

CHILI TOWN BOARD
June 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Chili Town Board was held on June 10, 2020 at the Chili Town Hall, 3333 Chili Avenue, Rochester, New York 14624 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Dunning.

PRESENT: Councilman DeCory; Councilman Slattery, Councilwoman Sperr, Councilman Valerio and Supervisor David Dunning.

ALSO PRESENT: Sandra Hewlett, Stenographer; Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk; Daniel Knapp, Director of Finance; David Lindsay, Commissioner of Public Works/Highway Superintendent; Councilman Slattery, Deputy Town Supervisor; Richard Stowe, Counsel for the Town.

The invocation was given by Virginia Ignatowski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. The fire safety exits were identified for those present.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Presentation to Mary Anne Sears for years of service to the Town of Chili.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: We are doing this meeting once again on YouTube Live. I am not necessarily seeing a whole lot of people watching it other than myself right at the moment, but when we do get to the Public Forum, we'll have to take a bit of a pause for the delay and that video.

We do have one very, very, very important presentation this evening, so I would like to ask the Town Board to please grab your masks and we would like -- Mary Anne (Sears), if you could join us up here near the podium, we would appreciate it.

We'll come right up here, Mary Anne (Sears), because I think we have enough microphones over in this area.

First of all, I just want to say doing this was not something that I think I ever wanted to do in my tenure here as a Supervisor in the Town of Chili. There are a lot of things I do as Supervisor that really make my day. We do a fair amount of ribbon cuttings, opening businesses, opening new parks, watching things get planted, but seeing you retire was not one of my best days. I can tell you that with total certainty. It was very, very difficult and you know I have often said to you that you had to stay with me as long as I was here, that you would have to -- you kept telling me that wasn't going to happen, but I didn't believe you. And I still don't want to believe you. And I will give you a couple minutes if you would like to reconsider and think about it. That was a little too quick.

But, Mary Anne (Sears), you have been with the Town of Chili for 15 years. You took a Senior Center program that was okay and made it probably one of the best at least in New York State, if not even in this country. I will tell you that in my travels around Monroe County, I have seen a lot of the Senior Centers. I have seen the lack of a lot of Senior Centers and a lack of attention to the senior population in the communities.

You have embraced it like no other person I have ever seen. You have done an amazing job for our seniors here in Chili, seniors in Gates, seniors in Brockport, seniors in Sweden and seniors in Greece and all of the other locations that call Chili home as it relates to the Senior Center and the Senior Center activity.

So the thousands of seniors that have traveled through your Senior Center over the years, I know they're going to miss you. I came out and watched some of them say their farewells. And I think they all hope, too, some day you will come back and visit them. I really hope that you will come back when we open the new center, because you are a very big part of why that is happening.

Had you not developed the center that you developed and brought our seniors together and created the programs that were created under your leadership, we probably wouldn't be doing what we're doing over there.

So I want to thank you for your support. Thank you for your 15 years with the Town of Chili, and on behalf of everyone, 55 and over in the Town of Chili -- some a lot younger, I know -- because the kids like when you're doing the cookies. 55 and older kind of qualifies everybody. Most all of us, except for somebody in this room (indicating James Valerio).

But we greatly appreciate your years. Thank you for your service to the Town of Chili. We absolutely will miss you and we would like to present you with a small token of our appreciation. Something that you know, now you have time, you can dust it off when it is on the shelf at home. So a little token of our appreciation.

Also, Councilman Slattery was kind enough to organize something for you today, so on behalf of the Town Board, there is also a little something for you that -- you can also thank Councilman Slattery for his efforts in putting this and organizing this for us today, but that is from all of us.

MARY ANNE SEARS: Thank you. (Applause.)

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Before you want to speak, would anybody else like to say anything or add anything?

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: I would if I could.

MARY ANNE SEARS: Oh, dear.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: I truly mean this from the bottom of my heart. I have seen what you have done there. You have done a fabulous job. You're an awesome person, somebody that has truly blessed this Town. If it wasn't for you and the great staff that you have, we wouldn't have the reputation that we do for our Senior Center. So I truly want to say thank you. I will miss you. God bless you. I hope to see you on the bike path.

MARY ANNE SEARS: I was just thinking that.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: I would like to say a lot, but I'm afraid I will cry and won't get through it, so thank you for welcoming all of us into your world and for taking such great care of everybody. We really appreciate you and we'll miss you a lot. So thank you.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: If you would like to say anything, you're more than welcome. You don't have to.

MARY ANNE SEARS: I'm just so grateful. I thank my awesome, awesome staff. They have been right behind me. They think like me. They're ahead of me. They're wonderful. So why am I leaving? But I made a very good decision for me.

I want to thank the support of the Town Board and your support, too. I know we didn't always agree, but we did, and I just want to thank God for giving me the qualities and the leadership to deal with that population because it is a tough population and it was a real joy to come to work and it was a joy to go home. After a few years. But I love my seniors. I love what I do. I will be around. I will be around. These guys are awesome.

Thank you, Curley. Son, thanks for hiring me.

MICHAEL CURLEY: You're welcome, Ma. Thank you.

MARY ANNE SEARS: I know we're in good hands right now. Dan (Knapp), thank you. David (Dunning), thank you for all your support. Ginny (Ignatowski), thanks for not taking my money. Thank you all, everybody. Appreciate it. (Applause.)

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I do promise you you will get your ride on the motorcycle. I have your phone number.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Who is driving?

MARY ANNE SEARS: I am.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Well, that is not happening. Good luck, Mary Anne (Sears).

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Enjoy your retirement and stay healthy.

MARY ANNE SEARS: I really am. I really am enjoying it.

COUNCILMAN DECORY: Good for you.

At this point, a Public Forum was conducted to allow public speakers to address the Town Board.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: At this time, I will give it a little bit of time. There are two people watching, one of which is me. I'm not sure which the other might be.

VIRGINIA IGNATOWSKI: Probably Dawn (Forte).

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: David (Lindsay) raised his hand. You can't see him.

So I will give it a second here. I don't want to exclude anyone.

I don't see any comments being posted, so we'll go ahead.

No speakers/online viewers addressed the Town Board. The Public Forum concluded at 7:10 p.m.

MATTERS OF THE SUPERVISOR:

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I did make a couple announcements the other night about openings around Town. We're working to get the playgrounds -- if they're not open already, should be opened up. We're -- we're going to get the spray park open hopefully before July 1, get that going and make -- make sure that is available for the residents, as well. The lodges -- the lodge is reopening with a 50 percent capacity. I believe that is about 40, 45 people, something like that, right, Michael (Curley)? So that will be reopening.

And obviously we did -- I did put out a little notice about the summer programs. Unfortunately, the summer camps are not something that we're going to be able to safely operate this year based on the timing largely of when the Governor announced that we were able to run the summer camps as well as the guidance that came down that makes it extremely difficult for us to get anything done in the next couple of weeks -- so -- and do it to the way Chili does things, to do it safely and do it right.

So it is unfortunate that we're not going to be able to do those this year. But as I have mentioned before, I just want to reiterate the Chil-E Fest, we did cancel earlier. That was more of a planning thing at this point. That we weren't going to be able to get that planned properly.

We are hopefully still planning for some of our holiday events as the weather cools down. I think today we would like to see it cool down a little, but I think we're all ready for some summertime before we get much wintertime. Those things are coming.

So pretty much things are going well since we opened up the Town Hall. I think things have been managed very, very well and everybody doing their jobs and getting -- and giving people -- one, socially distant and making sure our residents can be served and getting what they need. So I think it has gone very well here, so I would like to thank everyone from the department heads and all of the staff for their cooperation.

I know the Senior Center had a very good turnout for their grab-and-go meals. That has gone extremely well. Very, very popular thing. Thank you all for your participation and help and welcome back, Michael. So I'm glad to -- I'm glad to hear that that is going well to serve some meals for our senior population. It has gone really great.

Recreation people are back to work doing Recreation planning so that again is exciting to see them back at their regular -- regular duties getting some programs and things set up for the summertime.

So while we can't have summer camp, there are programs that we can do and have some -- some smaller type events there that I think will work very, very well. So all good stuff.

Other than that, I really don't have anything else.

MATTERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL:

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Yes. I'm still getting a lot of people making comments and requests reaching out about the mobile DMV that the Monroe County Clerk has canceled for all of the towns until the end of the year. So I was hoping that there might be something that we could do to try to convince our Clerk to change her mind.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Well, glad you brought up that actually. Or maybe not. I don't know. Our Counsel down there is cringing right at the moment, because he -- I know when I open up my mouth, sometimes he cringes.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Sorry.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: As I mentioned a while back and I'm sure you're all still well aware of, I have been meeting with the Town Supervisors on -- twice a week. We have been doing a conference call talking about a variety of different things with the towns, what is opening, what is not opening, how are things going and what is going on.

I did ask for some -- the person coordinating these meetings to reach out to the County Clerk to counsel us on one of these conference calls, which she did, and I thank her for that.

However, I got to tell you, she deflected everything to the State of New York in controlling exactly what is going on and how it is going down. The mobile DMVs, to the best of my knowledge, are not going to reopen. She lays claim to the State dictating that and not -- not her necessarily. Um, however, they are going to do some remote type things. They're trying to change some of their application process, the registration processes and basically use a drop-box-type thing where if you have some -- you want to turn in a license plate, you could put it in a -- you could put it in a drop box with a -- whatever form and they would process that for you.

So they will put these drop boxes around Monroe County. I don't know when. She didn't really indicate what the time frame was. And I did offer the -- her at that time that we already had a box built in that the Town Clerk has access to and it would seem very appropriate to -- that if she was going to do that, that at least we could offer that service to our residents.

But as you know, I -- I've not -- I've been vocal about this. I believe it's a wrong decision. Whether it is a State decision, the County Clerk's decision, I don't care. I don't know for sure. But it's the wrong decision because I think at the towns we can manage this process very well, and I'm very disappointed in whoever made the decision not to open the mobile DMVs and more or less crowd people into DMVs downtown or in the malls -- wait, the malls aren't open. Sorry. And other places that are going to be very, very crowded because there are a lot of people that have a lot of DMV transactions that need to take place and I really think it's a disservice to the

residents. Our residents and all of the residents of Monroe County who have used the mobile DMVs. So with that, I will shut up.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: It's interesting. Thank you for your comments. It's interesting because the County does lose revenue when people do it online and it goes right to the State. But if there is anything that you can think of that we can do to help, I'm happy to help.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Supervisor, in regards to that, just for clarification, this is the Monroe County Clerk's Office; correct?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Correct.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: It's not the Town Clerks throughout the County?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: That's correct.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Just want to clarify because the word "clerk" came up a few times. I just want to clarify it's not Ginny (Ignatowski).

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: It is the Monroe County Clerk, Jamie Romeo, yes. To be very clear.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: I know that I have utilized that, you know, coming to the mobile DMVs, whether in Ogden or Chili, and I know seeing it here and talking to the different residents, this room can be at capacity during the time, so --

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: But I also know that you did come up with some solutions that we would have some additional Town staff assist in the County for allowing certain numbers to come into the building.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: We went over and above it. I offered the County Clerk the opportunity to do appointment only and we would take the phone calls and we would make the appointments and we could set it up so it could be by appointment only. I also offered to have additional staff at the door and the room to make sure that social distancing was observed and that people were following what -- the protocols they needed to follow.

So we offered everything I thought we could possibly offer to present a successful operation of a mobile DMV unit, but wherever it is coming from, again, whether it is the County, County Clerk or whether it is the State of New York DMV laying down his rules, whatever, we're saying it is falling on deaf ears, so.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Thank you.

The 5/13/2020 and 5/26/2020 Town Board meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS SUBMITTED:

- Advanced Payment of Claims – May 2020
- Building Department Report – April 2020 & May 2020
- Dog Control Report – March 2020, April 2020, May 2020
- Library Board Minutes – 1/28/2020, 2/25/2020, 4/21/2020
- Monthly Financial Statement – April 2020
- Planning Board Minutes – 5/12/2020
- Town Clerk Report – May 2020

RESOLUTION #182 RE: Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

OFFERED BY: Councilman Slattery SECONDED BY: Councilman DeCory

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Chili hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)</u>	<u>Term Begins/Ends</u>	<u>Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System</u>	<u>Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)</u>
ELECTED OFFICIALS					
Councilwoman	Mary Sperr	6	01/01/2018 – 12/31/2021	N	4.32

- Councilman DeCory - Aye
- Councilman Slattery - Aye
- Councilwoman Sperr - No
- Councilman Valerio - Aye
- Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #183 RE: 2020 Budget Amendments

OFFERED BY: Councilman DeCory

SECONDED BY: Councilman Slattery

BE IT RESOLVED to transfer \$6,900.00 from A3120.1 (Police & Constable - Personnel) to A9050.8 (Unemployment Insurance); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to transfer \$5,000.00 from A7310.1 (Youth Programs - Personnel) to A9050.8 (Unemployment Insurance); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to transfer \$3,000.00 from A1110.1 (Justices - Personnel) to A9050.8 (Unemployment Insurance).

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Aye
Councilman Valerio - Aye
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #185 RE: Chili Fire Department Active List

OFFERED BY: Councilman Valerio SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sperr

BE IT RESOLVED that the following individual(s) be added to the Chili Fire Department active list effective June 10, 2020:

Ryan M. Shirmer & Jason C. Tucker

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Aye
Councilman Valerio - Ave
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #186 RE: Chili Fire Department Remove from Active List

OFFERED BY: Councilman DeCory SECONDED BY: Councilman Slattery

BE IT RESOLVED that the following individual(s) be removed from the Chili Fire Department active list effective April 27, 2020:

Austin Saur

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Aye
Councilman Valerio - Ave
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #187 RE: May 20, 2020 Abstract

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Sperr SECONDED BY: Councilman Valerio

WHEREAS, January 2, 2020 Resolution #1 authorized vouchers to be paid May 20, 2020, by all Council signing a waiver form; and

WHEREAS, Council did authorize by a majority vote vouchers 34854, 34858-34859, 34927-34931, 34942-34988, 34990-35003, 35006-35040 totaling 70,497.07 to be paid from the Distribution Account as presented by Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to note for the record the above listed vouchers were paid from the following funds:

General Fund	\$	29,999.91
Highway Fund		10,473.41
H60 Community Center		29,626.00
Drainage District		284.75
Fire Protection Districts		<u>113.00</u>
Total Abstracts	\$	70,497.07

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Aye
Councilman Valerio - Ave
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

RESOLUTION #188 RE: June 3, 2020 Abstract

OFFERED BY: Councilman Slattery SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sperr

WHEREAS, January 2, 2020 Resolution #1 authorized vouchers to be paid June 3, 2020, by all Council signing a waiver form; and

WHEREAS, Council did authorize by a majority vote vouchers totaling 1,212,402.94 to be paid from the Distribution Account as presented by Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to note for the record the above listed vouchers were paid from the following funds:

General Fund	\$	45,543.01
Assessment Reserve		2,250.00
Insurance Reserve		10,500.00
Highway Fund		9,945.14
Library Fund		1,600.70
H60 Community Center		1,124,013.65
H61 Archer Road Park		4,101.64
Drainage District		1,648.41
Fire Protection Districts		113.00
Street Lighting Districts		<u>12,687.39</u>
Total Abstract	\$	1,212,402.94

Councilman DeCory - Aye
Councilman Slattery - Aye
Councilwoman Sperr - Aye
Councilman Valerio - Aye
Supervisor Dunning - Aye

The next meeting of the Chili Town Board will be Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Chili, Town Hall Main Meeting Room.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Stenography by Sandy Hewlett
Minutes Virginia Ignatowski