisor Barber reminded the Board whoever wants to go to the Association of Towns annual conference February 19th-22nd needs to register by October 31<sup>st</sup> to qualify for the discount. Councilmen Gload and Mitchell and Town Attorney McCormick expressed interest in going.**

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the Town Fall Brush Cleanup will begin October 17<sup>th</sup> and go through Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for the Keeseville and Port Kent hamlets only. Brush will not be picked up after this date. The notice will go out on the Town website and Facebook page. The Water department will monitor the roads but if needed, residents can call the Town Office.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the Christmas lights have arrived. Judy Giddings has volunteered ACE Electric to hook up power for lights on the walking bridge. The Town will pay for materials and Supervisor Barber has a potential donor.

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

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

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

**#134 Resolved:** That all audited bills presented to the Town Board since the last Board Meeting on September 13th,2022 be paid. Bills in the amount of \$58,994.90 were audited and paid from the General Fund. Bills in the amount of \$60,704.99 were audited and paid from the Highway Fund. Bills in the amount of \$25,825.88 were audited and paid from the Town of Chesterfield Water Department. Bills in the amount of \$3,505.53 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 \$20.70 were audited and paid from the Port Kent Light District. Bills in the amount of \$5,472.19 were audited and paid from the Town Water Project. Bills in the amount of \$129,657.19 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

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

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

Highway Superintendent Champine informed the Board he has an estimate for removing trees from Port Kent Cemetery from "From the Ground Up" company in the amount of \$1300 plus an additional \$350 to remove the tree by the Port Kent Post Office. The Cemetery Association agrees to pay \$600. Highway Superintendent

**Champine informed the Board the wages of his crew and Town equipment it would cost more.**

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

**#137 Resolved: To pay \$700 towards the removal of 5 pine trees from the Port Kent Cemetery to 'From the Ground Up' with the Port Kent Cemetery Association paying \$600 as a 2-year donation towards the Cemetery Association.**

**Highway Superintendent Champine informed the Board of several road signs that have removed over the past 2 weeks by parties' unknown.**

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

**#138 Resolved: To enter into Executive Session to discuss water bill issues at 7:43 PM.**

**The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:06 PM with no decisions being made.**

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

**#139 Resolved: to maintain water bills as discussed.**

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

**#140 Resolved: That with no further business to come before this Town Board Meeting, this meeting could be adjourned at 8:08 P.M.**

**Bruce Bourgeois**

**Town Clerk**