**Minutes of the Town of Chesterfield Town Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Town Office, on the Corner of Clinton and Vine Streets, in Keeseville, County of Essex and State of New York, pursuant to due notice.**

Supervisor Gerald H. Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Gerald Morrow asked for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of Charles “Charlie” Crowningshield, a good friend to all of us who passed away on February 20, 2016. Charlie served as a member and a Chairman for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Upon a motion made by Supervisor Gerald H. Morrow, and unanimously seconded by Councilman Clayton J. Barber, Councilman Russell L. Blaise, Councilman David P. Gload and Councilman Richard J. Klages and carried it was

**38. RESOLVED** that this Resolution of Condolence be offered by the Town of Chesterfield Town Board to the Family of Charles “Charlie” Crowningshield who passed away on February 20, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** Charlie served as a member and a Chairman of the Town of Chesterfield Zoning Board of Appeals for many years; and

**WHEREAS,** that Charlie was very civic minded and enjoyed helping the people in his community; and

**WHEREAS,** the community and its residents have suffered a great loss with the passing of Charlie; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Town of Chesterfield Town Board with deep sadness this Resolution of Condolence be spread over the minutes of this meeting.

Those present were:

Supervisor: Gerald H. Morrow

Town Clerk: Lynn A. Jarvis

Councilman: Clayton J. Barber

Councilman: Russell L. Blaise

Councilman: David P. Gload

Councilman: Richard J. Klages

Town Attorney: Michael D. McCormick

Supt. of Highways: Philip W. Pray

Guests present were: Brent Morrow, Joseph Kusalonis, Ron Rodgers, Darren Dickerson and Shelley Davis; Clerk to Supervisor.

Upon a motion made Councilman Richard Klages, seconded by Councilman Clayton Barber and unanimously carried it was

**39. RESOLVED** that the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on February 2, 2016 be dispensed with.

Town Clerk Lynn Jarvis read the legal notice for the sale of two surplus generators.

Lynn then processed to open and publicly read the sealed bids that were received:

1 - in the amount of $1,476 from Darren Dickerson for the three phase generator

2 - in the amount of $1,178 from Darren Dickerson for the single phase generator

3 - in the amount of $300 from Louis Bombardier for the single phase generator

4 - in the amount of $700 from Louis Bombardier for the three phase generator

Supervisor Morrow asked the Board what they wanted to do about the sealed bids.

Councilman Klages stated that he doesn’t know much about generators.

Supervisor Morrow stated that the single phase generator is very old – it was used at the old water plant in Port Kent, the three phase generator was to be used at the Port Kent Water Plant, but never was used there it has been in storage. From what the Supervisor understands for the size of the generators they cost approximately $4,000, so the bids of $300 and $700 should not even be considered – Phil had asked him about using the generator at the garage, but after talking to Steve Johnson; our Dog Control Officer, a.k.a. electrician who checked out the generators – the three phase can’t be changed to single phase and the single phase won’t work at the garage – the Supervisor feels the sealed bids from Darren Dickerson are good prices.

Phil Pray stated to let them go at those prices.

Supervisor Morrow stated that they have been setting for a long time and it’s time to get rid of them.

Upon a motion made by Councilman Richard Klages, seconded by Councilman Russell Blaise and unanimously carried it was

**40. RESOLVED** that the Town Board agrees to award the sealed bids to Darren Dickerson for the two surplus generators – the three phase in the amount of $1,476 and the single phase in the amount of $1,178.

Supervisor Morrow offered the courtesy of the floor to the guests, but there was no one wishing to address the Board.

Supervisor Morrow explained that at the last meeting the Town Board moved a resolution to increase the water rates and to charge all non-users in the district a debt service fee along with the users.

All the new accounts for inside the former Village have been set-up and outside in the Town of Chesterfield, only problem is the Town of AuSable Board passed a resolution excluding the vacant properties even though the waterline runs right by their property – Wayne Ryan had told the Supervisor that AES had included the vacant parcels in their map, plan and report, but the Board excluded them – the Supervisor has talked with Sandy Senecal about this issue and explained that the Town of Chesterfield will be able to charge a different rate for being outside the district, should the vacant property owners want to receive water.

The Supervisor explained that there was a Town of Chesterfield Water Committee Meeting set for tomorrow with Department of Health, Essex County Community Resources, AES Northeast and Dave Winter, but it has been cancelled due to the weather forecast and rescheduled for next Thursday, the 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Supervisor Morrow informed the Board that today he had a call from the Governor’s Representative about a different matter, then during the conversation the Representative asked if there was anything he could do for us – and the Supervisor explained to him the issues with the water plant – the Supervisor explained to him that he is working on a letter to send to EFC’s Director, about grant funding and how the Town of Chesterfield really needs financial assistance – the Representative stated that there is $75 million available in grant funding, maybe he could put in good word for the Town.

Supervisor Morrow informed the Board that at about 10:00 p.m. last night he got a call from Dave Winter that there was a problem at the water plant, Dave and Kevin were up there all night keeping the plant running – Shane is there now until 8:30 p.m. – Dave is right on top of things and he called Susan Kennedy of Department of Health to let her know what was going on – at this time there is no boil water order, because Dave took care of the issue right away.

Todd from AES will be at the water plant tomorrow to go over things with Dave.

Supervisor Morrow stated that last week he contacted each Board Member about Blue Shield selling us a bill of goods, but not providing the coverage, employees can’t use Vermont doctors, prescriptions not being covered – need a resolution to go back to Excellus Health Plan.

Lynn Jarvis stated that she went to the doctor today and the insurance wouldn’t cover the office call.

Supervisor Morrow stated and that was in Plattsburgh, right.

Well, the Supervisor said live and learn, we tried to save money, but it didn’t work.

Councilman Gload stated he ended up with a fist full of co-pays, could have been worst, it is better than having to pay the bills in full.

Supervisor Morrow stated we can go retro for the month just have to let the insurance company know the issues.

Upon a motion made by Councilman David Gload, seconded by Councilman Richard Klages and unanimously carried it was

**41. RESOLVED** that the Town of Chesterfield Town Board approves to have Excellus Health Plan for our health insurance coverage.

Supervisor Morrow stated that we have a sensitive subject to discuss – Augur Lake Dam – we have had engineering work, tests and exploration done – the engineers estimate the cost to be $750,000, he has talked to one bank about a loan – the Supervisor explained that we are not building the Hoover Dam or are we holding back Lake Superior, he can’t believe it would cost that much. He would like to leave the old dam where it is and use it as a coffer dam – all we really need is a retaining wall with rebar – what really hurts us is that we have to pay prevailing wage – which is ridiculous – he believes it would be $300,000 to $400,000 if we kept it simple.

Councilman Gload asked if it was something Fuller’s or the company from Willsboro – Sheehan’s could give us price.

Supervisor stated yes – but it will have to go out to bid and we need specs drawn up by engineers.

Councilman Barber stated specs are needed.

Specs have to be stamped by a licensed engineer because of liability.

Supervisor Morrow stated that Phil has done a lot work to get to the dam.

Councilman Gload said that Dave Winter showed him the dam on their tour of the water plant – it looks pretty straight forward to him.

Supervisor Morrow stated that he received emails from residents on Augur Lake wondering

what is going on with the dam.

The Supervisor is positive there will be no grant funding for the dam, because it wasn’t damaged due to severe storms. The dam has been there for probably 100 years, made up of cobble stone and masonry – he doesn’t need a resolution at this time, he will come back to the Board with more information about the dam.

Upon a motion made by Councilman Clayton Barber, seconded by Councilman Russell Blaise and unanimously carried it was

**42. RESOLVED** that the Supervisor’s Financial report for the month of February 2016 be accepted. The Financial Report may be found in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Upon a motion made by Councilman Richard Klages, seconded by Councilman Russell Blaise and unanimously carried it was

**43. RESOLVED** all bills be paid. Bills in the amount of $19,309.81 were audited and paid from the Highway Acct., Claims 30 – 46. Bills in the amount of $17,294.66 were audited and paid from the General Acct., Claims 36 – 45. Bills in the amount of $710.11 were audited and paid from PKWD Acct., Claims 28 -31. Bills in the amount of $17,774.16 were audited and paid from TCWD Acct., Claims 32 – 48. NYSEG was paid $6,726.48, USDA – Rural Development was paid $4,500.00, USA Bluebook was paid $572.04, B.T. Repair was paid $3,481.57, Frontier Comm., was paid $2,771.48, Verizon was paid $87.59 and USDA – Rural Development was paid $2,558.75. Warrants can be found on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Upon a motion made by Councilman Clayton Barber, seconded by Councilman David Gload and unanimously carried it was

**44. RESOLVED** that all letters brought before the Board be filed.

Supervisor Morrow asked Lynn about the rabies clinic.

Lynn said there is a rabies clinic on March 17th.

Councilman Barber said he thought it was the 15th.

Shelley Davis apologized she stated that she put the wrong date on the agenda it is the 15th.

Town Attorney Mike had nothing for the Board.

Councilman Gload asked about the burned out house on Clinton Street – it looks the same – nothing has been done.

Supervisor Morrow was glad that Councilman Gload asked that question – the Supervisor first talked with State Codes Agent – as long as it is not a public threat or safety concern, can’t force them to do anything – but then a while later I was talking to a resident who lives next door and they said there was a smell coming from the house, so the Supervisor had Harvey write an appearance ticket to both owners with burned structures located on Clinton Street – when they went to court both owners were fined $50.00 and not even given a deadline to clean up the property.

The Supervisor said they should be glad he isn’t the Judge, because he would have fined them $50.00 a day until it was cleaned up.

Councilman Gload said he drives by there every day, if he was Bob DeGroat he’d be so upset. So it is in the courts hands – nothing else we can do.

The Supervisor has asked Harvey last week to issue appearance tickets again to the owners.

He will check with Harvey to see what he has done.

Supervisor Morrow stated just like the issue on Augur Lake Road with a camper trailer – someone is living in it – smoke seen coming from the chimney –

Councilman Blaise stated he always sees the light on.

Supervisor Morrow said that the Judge said there wasn’t enough evidence to prove they were living in it all the time.

The Supervisor told the people concerned about this situation to keep an eye on it and keep a record as to what they see and when they see it.

Councilman Gload stated that while he and Russell were at the Association of Towns Meeting they talked about the historic bridges in Keeseville – mainly the one at the bottom of Mill Hill –

Supervisor Morrow stated that he was glad he brought that up – the bridge is owned by both Counties Essex and Clinton, same as the swinging bridge – about 12 years ago, both counties had agreed to do a study on the bridge to have it rehabbed – there was a grant, but each County had to come up with $10,000 – on the last day Clinton County said they weren’t paying their $10,000 – well they were finally convinced that they had to pay their share, but now they don’t want to have anything to do with the bridge. He has talked to Sandy Senecal; as Supervisor of the Town of AuSable, to talk with the Clinton County Legislators, but that is the problem with having Legislators instead of a Board of Supervisors – most people don’t even know who their legislators are. He has also talked with Steve Englehart from AARCH – the people really need to talk to their Clinton County Legislators if they want the bridge re-opened.

The Supervisor won’t obligate Essex County to pay the entire cost to rehab the bridge, without financial assistance from Clinton County.

Lynn Jarvis stated that Jerry went as far as he could go – with a survey and trying to get people involved from Clinton County.

Councilman Klages asked about the land behind the stores on Front Street.

Supervisor Morrow informed the Board that he talked to the surveyor last week – they have been very busy – he also needs to know about Mill Street, because he has people parking under the street sign on purpose – he did find out from the Association of Towns Attorney that since it is a State Code – our Code Enforcement Officer or himself can issue and appearance ticket – the surveyors told him they will be back on Mill Street soon.

Councilman Blaise informed the Board the while attending the Association of Towns Meeting – Senator Schumer suggested the Towns look for grants for infrastructure; like highways, water and sewer departments. Senator Schumer may be either minority and majority leader.

Supt. of Highways Phil Pray explained that we stand to lose $50 million Statewide from the extreme winter program - $24,000 just to our Town – we need to make a presence known on March 9th, at least roll the money over into CHiPS.

The new truck working well – making box more workable – TENCO taking care of the cost – have a dependable back up truck.

Supervisor Morrow had talked with Patty Osier; data collector for Emergency Services – they are working with the State to get roads named that don’t have a name at this time – like the road from Route 9 to Frontage Road, where Exit 33 is located – he suggested to name it Route 22, and then there is the road that goes from Route 9 under the overpass to Frontage Road – Frontage Road runs from the cul-de-sac south to the water plant, at this time it is also known as Frontage Road, he suggested renaming it to Underpass Road – there are no houses on either of these roads.

Upon a motion made by Councilman Clayton Barber, seconded by Councilman Richard Klages and unanimously carried it was

**45. RESOLVED** that the road by Exit 33, from Route 9 to Frontage Road be known as “Route 22” and the road from Route 9 to Frontage Road under I-87 overpass be known as “Underpass Road”.

Councilman Gload joked that people will be parking there and calling it “underpants road”.

Supervisor Morrow teased and said we better adjourn the meeting we are still on camera.

Upon a motion made by Councilman Richard Klages, seconded by Councilman David Gload and unanimously carried it was

**46. RESOLVED** that since there was no further business to come before the Board this meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Lynn Jarvis, Town Clerk