

TOWN OF CHESTER
SELECT BOARD
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2021

PRESENT: Arne Jonynas; Lee Gustafson; Leigh Dakin; Jeff Holden; Heather Chase; Julie Hance; Amie O'Brien

VISITORS: SAPATV; Deborah Aldrich; Amanda Silva; Matt Wilson; Rick Cloud; Chester Telegraph

Meeting was held at the Town Hall and via Zoom.

1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 17, 2021, SELECT BOARD.

A motion was made by Heather Chase to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2021, Select Board meeting with corrections. Seconded by Lee Gustafson. The motion passed.

Jeff Holden stated on page 2, line 4 grid separator should be grit separator. Lee Gustafson pointed out Bob Flint and Amanda Sidler should be listed as visitors because they speak during the meeting at line 36 page 2.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS/ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

No citizens comment.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Select Board Minutes: Amie O'Brien will no longer be doing the Minutes. Susan Bailey will take over for her.

Listers: Cathy Hasbrouck will work with the Listers and is now training for the position.

Yosemite Firehouse: Grants are opening now with more in January. A lot of things are being applied for. Updates will be coming soon.

4. GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVIEW: GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

Matt Wilson spoke about the Fire Department budget. He stated the department is doing well and call volume is up. They have been assisting the Ambulance with medical calls, and fire calls have been steady. Some aging equipment will need to be replaced but the overall numbers are about the same as last year. The cost for fire equipment has increase

47 significantly and will continue to do so. The department has not used much foam this
48 year, so that line has been decreased.

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50 Amanda Silva spoke about the Ambulance Department budget. She stated an increase
51 has been added to Intercept because the department is still short staffed. Additional
52 funds have been added to increase training for the people interested in joining the
53 service. This will be a one time increase for 2022 with some overlap for fire personnel.
54 Some items have been merged. She is working on getting quotes for a new truck for
55 2023. The new truck will be bonded, and grants will be applied for.

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57 Deborah Aldrich stated the Election Expense line is up for 2022 because there are 3
58 elections. The line for Equipment is up due to cyber security needed for all the
59 computers. The insurance coverage for that is through VLCT where they require a certain
60 level of security to be covered. She is getting a quote to add the rest of the land records
61 to the online system. ARPA funding and grants can be used for that purpose.

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63 Rick Cloud stated the Police Department budget for 2022 is about the same as 2021.
64 Attorney's fees are higher from fees Julie Hance spent on a lawyer. The department has 5
65 full time and 2 part time employees and is fully staffed. The income from court fees
66 changes drastically every year. The court system is behind, and some cases are getting
67 dismissed because of the pandemic. Money will be added to the budget for fencing at
68 the Public Safety Building to shield the neighbors.

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70 5. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR 2016, 2018 AND 2021 BONDS

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72 The Select Board signed the Certificate of Completion for the 2016, 2018, and 2021
73 Bonds.

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75 6. NEW BUSINESS/NEXT AGENDA

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- 77 • Budget review Public Works and Parks and Recreation
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 - 79 • Jeff holden pointed out grants have helped a lot. Drew's will be fixing their
80 cooling tunnel saving 20-30,000 gallons of water. This water can be used for other
81 business in town. There may be 2 new businesses opening at Gold River
82 Extension.

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84 7. ADJOURN

85 Jeff and heather
86 A motion was made by Jeff Holden to adjourn. Seconded by Heather Chase. The meeting
87 adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

88 Amie O'Brien
Secretary of the Select Board

Lee Gustafson
Clerk of the Select Board