

Minutes
COW Budget Meeting
Zoom ID: 935-442-9176 Password: 301715
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 1:00 pm

Attendance: Nancy Hatch, Commission Chair; Michael Heisler, Commissioner; Martin Hiltz, Commissioner (via zoom); Dennis Egyedy, Clerk Treasurer

Absent: Michael Dockrill, Commissioner

1.0 Call to Order

Commission Chair Hatch called the April 20, 2022, COW Budget meeting, via Zoom video and In-Person, of the Village of Chester Commission, to order at 1:15 pm.

2.0 Public Forum: Nil

3.0 Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda: Nil

4.0 Clerk's Report: Nil

5.0 Other Business

a) Draft Budget 2022-2023

Commissioner Hiltz questioned the expense for office supplies under administration and fire services, do the funds go directly to the department? Secondly, Hiltz questioned the \$34,000 spent on beautification and flower baskets. The money could be better used by the fire department or at the Lido pool. He suggested that people could sponsor a flower basket at their cost.

Chair Hatch stated that the flower baskets were addressed at a previous meeting and noted that flower baskets were a means to direct tourism into the village downtown. Any changes to the flower baskets should be discussed in the fall prior to ordering the flowers.

Commissioner Heisler stated that we spend too much money on celebrations. He suggested that we have no fireworks as it is a total waste of money and they do not draw people to Chester. If people want fireworks they can go to Halifax.

Chair Hatch suggested that funds be used to improve the appearance of the bollards at the Jib lot. It was agreed to build some wood covering over the bollards to match the gateway.

Chair Hatch stated that we collect \$21,256.00 in rental income for the EMC and spend \$9,700.00 in expenses. The difference of \$11,556.00 should be transferred into the EMC reserve fund as the building is due for a new roof. Hiltz suggested installing a metal roof.

Chair Hatch spoke with Deputy Chiefs Conron and Stevens and they suggested that no funds be put into the Chief's convention or Fall Arrest but move the money into SCBA Masks for \$4,000.00. Secondly, the vehicle fuel be increased to \$6,000.00.

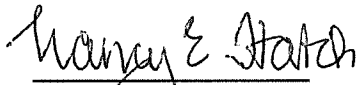
Chair Hatch suggested that the firehall dumpster be removed and the fire department will build a wood box for their garbage. Hiltz stated that there were residents using the firehall box for personal garbage and that is why we changed to a dumpster. The dumpster is still required but the cost should be allocated to General Government as it is a service to the residents.

Clerk/ Treasurer was instructed to make the budget changes and circulate for commission review. It will be determined if another meeting is required on the budget but it could be ready for approval at the May 11th, regular meeting.

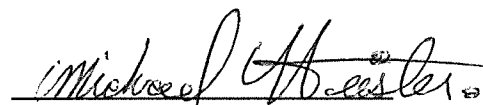
6.0 Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting – May 11th, 2022 – 7:00 pm

Commissioner Heisler adjourned the April 20th, 2022, COW meeting at 1:52 pm.



Nancy Hatch
Commission Chair



Michael Heisler
Commission Vice Chair