

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Town of Chesterfield Office, 1 Vine Street, Keeseville, County of Essex, State of New York, Pursuant to Due Notice.

Supervisor Barber called the 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: Mark Cowen

Supt of HW: John "Jay" Champine

Supt of Water: David Winter

Guests Present:

Harrison Blaise Tamera Mrose Gordon Howard

Romeyn Prescott Christine Mullen Nancy Thompson

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

#104 Resolved: That the reading of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 13, 2025 be dispensed with.

Supervisor Barber opened the floor to Town officials.

Town Clerk Bourgeois gave an update on the Keeseville 250 Celebration. There will be a Town-wide garage sale July 18, 19, and 20. A resident approached him setting up fishing lockers on both sides of the river offering free usage of fishing poles and tackle. The Christmas lights the Town ordered 2 years ago have arrived. There will be a rabies clinic at the Knights of Columbus Thursday, June 26 from 6-7:30. Town Clerk Bourgeois recognized the nice speech Supervisor Barber gave at the Revolutionary War

veteran's marker unveiling at Evergreen Cemetery. Supervisor Barber thanked Clerk to the Supervisor Ocasio for penning the speech. The new Christmas decorations are here.

Councilman Klages brought up the burnt building on Margaret St. This opened a discussion on the blighted properties law. Supervisor Barber said the County is passing a law for blighted properties as well which would add \$1000- \$2500 for residential and \$2500- \$5000 for commercial properties that would be added to tax bills of properties that owners have not addressed serious issues.

Councilman Gload said he has heard from concerned citizens on the residents hanging out around Front St, especially at the Fellowship building. They make people nervous and the Town is fixing up Front St thanks to the NY Forward Grant but the Town will have to address this issue.

Highway Superintendent Champine informed the Board the salt shed work has been completed by the contractor. He is meeting with Ace Electric to add a 200-300 amp service. He would also like to put a roof over a concrete slab at the Highway Garage. Councilman Casey added the salt shed looks good.

Superintendent of Water Winter presented the Board with quotes and a request to purchase a hydraulic hammer for use by the Town. Every winter the Town has to rent one and has been at the mercy of availability of units. The Board asked several questions on the comparison of new to used. Water Super Winter preferred the used one quoted for ½ price of a new one and would like to purchase chisel bits at the same time.

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

#105 Resolved: To purchase a used Allied Hydraulic Hammer in the amount of \$9750 and new chisel bits from Abele Tractor of Albany, NY.

Supervisor Barber asked Town Attorney Cowen on the process of purchasing 93 Kent St. Town Attorney Cowen said the Town needs to enter into an agreement with the owner to purchase the property for entrance to a proposed public parking lot. The Town needs to obtain a letter from Front Street Fellowship's board of directors granting use of Church property for the parking lot Then the Town needs to go to a permissive referendum. Supervisor Barber requested a resolution to enter into an agreement to purchase 93 Kent Street.

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

#106 Resolved: For the Town of Chesterfield to enter into an agreement with the owner of 93 Kent Street, Frederick Marino, for purchase of said property for use as an entrance to a future Town public parking lot with the stipulation of first receiving a letter from Front Street Fellowship allowing Town use of Church property for a public parking lot.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the Town put a porta-potty at JC Park for public use as the line in use is not large enough for two bathrooms and any future upgrades. Water Superintendent Winter added the water line would go from ¾ inch to a 2-inch line. Work will progress on this soon.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board he has not heard back from River Rat Properties concerning their interest purchasing lots at Commerce Park.

Supervisor Barber presented the Board with a letter of interest for purchasing lots at Commerce Park from John Smith, representing NOCO Technologies. The business plan would hopefully fulfill the need for cellphone access in the area. Supervisor met with Mr. Smith and toured the Park. The proposed business fits in nicely with the NY Forward Grant and Town of Chesterfield Comprehensive Plan stated needs from public input.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board Port Kent Beach would be open from June 28 through September 1, 7 days a week from 11-6 with a staff of 4 lifeguards. Youth Commission Chair Ken Bruno will be supervising.

Supervisor Barber added the Town has received 2 AEDs, one at JC Park and one at Port Douglas Beach.

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

#107 Resolved: To accept the Supervisor's Report for May 2025, a copy of which can be found in the office of the Town Clerk.

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

#108 Resolved: To accept water billing and adjustments for the period of April 16 through June 10, 2025.

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

#109 Resolved: To pay all bills, including credit card usage, received since May 13, 2025. Bills in the amount of \$40,013.95 were audited and paid from the General Fund. Bills in the amount of \$21,448.50 were audited and paid from the Highway Fund. Bills in the amount of \$15,293.94 were audited and paid from the TCWD Fund. Bills in the amount of \$2,648.03 were audited and paid from the PKWD. Bills in the amount of \$2,560.00 were audited and paid from Village Debt. Bills in the amount of \$17,563.19 were audited and paid from ROOST Fund. Bills in the amount of \$389.85 were audited and paid from Compaction Station Fund. Bills in the amount of \$3,520.15 were audited and paid from TCWD Project. Bills in the amount of \$177,127.58 were audited and paid from the Salt Shed Project. The total of all bills received since May 13, 2025 were \$280,565.19.

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

#110 Resolved: That all letters brought before this Board be filed.

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

#111 Resolved: To enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 6:51 PM.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:06 PM.

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

#112 Resolved: To resolve the personnel issue as discussed.

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

#113 Resolved: That with no other business to come before this Board, this Regular Board Meeting of the Town of Chesterfield be adjourned at 7:11 PM.