

Minutes of the Town of Chesterfield Regular Town Board Meeting Held on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 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

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	Michael McCormick
Supt. Of Highways	John "Jay" Champine was excused

Guests Present:

Gordon Howard	Walter Chmura
Nancy Sucharski	Sandi Connell

Supervisor Barber welcomed everyone in attendance.

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

#95 Resolved: That the reading of the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of August 10th, 2021 be dispensed with.

Supervisor Barber gave the courtesy of the floor to Nancy Sucharski and Sandi Connell representing Evergreen Cemetery Association.

Ms. Connell presented the Board with a map of the Cemetery consisting of 25 acres as well as the budget for the Association and requesting an unspecified donation. Even though in the Town of Ausable, 2/3 of the Keeseville burials last year were Town of Chesterfield residents. There was some conversation if we donate to Evergreen, what about the other cemeteries in the Town of Chesterfield? Supervisor Barber stated he would contact representatives of those cemeteries and, as the Town is in the middle of making a budget, the Board should table until next month. The Board was in agreement.

Supervisor Barber opened the floor for anyone to address the Board. He requested, going forward, if the public had any questions during the meeting, that they wait until the open discussion portion at the end of the meeting.

Walter Chmura gave a presentation with handouts to the Board concerning the assessment process and problems he feels the Town of Chesterfield suffers in this area. He mentioned he won his small claims case against the Town and gave some positive comments on the new stop signs in Port Kent.

Supervisor Barber presented the Board the list of requested agreements between the Town of Chesterfield and certain organizations.

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

#96 Resolved: To enter into the annual contract between the Keeseville Free Library and the Town of Chesterfield in the amount of \$17000 to be provided by the Town to the Library for 2022.

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

#97 Resolved: To enter into an agreement between the Keeseville Senior Citizens Club and the Town of Chesterfield in the amount of \$2650 to be provided by the Town to the Senior Citizens Club for 2022.

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

#98 Resolved: To enter into an agreement between the Keeseville Christmas Basket Organization and the Town of Chesterfield with the Town providing \$100 to the Christmas Baskets Organization for 2022.

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

#99 Resolved: To enter into an agreement with between the Town of Ausable and the Town of Chesterfield with each Town providing \$7000 to provide maintenance, insurance, a driver and necessary expenses towards the Senior Citizens Bus of Keeseville for 2022.

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

#100 Resolved: To enter into an agreement between The Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. and the Town of Chesterfield with the Town providing \$500 for providing scenic, historic, natural, cultural and recreational resources to the Town for 2022.

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

#101 Resolved: To enter into an agreement between the Friends of Poke-O-Moonshine and the Town of Chesterfield with the Town providing \$100 to assist in maintenance for 2022.

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

#102 Resolved: to enter into an agreement between the Anderson Falls Heritage Society and the Town of Chesterfield with the Town providing Anderson Falls Heritage Society with \$6000 for 2022.

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

#103 Resolved: To enter into an agreement with the Keeseville Business Association and the Town of Chesterfield with the Town providing \$2500 of ROOST money to promote business in Town in 2022.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board, after much input and hard work by Budget Officer Ocasio and himself, after workshops on September 1st and 7th, including

good input from Councilmen and Department Heads, the Town of Chesterfield Budget is under the 2% tax cap. After much discussion, it was acceptable to the Board.

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

#104 Resolved: To submit the tentative budget of the Town of Chesterfield for 2022 to Town Clerk Bourgeois.

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

#105 Resolved: To hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM at the Town of Chesterfield Office, 1 Vine Street, Keeseville, NY for the purpose of public commentary on the tentative 2022 Town of Chesterfield Budget.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board there was only one application for Sole Assessor and Essex County is reluctant to take over assessor duties. This saves the Town some money that can be used to train the new Clerk to the Supervisor.

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

#106 Resolved: To appoint Patty Oshier Sole Assessor for the Town of Chesterfield with an annual salary of \$24328.60 beginning October 1st, 2021.

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

#107 Resolved: To transfer \$1495 from the proposed Sole Assessor salary to Cathy Parsons for training to bring the total training line to \$2995.40.

Supervisor Barber presented a draft letter to the Board that will be sent out to all Port Kent residents in the Port Kent Water District. The debt service will be \$75 and the user rate will increase from \$87.5 to \$120 per quarter effective December 2021 billing cycle. Meters should be up and running by March 2022. This is due to increased costs and to more accurately reflect the financial soundness of the Port Kent Water District.

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

#108 Resolved: To mail a letter to all residents of the Port Kent Water Districts 1 & 2, signed by Supervisor Barber and every Town of Chesterfield Board member,

explaining the increase in the water bills as \$75 for debt service and \$120 for user rate with meters going into effect March, 2022.

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

#109 Resolved: To accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of August 2021. A copy of the report can be found on file in the Town Clerk's office.

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

#110 Resolved: That all audited bills presented to the Town Board be paid. Bills in the amount of \$3931.21 were audited and paid from the General Fund. Bills in the amount of \$8912.97 were audited and paid from the Highway Fund. Bills in the amount of \$5388.87 were audited and paid from the Town of Chesterfield Water District. Bills in the amount of \$1025.00 were audited and paid from the Port Kent Water District.

Supervisor Barber informed the Board he had been approached by residents concerning dog waste on Front Street and in the Riverside Park. He did some research and can purchase them but only if the disposable bags are not strewn around the streets.

#111 Resolved: To authorize Supervisor Clayton Barber to purchase 2 dog waste stations not to exceed \$500 for downtown Keeseville and Riverside Park.

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

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

Supervisor Barber noted issues with a property on Augur Lake Road that needs to be addressed. He tasked Town Attorney McCormick to research legality of the Town cleaning the site and attaching cleanup costs to the owner's land taxes.

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

Town Clerk Bourgeois reported the Holiday Committee will meet September 23rd at 6:00 PM at the Town of Chesterfield Office.

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

Town Attorney McCormick did some research on the Town Noise Ordinance. In the Town Law, there is no reason to monitor or read decibel levels, only follow NY State Law to allow noise levels no more than what is usual sounds.

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

#113 Resolved: That with no further business to come before this Town Board meeting, this meeting could be adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Bruce Bourgeois

Town Clerk