

Chili Town Board Meeting  
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A regular meeting of the Chili Town Board was held on April 2, 2022 at the Chili Town Hall, 3333 Chili Avenue, Rochester, New York 14624 at 12:00 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: Dawn Forte, Supervisor's Secretary; Jared Hirt, Counsel for the Town; Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk; Councilman Slattery, Deputy Town Supervisor; Scott Bonnewell, Insurance Counselor.

Posting of Colors (Cub Scout Pack #178/Boy Scout Troop #178).

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited by Cub Scout Pack #178/Boy Scout Troop #178.

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The Invocation was given by Father Bonacci, St. Pius X Church.

FATHER BONACCI: Supervisor Dunning told me that I was invited to offer this prayer today and it is a great honor and privilege. But I was offered the honor because I was around at the first meeting so. (Laughter). Thank you for that.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

*Blessing of the Town of Chili  
in the Bicentennial Year of 2022 A.D.*

*O heavenly Father, Almighty God,  
as the members of this community  
mark and celebrate 200 years,  
we humbly beseech You  
to bless and sanctify the Town of Chili  
and all her citizens who dwell therein  
and all else within this community.  
And may You grant, we humbly pray,  
to fill this town and all her citizens  
with all good things;  
grant to them, O Lord,  
the abundance of heavenly blessings  
and from the richness of the earth  
every substance necessary for life,  
and, finally, direct their desires  
to the fruits of Your mercy.  
At our humble request, therefore,  
may You bless + and sanctify  
this community and her people,  
as You did consent to bless  
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob  
and the peoples they guided and governed;  
and may the angels of Your light,  
dwelling within the borders of this community,  
protect it and those who dwell herein.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Thank you.

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SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Thank you Father. Please be seated. Dawn (Forte) will be our stenographer today along with videoing. And helping out with all of this today is Dawn (Forte) from my office. I would just like you to know that all of the decorations, everything that you see here today was all her work. If you would please (applause). Some of the decorations look so nice I think we will keep it up for some time, it is so spirited.

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CELLULAR PHONES: Please turn off all cell phones or put them on silent mode.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: We do have some presentations this morning. If we could um, if Peter Widener still here, Peter. And do we want, James do we want to have the Bicentennial Committee help with these presentations.

COUNCILMAN VALERIO: Sure.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: If members of the Bicentennial Committee, if you are here.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: They are here, there is Chris & Hermine. Jill.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Come on guys, come on up. Peter is a part of this also correct.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Yes, that is correct. And Jeff, Jeff is on the committee.

E. Presentations/announcements:

1. Presentation to Harris Seed Company (Honoring one of the oldest businesses in the Town of Chili).
2. Presentation to Higbie Farm Supplies, Inc. (Honoring one of the oldest businesses in the Town of Chili).
3. Robert DeMity – Honor Flag presentation to the Town Board.
4. Presentation by Senator Ed Rath.
5. Presentation by County Legislature Tracy DiFlorio.
6. Joe Gizzi, Incentive Zoning for properties located at 4415 & 4423 Buffalo Road.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Come on down. We do want to recognize the oldest business in the Town of Chili. This was a project from the Bicentennial Committee. In celebration we wanted to make sure that we acknowledged the oldest business in Chili, which I am told was formed in 1879 and that is Harris Seed. So I would like to ask that Mark Greene, Sue Hall and Vicki Rupley if you would come up for a presentation if you could please. So on behalf of the Town of Chili and our Bicentennial Committee in celebration of our Bicentennial, we would like to present to Harris Seed honoring one of the oldest businesses in the Town of Chili, during the business month in celebration of our Bicentennial April 2, 2022. Who will be.

HARRIS SEEDS: I am the elder (Sue Hall), thank you very much.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Congratulations. Is there something that you would like to say?

HARRIS SEEDS: They kind of nominated me to speak (Sue Hall). I did not realize that we were supposed to be wearing period gowns and I left mine at the dry cleaners. (Laughter). It is a very nice honor to have this. Harris Seeds as you know has been here in the local area since 1879. A hundred and forty-three years, and it has gone through several generations of the Harris family before it got sold out into a public family. Since has had ownership for the past 35 years which we are pleased about. We support the local community, all of our staff is local. So, we really feel very honored to be in the Rochester area. And thank you, thank you.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: You are very welcome. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: So, we also wanted to recognize another business who has been here since 1885 and that is Higbie's. Anyone that knows Higbie's they are located over on Union Street, they are a farm supply so Ilze Bullwinkel is here on their behalf Higbie's. Presented to Higbie Farm Supply, honoring one of the oldest businesses in the Town of Chili, during business month in celebration of our Bicentennial April 2, 2022. So, with this I would like to make sure that you take this back to everybody over at Higbie's and let them know we appreciate their time that they have been in the Town.

HIGBIE'S – ILZE BULLWINKEL: I would be happy to, yes. On behalf of Brian Harris who's fourth generation, he would be very proud of this, he is out at the rink coal.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: They still use coal?

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HIGBIE'S – ILZE BULLWINKEL: What keeps Higbie's in business is the fact that we sell coal, birdseed and times have changed in Chili. Twenty-five years ago when I started there basically we opened at 10 am in the morning and the farmers started coming in. And now we still have coal and wood pellets, dog food and we are a family store. Thank you, he will be very happy. I am not wearing my gown because I have to go back to work. (Laughter).

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Before we get too far I would like to do is recognize that we started some our Bicentennial celebrations back with our gala, which was very well attended. It was a great time. We had a lot of fun and there were some interesting moments in the gala and we won't get into that Ginny. Fortunately, that is not the way it will happen now. We rented these from Arlene's Costumes and these are more theatrical and we have had some interesting experiences with some threads breaking, sounds when we move. Especially James when he buttons his coat. They use some heavy duty thread on these so I wasn't going there but. If you would please I would like to the people that put this all together is the Bicentennial Committee and is headed up by Co-Chair Councilman Valerio and Co-Chair Councilwoman Sperr, who headed up the committee from the town side of things. But I would please like the committee to introduce yourselves if you would.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: Shana Valerio, Chris Elkins, Melissa Cunningham, Karen Trott, Jeff Baker, Jill Fornarola, Hermine Suhr, Peter Widener.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I would just like to "Thank You" ALL! There is still a lot that is happening. (Applause).

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: We are now in business month, get out there and visit our businesses and there are some things in it for you so. If you are not sure what it is go to our website and click the Bicentennial page, there are a lot of photos there, a lot of great information, a tremendous timeline about the history of the Town of Chili. So, thank you for all of the work that you are doing and continue to do for this Bicentennial, I appreciate it. Thank you so much. (Applause).

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: We do have another presentation from Robert DiMityr.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: First and for most sir, Thank you for your service. (Applause).

ROBERT DIMITRY: I want to present this flag, it is an Honor and Remember flag. It is to honor our fallen military hero's and their families. This poster explains in detail of the flag.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Thank you, thank you so much.

ROBERT DIMITRY: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Thank you, sir. (Applause)

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: And we will move onto our next presentation. Especially at budget time it is great to have you in town. But I know you are very, very busy and made special time to get here and spend some time with us today. I would like to ask Senator Ed Rath if he would like to come up and say a few words and I know you have a presentation for us.

SENATOR ED RATH: Thank you very much Supervisor Dunning. It is wonderful for me to be here today to help share in the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Town of Chili. Before I get into and I am going to read this legislative resolution, normally we don't read these but there is some really good information in here. So, I want to make sure I share it with you all.

A couple of comments, first of all I have five days of growth in solidarity with you Supervisor Dunning. I did not shave for five days so that I would have a little bit of a look and I have my green tie on today. So, I know that one of the colors here in Chili is green. And I will tell you ladies and gentlemen just before I start for two years now, I have been representing 16 new cities, towns and villages in my district. None has made me feel more welcome and more included and more a part of the community than your community here in Chili. To the entire Town Board and everyone here today, it is my honor to be your State Senator and as your State Senator I also sometimes bring gifts. And what I did was I brought a famous almond ring from Chruskiki Bakery in Clarence. So if someone says Chruskiki that is right. Chruskiki is absolutely fantastic. I of course will not be having any, but please share in the almond ring. It just came right out of the bakery about an hour and a half ago.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I thought for sure you were bringing Paula's donuts.

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SENATOR ED RATH: I love Paula's so much that I decided that I would bring Chruskiki's. And I will read directly from this resolution. A couple of years ago I did not bring my readers and I could not finish it and it did not go so well. I have a very big font. First of all, it is my honor to share in the celebration with the Town Board as well as the residents of Chili. I am going to read this because I think that it is important that we celebrate and we recognize the history here today. (Copy of Resolution is at the end of minutes). It is my honor to present this to you all. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it today. (Applause)

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I would like to acknowledge that back at the gala, Assembly Member Harry Bronson presented us with a proclamation from the State Assembly, he was not able to be with us here today. Hopefully he is back to making us a decent budget for our state budget. (A copy of this proclamation can be found at the end of the minutes).

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: All right, so, next we would like to welcome our great County Legislature Tracy DiFlorio from her and the County of Monroe.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE TRACY DIFLORIO: Thank you so much, it is also my honor to be here today. As a former member of the Chili Town Board, a lifelong student of history, this is really a monument's occasion. I am so thrilled and honored to be here. I as well have brought a proclamation and I did not bring any gifts. No pastries, next time I will. But I did bring a proclamation in and I as well think that it is important to read it in its entirety, just because it is rich in history and if you will please indulge me. This is a Certificate of Recognition from the Monroe County Legislature. (A copy of this Certificate of Recognition is included at the end of these minutes). (Applause)

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Unfortunately, we do have to do some real business here today too, so we are going some of that and we will get back to a little more fun in a few minutes.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: So, we do have a presentation this morning and I would like to ask Joe Gizzi, Al, Chris whomever is going to come up. For a proposal for Incentive Zoning for properties located at 4415 & 4423 Buffalo Road.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Good afternoon my name is Chris Schultz and I am here with Joe Gizzi and Al Arilotta. Al is the architect on the project, I am the consulting engineer who is working for Joe here. This is the first time that we have presented this project to your board. What we are proposing is an incentive zoning application and that process is a multi-step project with the first coming before this board and seeing if the board felt that it had merit and if we can continue on with the project. Currently what we are proposing is mix use development. We have two parcels, one is residential and one is commercial. The propose uses would continue along those lines and they would be mixed in that. The commercial uses would typically change from for example the existing building in the center of the layout is used as a professional office. The idea with that one is that it would be converted over to apartments. The smaller building to the right is a proposed professional office building, currently spec for two physicians looking a clean fresh space in the town. Then the larger building to the west, is proposed as a three story building, where the main floor would be retail and the second and third floor would be set up for apartments. So, very indicative of what you would see in more of a historic setting where the first floor was always retail, restaurants those services. And then the upper floors where always residential space. So, that is coming back you will see it out of towns that type of demand is there. Folks like to be very close to services and certainly there is quite a demand for the nicer, high end apartments. So, this is the first step. We had some preliminary discussions with the Supervisor and staff and seeing the best process to potentially present this to and it was recommended the incentive zoning would be one of the options that would probably fit the best. So, today's meeting is generally just to update the board on what we are thinking, we have some information I will let Joe talk a little bit about the actual incentive offered to the town and Al has details on the proposed buildings that I would like him to show the board also.

JOE GIZZI: Hi, Joe Gizzi, good morning thanks for having us. So, we met with Supervisor Dunning and the incentive that they suggested was the demolition of the Chili Highway Department. We have looked at thoroughly, walked through that building. We estimate the cost to demolish that highway department to be at about a \$125,000.00 complete from start to finish. As I have given you the outline, we would demolish the whole building, clear everything, clean it up completely for you guys with topsoil.

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AL ARILOTTA: Hi, my name is Al Arilotta, I am the architect for the project. The hand out that I handed out there is for three different buildings. The smaller building the 4,000 square foot building that is adjacent to 4415 Buffalo Road, the existing building. That is just going to be a 4,000 square foot slab on grade, wood framed, wood truss roof and the aesthetics on it would be stone veneer, a little brick, a combination of shakes siding, clapboard siding, and you will notice that will match the existing building next door that is going to be an existing two story building and we are going to be converting those offices into apartments. Six units per floor, a combination of two bedrooms, one bedrooms and a couple of studios. The architectural will more less mimic each building, as well as the three story building to the west at 4423 Buffalo Road. That is going to be again a mixed use. Retail on the first floor and two floors of apartments above there, each with thirteen apartments on each level and that will have a combination of one and two bedrooms. Again, architecturally, residential in nature looks wise and I think it will blend into the surrounding neighborhood.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Any questions from the board?

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Not right now.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: There is a lot of information that we were just given just right now so, it is going to take a little bit to look at this and comprehend what you are referring to. Is the former gas station, service station on the corner, is that part of this plan?

JOE GIZZI: No, no that is not.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: So, just looking at this and being very familiar with the area, if you can go back to the smallest building to the east what will be housed in that?

JOE GIZZI: The proposed use for the smallest building to the east would be a professional space use so, we would have it built out to have two tenants. Potentially a doctor and a dentist. So, we currently have in the building that is existing that we would like to convert to residential, we currently have a doctor a pediatrician and a dentist who are looking to move into something more modern. Pediatrician right now is currently downstairs, so, a lot of parents have to come in and carry their kids down a couple of flights of stairs. It is not really conducive, so we are looking to potentially relocate those two tenants across to that new professional space, which would be ground level.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: So, then nothing is going to be done, you did not purchase the corner lot then?

JOE GIZZI: No, we tried to purchase the corner lot, but they already had a contract in place.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Okay.

JOE GIZZI: And that property is sold.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Okay, so then the largest building that is going, because you have two new and then one existing, so, the largest building that is going to be west then. You know we are not Planning Board we are not Zoning Board. We are Town Board. So, we do not really get into the design, the layout and all that information. But just for informational purpose here, I am just going to maybe reach out here a little bit and just say there is drainage issues that are over on that parcel and lot area. So, I am sure that with your engineer, you guys are going to be looking at that knowing that area well and the residents in that area and were that water goes and the concerns that they had in past. There was some work that was done through there so, I would say just keep that in mind. Then are you planning on bringing fill into that area to raise that up, what is the thought process for that? Without getting into too much detail, because I do not want to do Planning Board's job.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Actually, the grade to the south of it, the larger building would be brought up and be comparable to the grade to the existing parcels to the east. That would actually give us about four foot of vertical storage for our storm water detention facility. So, it works out nice where even that site does drop off significantly, but with the placement of the building, bringing that rear parking lot up to grade, it does help us facilitate putting in the required storm water management. And of course we do have sanitary sewers, public water and one of the big points we want to point out is that we are eliminating the Attridge Road cut through road. Right now a lot of the folks cut the corner and run though there and it is a dangerous situation so, we believe that State DOT will be very happy to see that cut.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: County. Attridge is a county road.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Well, we are asking the state for the other entrance.

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COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: On Buffalo Road?

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Yea. So, the county will love to see that go away and hopefully the state will say, yea that helps with people cutting the corner trying to beat the light.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Actually, there is no light, that would just be the stop sign.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Stop sign.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Yea.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: You are right.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Then in regards to the amount of room that you would have because you have the dumpster enclosure that would have to be relocated as well. For the existing building. Anybody else?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: The um, Joe, Chris or Al, whomever. The incentives that you are looking for relief from the parts of the code or parts of the zoning that you are looking for, can you please just explain that to the board so that they understand what you need relief from.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: So, we basically need relief from the allowed uses on the parcel. Currently the town does not have in the code a code that allows a mix use.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Can you speak louder I can't hear you.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: You have a deep voice but.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: You would think that it would pick it up. Okay the current code does not have a specific mix use code on record. So, looking what was available incentive was the way to go. What we are doing is we are basically taking one parcel and asking that we have some commercial use on it and also residential on the same piece. So, that is what we are really asking for. Things like setbacks, that are normally associated with the commercial, we can meet all those. Even parking our total parking count is very close to what you would need for the facilities if they were all on separate parcels. Full well knowing that parking is going to be shared with the folks that live there will leave during the retail hours so, you really would not need to generate that many parking spaces. So, more than anything else the incentive request is just for the type of use that we are proposing.

COUNCILMAN VALERIO: So, the existing building we are not seeing anything for that, that will also be apartments.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Yea, there will be a small addition put on the south side, which would facilitate an elevator access and that would go to the apartments.

COUNCILMAN VALERIO: You may have said this but, will the front of that building match the architecture of these buildings?

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Yea, all three buildings will look similar and have.

COUNCILMAN VALERIO: Yea but we are not seeing that right now?

CHRIS SCHULTZ: That is correct, correct.

COUNCILMAN DECORY: How many apartments for the existing building?

AL ARILOTTA: Six on each floor.

COUNCILMAN DECORY: Twelve total, okay.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: And then the elevator obviously is to bring it up to code?

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Nods yes.

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COUNCILMAN VALERIO: And there is no commercial use in the two apartment buildings? It is just that you have this new building that is commercial on the same property.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Basically yea, right now there are two separate tax accounts, parts of this would also involve the merger of the parcels. So, the whole thing would be put into one parcel, we would go through incentive zoning and then that mixed use would be allowed on it. So, basically it keeps it easy and clean from a planning stand point.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: I mean right now you are just coming to us to do a presentation. This is still going to have to go before planning board, and if it gets to that point zoning board, our conservation board. They are going to look at all the drawings for the landscaping. So there is other boards that will be involved, when you get to that point.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Very much to that point.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Actually, actually if I may councilman, just a little correction. No, incentive zoning would incorporate everything, including variances and everything else so. Whatever they need from, if it is setbacks or whatever variances heights or whatever variances that they need would be included with their application for the planning board. So, they won't go to zoning board nor will they go to conservation board.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: They will not?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: No, no because that is all included as a part of. That is true with all incentive zoning applications. It goes from us, if we then say, yes then please move forward and, we are not making a decision to approve it, but we would tell them to go to the planning board. Then all of the elements of everything that they want to do has to be spelled out 100% at that planning board meeting. Including plantings, setbacks, variances. Whatever variances that they may need, have to be done at that planning board meeting as a part of the incentive zoning package. Then once the planning board reports back to us, whether or not they are in favor of it or not, then they have to come back to us for a resolution to consider the adoption of the proposal. The planning board and us is it.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Yes, but they do the heavy lifting, I mean once this board feels the project has merit.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Absolutely.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: That then allows us to invest the time and the money to generate a fully developed project to present to the planning board. Once we get to a point where the planning board is comfortable with the project, we would ask them to make a recommendation back to your board.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: So we are here to make a recommendation to the planning board to move.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: We are here to decision whether or not this is worthy to send to the planning board. We are not making any other decision, other than the worthiness of this particular project for the planning board than to thoroughly vet this out.

COUNCILMAN SPERR: Okay.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Right.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Any other questions?

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Thanks for the reeducation on that. There is a lot involved. So, what is the timeline you are looking at then?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Well if there is no objections in to sending them to the planning board. Whenever they can get onto the planning board's schedule and when they can get all their I's dotted and T's crossed and everything in line with what they need. And then they would come back to us after that so. Minimally, you are probably looking at three months, maybe.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Yep, sure.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Minimally to get onto the agenda. And it depends on how the planning board, if they get through one meeting, two meetings, three meetings.



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CHRIS SCHULTZ: I am sure we will be doing traffic studies, that will need to be reviewed by state and county agencies. Obviously, the environmental concerns with any development will be handled and looked at through the planning board. So, full drainage, storm water prevention is all going to have to be designed and reported in and reviewed and approved by the town engineer. So, it is a process, so we feel we will work this ring through the summer with the planning board and if things go smooth, we will see you near the end of the summer months most likely.

JARED HIRT: Really what your job today is to look at what they are proposing for purposes of the incentives. So, taking down the old highway building. The value of that and how that compares to what they are looking to do. And if you guys feel as though it is a potentially fair and sufficient trade off, then you give them feedback. Say, yes this is worthy of going to planning. So, that is what you are really looking at today is what they are giving the town verses what they are asking.

TOWN CLERK VIRGINIA IGNATOWSKI: If I could just mention Supervisor, because this sometimes gets forgotten is that there is an additional application that comes to the Town Clerk's office, so you are going to apply to the planning board and if you are going to come back to the town board, there is an application and fee that also has to be paid for that. It is a little different than most other applications.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Always a fee.

TOWN CLERK VIRGINIA IGNATOWSKI: To help cover the cost of the legal notice.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I know. Any other questions from the board? So, without objection or if there is an objection to ask you to allowing this application to go to the planning board and let this application be vetted. You are not making a vote on whether or not we are approving the incentive. We are just saying that it is probably more appropriate to send them to the planning board at this point and let the planning board vet out their application. Is there any objections to recommending they visit/go to the planning board?

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: No, but what I would recommend, the amount of information that you just gave to the town board, if we got that ahead of time, that would have been more beneficial. So, that we could have taken the time to review it, understand it and then go from there. So, I would just recommend that in the future that be done. I think that would help.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Certainly.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: But as far as me personally, I would say I don't have a problem with them going to planning board for them to review it. And then for them to submit their opinions back to us. Without delaying things, I think they are the experts, they are the ones that deal with this on a monthly basis, they go to the training. Town Board cannot influence planning board in any way, so I think it is important for the community to know that. But I also think it is important that we leave it up to the experts to take a look at and get the full feel of what you are proposing and then what is also in the town code, and in our master plan for them to review and understand that as well. Just my take on that.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Yea, just for again for the board if you remember, we have been through this and down this road other times. And we have had applicants who have not met the obligations to our satisfaction and we have gone through this process more than once with them. So, you know planning board could come back and a whole bunch of things can change when you go to planning board. And this board is going to say, time out you need to come back and talk to us and it is going to delay the process. So, I just want to make sure that everything's in kind of in line with where you are today.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: We will get a list of their incentive from your application so we will know what you are asking for.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Yes. Yup, and again our approval process is not until they come back to the Town Board for the approval of the incentive zoning. So, again just any objections asking the applicant to go to planning board?

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Seeing none, have a good time.

CHRIS SCHULTZ: Great, thank you.

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SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Okay. Moving right along. We do not have any public hearings, there is a public forum. Would anyone like to speak at the public forum? Please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record and you shall be heard.

At this point, a Public Forum was conducted to allow public speakers to address the Town Board. No speakers addressed the Town Board. The Public Forum concluded at 12:50 p.m

**MATTERS OF THE SUPERVISOR:**

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I have a couple of things here. One is just that I want to recognize to the best of my knowledge and the best that Dawn (Forte) was able to find out of course, I don't research this she does. That this would be the 2,727 meeting of the Chili Town Board.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Wow!

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: That there has been other than today 2,726 town board meetings over the years. It seems like an awful lot of town board meetings. I also asked Dawn (Forte) to pull the minutes from the first town board meeting and I got to tell you, they are very interesting and extremely hard to read. The penmanship that was probably much better than ours today, but some of the language that they used, and some of the terms they used were very interesting. They are so old these documents, again they go back to 1822, and we do have them here in the Town Clerk's office. But I know you can't see this, but I will leave this out, this is an exact photo copy of the minutes from that meeting. And they are very difficult to read, but we did pull some things out that were kind of interesting. So, at the very first town board meeting, some of the items that they were voting on were a little interesting. The very first one that we could see here was "be it voted that a lawful fence be five feet high, no hole within two and a half feet of off the ground to exceed six inches" that was the number one resolution or vote that they took. That you can't have a fence be six feet high. So, anyways, and this is typical government "to raise double the sum for the school fund in town that is received from the State fund". So, they were already doubling school taxes back then.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: I wish it only doubled now.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Then "that fifty dollars be used for support of the poor", "that a penalty of four dollars be imposed on any person or persons suffering his her or their ram to run at large from the first day of September to the twentieth day of November of this year". And that is not a Ram pickup truck that they were talking about, I am sure of it. But I thought it was pretty interesting some of these things. I know Bonnie (Moore) had mentioned this earlier that one of the first things that they appointed was four constables, actually they did appoint two Commissioners of Common Schools, Inspectors of Common Schools and then there was a, oh I am sorry they voted the Collector for four cents for collecting and that was Benjamin Bowen. And I don't know if that is now the Receiver of Taxes or what that might be at this point but. And then they had four Constables that they did vote in which was Thomas Sheldon, Daniel Jameson, Moses Sperry and Eben Buenham. But anyways just some interesting tidbits from one of the first meetings. As I pulled the, too bad David (Lindsay) is not here, "voted the overseers of highways, be fence viewers". "That this meeting be adjourned to the house of Benjamin Bowen on the first Tuesday of April next at 9 O'clock in the morning". So, they were in the morning, so, we were not too far off. So, just a couple of little things from the first meeting of the Chili Town Board. But again, if anybody is ever interested in seeing them, they are available in the Town Clerk's office.

COUNCILMAN VALERIO: They are posted out here in the hallway too.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Yea, we have gathered some interesting, and some, I found some that was kind of interesting, but I am not going to read this one and I apologize Bonnie (Moore) for not doing that but it is a little lengthy and the font is very, very small, but this was called "Will the meeting come to order" and it was an article that Bonnie Moore wrote from the Historian's Perch, when she was the Town Historian, and she wrote a nice little article about that and is certainly something that we can put online for people. But I also found some very interesting things that were done back in the late nineties or early nineties I should say. Where Jay Widener had written a nice little package about the "History of the Early Digest of Chili". And some of these things I will get on the website, so that people can take a look at them. And at the interest of time I am not going to spend a lot of time here this morning. Other than that, I just want to remind everyone that at the conclusion of this meeting, we would like to ask you to join us for some light refreshments, cake and wonderful kuchen. What is it?

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Almond ring.

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SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Almond ring from the Buffalo area. So, it came in all the way imported from Buffalo today so. Thank you Senator for doing that we appreciate it. So, please join us for some light refreshments afterwards and I am sure that Councilman Slattery would be happy to entertain the rest of you if he has not said all of his jokes yet today.

**MATTERS OF THE COUNCIL:**

COUNCILMAN VALERIO: Just one more time I need to thank the Bicentennial Committee for all the work that they have done so far with the gala, today's events, the business team Hermine (Suhr), Chris (Elkins) and Jill (Fornarola) for putting together business month. If you have not gone to the town's website, all the information about our Bicentennial events are there so, please check the town website. And also thank the Historic Preservation group for organizing the signs today that we presented, the one in Clifton it is at the firehouse talking about the history of Clifton and then of course the one out front here commemorating the first meeting that Chili had two hundred years ago. So, "thank you" to those volunteers for all their help.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: I would just also like to add as part of business month, we do have restaurant week, which is the last week in April. So, we are really hoping that everyone will come out and support our Chili businesses. We make it a point ourselves to shop local, and we are hoping that you will also do the same thing. And "thank you" again to our committee they have done a great job.

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: And breaking off from that a bit, I see that there are some young crowds here, next Friday at the Chili Community Center we have pizza with the Easter Bunny. You have to register for that if you would like to go, I know that it was getting close to being sold out, but slots still may be open. And then next Saturday we are going to have the Easter Bunny hunt or Easter Egg hunt excuse me, it will be a good time they broke it up into different age groups so it should be a good time. Hopefully the weather will be fine.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: And I would like to "thank" here today, members of the Cub Scout Pack 178 and also Boy Scout Troop 178, for coming in today, presenting colors and leading is in the Pledge of Allegiance, gentlemen stand up would you please.  
(Applause).

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Thank you for doing that, we greatly appreciate it and you are welcome anytime. We always love for you to come in and post colors for us so, "thank you" again.

The 3/16/2022 Town Board Meeting minutes were approved.

**REPORTS SUBMITTED:**

Advanced Payment of Claims – March 2022  
Building Department Report – March 2022  
Zoning Board Minutes – 2/22/2022

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. The Town of Chili has received notification from Ben Haight, Highway that he is resigning; effective April 8, 2022.
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**RESOLUTION #134 RE: SEQR Status for Adoption of Local Law # 2 of 2022 to Provide Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighter & Ambulance Personnel**

**OFFERED BY: Councilman Slattery SECONDED BY: Councilman DeCory**

**WHEREAS**, that the Town Board classifies the adoption of proposed Local Law # 2 of 2022 to be a Type II action under the provisions of Section 617.5 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board in making this Classification has satisfied the procedural requirements under SEQR and directs this Resolution to be placed in the file on this Action.

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

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**RESOLUTION #135 RE: Adoption of Local Law # 2 of 2022 to Provide Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighter & Ambulance Personnel**

**OFFERED BY: Councilman Valerio SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sperr**

**WHEREAS**, a proposed Local Law # 2 of the year 2022 to the Code of the Town of Chili, “to Provide Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighter & Ambulance Personnel was introduced to the Town Board of the Town of Chili on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, at a meeting of the Chili Town Board held at the Town Hall in the Town of Chili, New York on the 16th day of March, 2022 a public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. to consider the adoption of a proposed Local Law # 2 of the year 2022 to the Town Code of the Town of Chili, to “Provide Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighter & Ambulance Personnel” and discussion upon the matter having been had and all persons desiring to be heard having been duly heard; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon the evidence obtained by the Town Board at said public hearing and upon all other information obtained and reviewed by the Board; it is

**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, that Local Law # 2 of 2022 is hereby enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Chili.

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

COUNCILMAN SLATTERY: Yes, Supervisor if I could I would just like to thank all the volunteers on the Chili Fire Department and the ambulance, for all the time that it takes to participate. They have to volunteer x amount of training hours and if we ever had to go to a paid fire department, which it may get to that point, but all the volunteer hours that they give up. Getting out of bed in the middle of the night or sacrificing time at their job to go and help out the residents at no charge. We greatly appreciate that, and so I just want to say a sincere “thank you” to the men and women that do that.

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Local Law 2-2022 To Provide Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Personnel

Section I. Authorization

The adoption of this Local Law is in accordance with NY Real Property Tax Law §466-k.

Section II. Title

This Article shall be known as the “Real Property Tax Exemption for the Primary Residential Property of Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Personnel Residing in the Town of Chili”.

Section III. Purpose

By this Article, the Town Board seeks to amend the Town of Chili Code, to provide a partial tax exemption on certain real property owned by eligible enrolled members of incorporated volunteer fire companies, fire departments and/or incorporated voluntary ambulance services, or owned by such eligible enrolled member and her/her spouse that reside in the Town of Chili.

Section IV. Legislative Finding

The Town Board of the Town of Chili finds and hereby determines that because the Town values its volunteer firefighters and ambulance personnel, and in accordance with N.Y. Real Property Tax Law, a partial tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance personnel shall be established in accordance with N.Y. Real Property Tax Law § 466-k and the provisions set forth herein.

Section V. Amendment

Real property that is the primary residence of and is owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service, or that is owned by such enrolled member and his/her spouse, residing in the Town of Chili shall be partially exempt from taxation in accordance with N.Y. Real Property Tax Law § 466-k. Said partial exemption shall be limited to ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of the real property, exclusive of special districts.

Chapter 451 entitled “Taxation”, Article IX shall be created, and shall read as follows:

Article IX – Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Personnel

**§451-32 Title**

Real Property Tax Exemption for the Primary Residential Property of Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Personnel Residing in the Town of Chili.

**§451-33 Purpose and Intent**

It is the purpose and intent of this Article to implement legislation that allows a partial real property tax exemption for eligible Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Personnel as set forth by N.Y. Real Property Tax Law § 466-k.

**§451-33 Provisions Adopted by Reference**

Pursuant to and in accordance with N.Y. Real Property Tax Law § 466-k, including all subsections thereof, certain real property that is owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, or that is owned by such enrolled member and his/her spouse, shall be partially exempt from Town taxation to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such real property. Real property that is the primary residence of and is owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service, or that is owned by such enrolled member and his/her spouse, residing in the Town of Chili shall be partially exempt from taxation in accordance with N.Y. Real Property Tax Law § 466-k, with said partial exemption limited to ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of the real property, exclusive of special districts.

**§451-34 Exemption Granted**

The Assessor of the Town of Chili is hereby directed to include the partial exemption under N.Y. Real Property Tax Law § 466-k of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of certain real property provided the following requirements are satisfied:

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- A. The applicant resides in the Town of Chili;
- B. The applicant is an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or incorporated volunteer ambulance service that serves in whole or in part the Town of Chili, exclusive of mutual aid services;
- C. The real property is the primary residence of the applicant;
- D. The real property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and
- E. The applicant has been certified by the Town of Chili as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or incorporated volunteer ambulance service for at least two (2) years. In the event the applicant is an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or incorporated ambulance service who has accrued more than twenty (20) years of active service in said incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or incorporated volunteer ambulance service, then the applicant shall receive the partial tax exemption hereunder for the remainder of the applicant's life.

**§451-35 Application process**

The Town of Chili shall determine the procedure for certification required hereunder by resolution duly adopted. Absent such resolution, a duly authorized certification of the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service of such enrollment shall be deemed the certificate required hereunder. An applicant for the partial exemption provided for hereunder shall file an annual application with the Town of Chili on a form prescribed by the New York State Board of Real Property Services. The application must be filed on or before the taxable status date.

**§451-36 Amendments**

In the event the New York State Legislature enacts any provision authorizing adoption of greater or expanded real property tax exemption benefits for volunteer firefighters or ambulance personnel qualifying hereunder, the provisions hereof may be amended by resolution of the Town Board in order to implement benefits.

**§451-37 Effective**

This Article shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Secretary of State and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on/or after January 1, 2022.

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**RESOLUTION #136 RE: Lead Agency and SEQR Determination for the Rezoning of RAO-20 (Rural Agricultural Overlay) to R-1-6 (Residential Single Family 6,000 SF min. lot)**

**OFFERED BY: Councilman DeCory SECONDED BY: Councilman Slattery**

**WHEREAS**, the Chili Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Town Board) on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022 did declare its intent to be designated the lead agency in regards to SEQR for the rezoning of RAO-20 (Rural Agricultural Overlay) to R-1-6 (Residential Single Family 6,000 SF min. lot), hereinafter referred to as the "Action"; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing as required by the Town's Zoning Code on the matter was duly held by the Town Board on March 16, 2022, commencing at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in the said Town and discussion upon the matter having been had and all persons desiring to be heard having been duly heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board determined that it was the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of that Action and did provide written notifications to involved agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Clerk has submitted a memo to the Town Supervisor indicating that the Town did not receive any correspondences from the involved agencies indicating an objection to the Town Board acting as Lead Agency for the Action and has given consideration to any comments received from Involved and Interested Agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Action is deemed to be a Type 1 Action pursuant to the SEQR Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form pursuant to the New York Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto in 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA Regulations); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has carefully considered the criteria for determining significance as set forth in the SEQR Regulations; the EAF, the application materials, and all documents, correspondence, testimony, and other information supplied to this Board, including correspondence and communication from the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Town staff, Town Planning Board, and input obtained during the public hearing; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board does hereby designate itself as the lead agency for the Action; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board has considered the list of potential environmental effects set listed in section 617.7, taken a hard look and engaged in a reasoned elaboration of the submitted information, analysis above and all supporting documentation and has concluded that the action will NOT result in a significant adverse environmental impact; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board adopts the Part 2 (Impact Assessment) and Part 3 (Determination of Significance) of the Full Environmental Assessment Form attached and hereby makes a "negative declaration" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which constitutes a finding of no significant adverse environmental impacts from the Action and directs the Town Supervisor to complete, sign and date the Full Environmental Assessment Form and the Negative Declaration Form.

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

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**RESOLUTION #137 RE: Rezoning of RAO-20 (Rural Agricultural Overlay) to R-1-6 (Residential Single Family 6,000 SF min. lot).**

**OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Sperr SECONDED BY: Councilman Slattery**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board conducted a public hearing as required by the Town’s Zoning Code on the rezoning of RAO-20 (Rural Agricultural Overlay) to R-1-6 (Residential Single Family 6,000 SF min. lot) was duly held by the Town Board on the 16th of March, 2022, commencing at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in the said Town and discussion upon the matter having been had and all persons desiring to be heard having been duly heard, which concluded with a “Recommend Vote” (5-0); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board, as lead agent for State Environmental Quality Review Act purposes, has reviewed the environmental record with regard to this application and determined it to be a Type 1 action under Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Zoning Map Amendment has been reviewed by the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development for comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has carefully reviewed and considered the Town’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan and has determined that the rezoning of RAO-20 to R-1-6 does not conflict with the stated goals of the 2030 Comprehensive Master Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Chili is amended such that the properties located in the RAO-20 zoning district shall now be placed within the R-1-6 (Residential Single Family 6,000 SF min. lot) zoning district is hereby now adopted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to enter said rezoning into the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of this zoning map amendment according to law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk shall direct that the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Chili be amended consistent with this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the property owner, his representatives, the Town Planning Board, Town Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Director of Public Works, Town Engineer, Town Attorney and Associate Town Attorney.

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

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**RESOLUTION #138 RE: Historic Landmark Designation for 1140 Paul Road**

**OFFERED BY: Councilman Valerio SECONDED BY: Councilman DeCory**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the premises located at 1140 Paul Road, Churchville, NY 14428 tax a/c #145.11-1-1; owned by Thomas & Sharon Swain be designated a “Landmark” as per Chapter 304 of the Town Code per the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Board.

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



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**RESOLUTION #139 RE: Historic Landmark Designation for 257 Archer Road**

**OFFERED BY: Councilman Valerio SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sperr**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the premises located at 257 Archer Road, Churchville, NY 14428 tax a/c #146.04-1-20; owned by David & Valerie Ketchum be designated a “Landmark” as per Chapter 304 of the Town Code per the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Board.

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

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**RESOLUTION #140 RE: Letter of Credit Release #3 for Rose Hill, Phase 3**

**OFFERED BY: Councilman DeCory SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sperr**

**WHEREAS**, that per recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works and Town Engineer that \$50,204.10 be released from the letter of credit #520006988 with Tompkins Community Bank for Rose Hill, Phase 3, leaving a balance of \$567,562.83; subject to engineering fees and street light bills to the Town.

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

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**RESOLUTION #141 RE: Senior Center**

**OFFERED BY: Councilman DeCory SECONDED BY: Councilman Slattery**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Jennifer Kelley, Senior Citizen Program Specialist shall be appointed provisionally and be paid an annual salary of \$53,093.00 (PG 29) effective May 2, 2022, expenses to be paid by voucher as incurred, pending background check.

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

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: I believe Jen is here. There I see her. Please stand up and say hello. Welcome. I got to tell you, when we replaced Mary Anne. Mary Anne very high energy go, go, go, she was just an energizer bunny, not one you shoot, but an energizer bunny and then we had Katie. And Katie was just energy, energy, just full of energy. I got to tell you this was one of those interviews that was just like really. She exhausted me, she had so much energy, at the end of the interview I said you just have to hire her because it is just. But “thank you” so much, glad to have you. Look forward to working with you.

COUNCILWOMAN SPERR: Supervisor just to add for anyone who was not looking at the agenda or anyone at home that Jennifer Kelley is being hired as a Senior Citizen Program Specialist, for the Senior Center.

SUPERVISOR DUNNING: Yea, we did not resolve for her to be a senior so.

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**RESOLUTION #142 RE: April 6, 2022 Abstract**

**OFFERED BY: Councilman Slattery SECONDED BY: Councilman DeCory**

**WHEREAS**, January 3, 2022 Resolution #1 authorized vouchers to be paid April 6, 2022, by all Council signing a waiver form; and

**WHEREAS**, Council did authorize by a majority vote vouchers 40364, 40368-40372, 40376-40377, 40379-40380, 40382-40383, 40385, 40390-40392, 40398, 40404-40417, 40420-40423, 40426-40454, 40456, 40458-40475, 40477-40485, 40490-40520 totaling \$573,056.29 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	\$ 140,059.36
Admin Facility Reserve	208,379.88
Highway Fund	43,046.38
General Repairs/Maint Reserve	3,044.96
Library Fund	6,274.86
H60 Community Center	675.00
Drainage District	2,078.22
Fire Protection Districts	150,102.00
Street Lighting Districts	15,698.61
Sidewalk Districts	3,397.02
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	300.00
Total Abstract	<u>\$ 573,056.29</u>


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

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**SUPERVISOR DUNNING:** This concludes the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chili Town Board meeting.

The next meeting of the Chili Town Board will be Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Town of Chili, Town Hall Main Meeting Room, 3333 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.

*Steno by Dawn Forte*  
*Minutes by Virginia Ignatowski, Town Clerk*  


# State of New York Legislative Resolution



Senate No. 2172

BY: Senator Rath

## COMMEMORATING the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Chili's First Town Board Meeting

**WHEREAS**, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Chili's First Town Board Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, This momentous occasion will be celebrated on April 2, 2022, as the first Town Board Meeting of the Town of Chili, New York met on April 2, 1822, at James Coleman's home in what is known as Buckbee's Corner; Joseph Sibley was elected the first Supervisor at this historic meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Rich in history, the first recorded settlement of Chili was made as early as 1792 by Joseph Morgan and his family near the southeast corner of the Town; notably, North Chili was a stop on the Underground Railroad; the area of Chili was also once home to the hunting ground of Seneca Native Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, In celebration of the 200th Anniversary, the Town of Chili is hosting a variety of Bicentennial events throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Chili continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Chili's First Town Board Meeting and recognize the significance of this first meeting in the Town of Chili; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Dunning, Town Supervisor, Chili, New York.

**ADOPTED IN SENATE ON**  
March 29, 2022

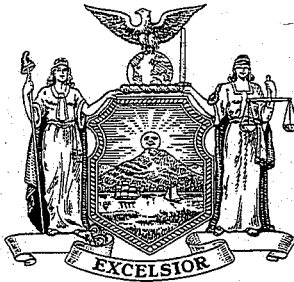
By order of the Senate,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alejandra N. Paulino".

Alejandra N. Paulino, Secretary

State of New York  
Legislative Resolution

Assembly No. 603



BY: M. of A. Bronson

**COMMEMORATING** the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Chili, New York

**WHEREAS**, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the communities which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Chili; and

**WHEREAS**, This momentous occasion will be celebrated at a Bicentennial Gala on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the Chili Country Club where people can dine, dance, shop, and view local historical artifacts; and

**WHEREAS**, Named after the country of Chile, the first recorded settlement of Chili was made as early as 1792 by Joseph Morgan and his family near the southeast corner of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Located on the Genesee River and bordering the city of Rochester in the County of Monroe, the Town of Chili was recognized as sovereign from the larger Town of Riga on February 22, 1822; and

**WHEREAS**, Rich in history, Chili was once home to the hunting ground of Seneca Native Americans and North Chili was a stop on the Underground Railroad; and

**WHEREAS**, Remaining fruitful over the ebb and flow of decades of growth and change, the Town of Chili, under the able leadership of Supervisor David Dunning, continues its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, ensuring a positive business, institutional and educational climate, and providing all essential services; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Chili, New York, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the communities of the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Dunning, Supervisor, Town of Chili, New York.

**ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON**  
March 1, 2022

By order of the Assembly,

Mary-Anne E. Dandles, Clerk



# Certificate of Recognition

*Whereas,* In 1821, the County of Monroe was established from parts of Genesee and Ontario counties. Shortly after, the NYS Legislature established the Town of Chili in 1822 by annexing part of Riga. The first Town Board meeting would be held later that year in April 1822 at James Coleman's home with Joseph Sibley serving as the first elected Supervisor; and

*Whereas,* The Town of Chili would quickly blossom into a bustling town. The first churches, including First Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church would be established by mid-1830. To increase accessibility from Rochester to Chili, the first railroad in Town would be built in 1837 from Rochester through Chili to Batavia. One room school houses expanded across the area including Chili Cobblestone School, built in 1848, which now serves as the Chili Cobblestone School Museum. By 1851, business in Chili was booming and even saw international recognition as Chili's Clifton Mill flour ground won first prize at the First International Exhibition in London; and

*Whereas,* As the Town of Chili entered the 1900s, its expansion did not slow. In 1919, an Airport was founded within the Township which would later become known as the Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport. In 1931, the new Chili Fire Department was founded as Chili Fire Department, Inc. and would be joined by the establishment of the Clifton Fire Department in 1935. In 1949, the Chili Seminary established in 1866 would become Roberts Wesleyan College which continues to teach thousands of students each year. In 1962, such students and all residents were granted a new resource in the charter of the Chili Public Library and the first Chili Community Center in 1978; and

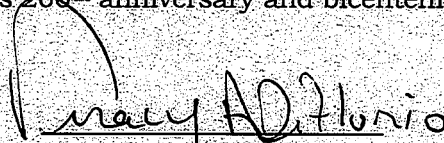
*Whereas,* The year 2022 marks the bicentennial of the Town of Chili. As of 2018, the Town of Chili's population had reached 28,540. The Gates Chili Chamber of Commerce now has over 150 members/businesses. Roberts Wesleyan College has a total undergraduate enrollment of over 1,300 students, and the Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport estimates over 850,000 boarding passengers this year alone. The Town of Chili has a rich history and continues to grow each year making our Town an even better place to live for all of our residents and visitors.

*Now, Therefore, I, Tracy DiFlorio,  
Legislator – District 3*

On behalf of the entire Monroe County Legislature,  
Do hereby recognize and congratulate the:

## Town of Chili

for its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and bicentennial.



Tracy DiFlorio  
Monroe County Legislator  
District 3