

The below answers are from Cris Aiken

1/2: Roads: I would like to know more about the specific roads that are being called into question here, and based upon that information I would be glad to look into this. That said, The Town of Chester has a total of 102 Centerline miles, 204 Lane miles of roads to repair and maintain. The County is responsible for 30.73 Centerline miles, 61.46 Lane miles of those Town Rds. Those are a lot of miles of road for the town to keep up with and I think they do a good job of it.

To my knowledge all of the Town roads are repaired and maintained on a rotating and prioritized schedule based upon condition, use and need for repair.

Again, with more specifics from the person asking this question it would be easier to check if a bias exists when it comes to which roads get attention and which roads do not.

Personally I do not think a bias exists, and it would take a lot of evidence to convince me otherwise.

3. Blight: This is definitely a problem and has been for many years. With the ordinances on the books, the newest being the property maintenance ordinance, and a new enforcement official I have already seen some positive changes. If elected to the Town Board I would work with the willing and help where I can in order to make the Town of Chester more appealing to the eye.

4. Taxes for land: I am not completely familiar with the details of this question. Personally I have a level of trust with our town officials to do what is best for the Town and the majority of its residents, so I am of the opinion that these officials did their homework and made sound decisions in the best interests of our Town.

Question 5. I support the \$5.00 fee for two reasons.

1. Paying \$5.00 for \$50.00 worth of services to me is a good value.
2. As is usually the case, costs for goods and services go up not down. As we all know this puts pressure on our Town budget. Rather than considering cutting some services that the Town provides with our tax money in order to maintain a balanced budget, I am ok with the \$5.00 fee.

8. Agenda: I am sure that creating and posting the agenda is more complicated than meets the eye, but I would explore the possibility of posting it one week prior to the meeting.

As far as not changing (adding to) the agenda after it is posted,(assuming that it is posted by the third week) I think that would be problematic on a couple of levels so I would not be for changing what is working now without substantial reasons for making a change.

As a board member I will be an open minded and solutions oriented team player while working towards the the betterment of our Town for all of its residents.