

Minutes of the Town of Chesterfield Regular Town Board Meeting Held on Tuesday, July 12th, 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

Supervisor Barber noted the Pledge of Allegiance was said at the beginning of the Public Hearing.

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

Guests Present:

Justin Doner	Gordon Howard
Walter Chmura	Allegra Mussen
Brandon Herringshaw	

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

#90 Resolved: That the reading of the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of June 14th,2022 be dispensed with.

Supervisor Barber requested a motion to accept CDBG Grants from the Friends of the North Country now that the public hearing requirement has been completed.

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

#91 Resolved: To accept any CDBG Grants from the Friends of the North Country for home improvements contingent on Town approval of any projects.

Supervisor Barber signed the required documentation for the NYS Homes and Community Renewal CDBG Application with Justin Doner representing Friends of the North Country.

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

Walter Chmura addressed the Board on the Board of Assessment Review and his FOIL request that, in his view, was not resolved to his satisfaction. Mr. Chmura finds the County site not user friendly. He stated the BAR resolved 105 out of 146 requests.

Allegra Mussen added she had spoken to David Wainwright at Essex County Real Property and recognized the difficulty of the Sole Assessors job.

Gordon Howard added forms to grieve assessments should be user friendly.

Supervisor Barber requested the Board pass a resolution in support of naming the bridge over I-87 off of exit 33 in honor of Marine Lance Corporal Scott Schultz who gave his life for his country in 1983 in Lebanon. VFW Post #1505 also supports this request and has offered to perform a ceremony appropriate for this dedication. The County is receptive but it is a NY State Decision.

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

#92 Resolved: To whole heartily support the naming of the overpass bridge at Exit 33 over I-87 in the Town of Chesterfield, Essex County, State of New York in honor of Lance Corporal Scott Lee Schultz, resident of the ShunPike Road, Town of Chesterfield, who at age 19, serving with the United States Marines as part the Multinational Force in Lebanon on October 23, 1983 at 6:22 AM, was one of the

241 United States service men killed in the line of duty and requests that New York State will approve this request.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the Town never passes a resolution to enter into a contract with the Town of Ausable to fund the Keeseville Youth Commission. The funds have been budgeted but never officially approved.

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

#93 Resolved: To authorize Supervisor Clayton Barber to sign a contract between the Town of Chesterfield and the Town of Ausable in the amount of \$14,400 each to fund the Keeseville Youth Commission for the 2022 Budget Year.

Supervisor Barber requested the Board make a decision on Solar On Earth's presentation from last meeting. The Towns of Jay, Black Brook and Ausable have already signed. The contract is for 10 years with a 10 % savings. The only change from the presentation is that the saving will now be credited directly on the bill vs a rebate to be credited later. Supervisor Barber has followed up with NYSEG to confirm. The 10-year contract can be dissolved at any time.

Councilman Mitchell added private customers who have done this has found out the billing to be a nightmare.

Upon a motion by Councilman Casey and seconded by Councilman Gload and carried with Councilmen Mitchell and Klages voting nay it was

#94 Resolved: To enter the Town of Chesterfield into a 10-year non-binding contract to provide 10% savings on the Town's electric bill with Solar on Earth.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board that only one sealed bid for the Front Street sidewalk repair/replace project was received.

Town Clerk Bourgeois opened the Bid from Steven E. Fuller Excavating and read the contents of \$94,750 for the sidewalks with an additional \$28,000 for stamped concrete.

Councilmen Klages and Gload both expressed concern that stamping will shorten life span of the sidewalks. Highway Superintendent Champine added the curbing will be done same as the Town Office which will increase life span.

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

#95 Resolved: To accept the bid from Steven E. Fuller Excavating for \$94,750 to repair and replace sidewalks on Front Street as per requirements.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board he and Councilman Gload attended the Youth Commission meeting on July 11th. Andrew Prescott has generously volunteered a plan for the JC Park expansion and is finalizing details. Some additions are a new Pee-Wee baseball field, a new soccer/lacrosse field, borders for a skating rink in winter, lighting, a walking track and expansion to the snack shack with more bathrooms.

Councilman Casey asked if the Town should have the Park surveyed so as not to come in conflict with surrounding land owners.

Supervisor Barber also informed the Board the rubber mulch that was delivered and put down and already there have been many compliments. Members of the Town Highway and Water Departments took time out of their regular job duties to complete the project.

Supervisor Barber publically thanked John Hamilton, Sean Ganter, Charlie Arthur, Tom Smith, Justin Buck and Todd Bailey for volunteering to spread red clay and completing another ball field.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board Kerri Crowningshield from ADK Action has volunteered to bring excess plants from their plant sale to the Town as a donation to plant at any Town parks or at the Town Office.

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

#96 Resolved: To accept the donation from ADK Action of excess native pollinating plants for community beautification.

Supervisor Barber reminded the Board of the meeting on July,13th at 1PM to amend the Employee Handbook.

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

#97 Resolved: To pay Drapeau's Sanitation for the balance of the year in one sum of \$480 for supply and maintenance of the compact station porta potty.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the compact station may begin recycling #1 plastics. The County is discussing the possibility and would save the Town the cost of trashing the plastic.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board the NY Class investments of \$402517 in General and \$301887 in Highway are performing better than CDs with interest of \$465 in June alone vs Champlain National interest of \$152 over 8 months. NY Class funds can be withdrawn at any time unlike CDs.

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

#98 Resolved: To transfer \$300,000 from General Fund to NY Class and transfer \$280,000 from TCWD for the anticipated 2023 bond payment to NY Class.

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

#99 Resolved: To accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of June 2022, copies of which can be found in the Town Clerk's Office.

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

#100 Resolved: That all audited bills presented to the Town Board since the last Board Meeting on June 14,2022 be paid. Bills in the amount of \$62032.22 were audited and paid from the General Fund. Bills in the amount of \$27577.92 were audited and paid from the Highway Fund. Bills in the amount of \$9342.89 were audited and paid from the Town of Chesterfield Water Department. Bills in the amount of \$1743.43 were audited and paid from the Port Kent Water Departments. Bills in the amount of \$63.90 were audited and paid to Trust & Agency for employee supplementary insurance. Bills in the amount of \$1680.83 were audited and paid from the Village Debt. Bills in the amount of \$1925.00 were audited and paid from the Aquatic Plant Growth Control. Bills in the amount of \$146679.63 were audited and paid from the Town Water Project. The total of all bills since last meeting was \$250,995.82.

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

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

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

Town Clerk Bourgeois informed the Board of zoning schools coming up.

Supervisor offered the courtesy of the floor to Town Attorney McCormick.

Town Attorney McCormick stated he has completed the Golf Course Raw Water contract with Mattig for 3 years prorated up to 3 million gallons of untreated water. A lively discussion ensued as to the fairness of the contract that the Board had previously approved.

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

Councilman Gload noted issues with problems with people loitering at the Keeseville free Library, drinking alcohol, sleeping downstairs and generally causing safety concerns.

Councilman Mitchell mentioned the Division Street mess is being addressed but there is a long way to go.

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

Highway Superintendent Champine stated he is trying to purchase a portable radar reader on line for \$1000. He should know soon. He also recognized Roger and George Dorr for electrical work at Veteran's Park.

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

#102 Resolved: To enter into Executive Session to discuss a water bill issue at 8:03 PM.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:22 PM with no decisions being made.

The Board addressed a water bill issue.

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

#103 Resolved: That with no further business to come before this Town Board Meeting, this meeting could be adjourned at 8:24 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