

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on January 19, 2012 at the town hall at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroot, Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Jean Rohde, Councilman Henry Swartz, Councilman Bob Balcom, Recreation Director Shari Franks, Highway Superintendent Joe Rickert, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Comptroller Earl Kelsey, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea, Hon. Doris Appel, Hon. James Borgia-Forester, Retired Town Assessor Cathy Bell and others

ABSENT:

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Swartz.

Supervisor DeGroot, the Town Board, family and friends gathered to recognize retired Assessors Cathy Bell and James Connors, and Justice Doris Appel. Jim was not in attendance. Supervisor DeGroot presented each retiree with a plaque to commemorate their many years of exemplary service to the residents of the Town of Chatham. Mrs. Bell served as Town Assessor for 15 years and Mr. Connors for more than ten years. Justice Appel's career spans nearly 45 years. Seventeen of those years were spent as a Court Clerk and the remaining 28 years on the bench. We all wished them well in their retirement, they will be sadly missed.

Councilman Lull welcomed Council Balcom back to the board.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Melinda Scott, Chief of Grants at NYS Office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation wrote to inform the Town that the EPF grant application was not selected for funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

◆None

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to enter into executive session at 7:12PM as per Section 105 of the Public Officers law, f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Swartz to leave executive session at 7:50 PM. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The March 1, 2012 workshop meeting will focus on highway budgeting.

REPORTS

A. Highway – report on file. A waterways grant application has been submitted to FEMA. .

B. Recreation Department – report on file.

C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file

D. Dog Control –

E. EMC – Deidre Henderson reported that the grant application for the GIS system for the County has been approved. Costs to the Town for training on this system will be approximately \$400.00.

-Ms. Henderson asked the Town to write a letter to the EPF in support of NY Rural Water funding for 2012.

-The Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) will be on the February agenda.

-The Columbia Land Conservancy will hold a meeting on CACs. Meeting details are forthcoming.

F. Justice Court – report on file

G. Assessor –

H. ZIC – There is still a vacancy on the ZIC. The search will reopen and letters of interest and resumes will be accepted up until 4PM on Friday, February 10, 2012.

-The proposed changes to the zoning code are on track for the February ZIC meeting.

I. Supervisor – Supervisor DeGroot reported that he is serving on the County Government and Finance committees.

J. Comptroller – report on file

RES. #41-12 to remove Fisher Pro-Caster (8') eight foot sander, inventory #708 from highway inventory and sell as surplus at on-line auction. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #41-12 and moved its adoption to remove Fisher Pro-Caster (8') eight foot sander, inventory #708 from highway inventory and sell as surplus at on-line auction for the sum of \$1,975.00. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom

Nays; None

Resolution adopted

RES. #42-12 to accept letters of interest and resumes to fill a vacant position on the Zoning Implementation Committee (ZIC). Councilman Balcom offered RES. #42-12 and moved its adoption to advertise the ZIC vacancy and accept letters of interest and resumes up until 4:00 PM on Friday, February 10, 2012. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom

Nays; None

Resolution adopted

Interviews will be conducted prior to the regular February 16, 2012 Town Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Town communications- newsletter. Shari Franks has proposed a Town newsletter, possibly quarterly. She will be working on the first draft. The Board has decided to create a communications committee and Councilman Balcom and Lull will serve.

B. 2012 Technology 4 All

RES. #43-12 to contract with Technology 4 All for computer support services. Councilman Lull offered RES. #43-12 and moved its adoption to contract with Technology 4 All for computer support services as per the contract. April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

RES. #44-12 to purchase computers from the Office Automation Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 subject to Permissive Referendum. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #44-12 and moved its adoption;

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, PROPOSING TO PAY THE COST OF PURCHASING COMPUTERS FROM THE ESTABLISHED OFFICE AUTOMATION CAPITAL FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 8,000.00

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham, Columbia County, New York at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 19th day of January 2012 duly adopted a resolution subject to a permissive referendum, the purpose and effect of which is to cause the Town to pay, from the Office Automation capital account that has heretofore been established, the cost of the purchase of computers in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00

RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the foregoing resolution shall become effective without action of the Town Board on the 19th day of February in the year 2012 unless a petition requesting that a Referendum thereon be submitted to the voters in the manner required by law. Supervisor DeGroot seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

OLD BUSINESS

A. Dedication of the Town Hall is tentatively scheduled for June along with the Crellin Park community build project in Tom Meyn's memory.

RES. #45-12 to authorize the Comptroller to make amendments to budget appropriations for 2011. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #45-12 and moved its adoption to authorize the Town Comptroller to make the following amendments to Budget Appropriations for 2011;

FROM	TO		
DB9010.8	DB5110.4	From State Retirement to General Repairs	\$10,000.00
		To cover unanticipated costs	
DB9010.8	DB9060.8	Fr. State Retirement to Medical Insurance	\$17,000.00
		To cover unanticipated costs	
		TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$ 27,000.00</u>

Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

RES. #46-12 to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2011 regular town board meeting and the January 4, 2012 organizational meeting. Councilman Rohde offered RES #46-12 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the of the December 15, 2011 regular town board meeting and the January 4, 2012. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGrootd, Lull, Rhode, Swartz
Nays; None Abstain; Balcom Resolution adopted

RES. #47-12 to appoint Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #47-12 and moved its adoption to appoint a Beth Anne Rippel, Registrar and Gail Chamberlain, Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGrootd, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

RES. #48-12 to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to attend the annual NYS conference in Lake Placid, March 5-9th 2012. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #48-12 and moved its adoption to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to attend the annual NYS conference in Lake Placid, March 5-9th 2012.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGrootd, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

RES. #49-12 to amend budget appropriations . Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #49-12 and moved its adoption to amend budget appropriations as follows;

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham, General Fund has \$175,000.00 Unreserved Fund Balance – Un-appropriated funds remaining following the close of the 2011 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby authorizes the transfer of \$100,000.00 to the Miscellaneous Reserve General Fund A Crellin Park and \$50,000.00 miscellaneous Reserve General Fund A Town Hall as of December 31, 2011. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGrootd, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

RES. #50-12 to authorize the Highway Superintendent to trade highway labor and/or equipment with all Town and Villages in Columbia County, NY for the year 2012. Councilman Swartz offered RES. #50-12 and moved its adoption to authorize the Highway Superintendent to trade highway labor and/or equipment with other Town when it has been of benefit to the Town of Chatham, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to continue this policy with all Town and Villages in Columbia County, NY for the year 2012. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGrootd, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

RES. #51-12 to name Town Historian at \$950.00 annually from A7510.1. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #51-12 and moved its adoption to name Claire Wheeler Town Historian at \$950.00 annually. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Lull, Rohde, Swartz, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Hegeman is pleased that the ZIC will resume their regular meeting schedule and that the zoning code changes are coming along. He would like to see the Board try to get the word out.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to enter into executive session at 8:40 PM as per Section 105 of the Public Officers law, f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to leave executive session at 8:45 PM. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Swartz, seconded by Councilman Rohde to adjourn at 8:46 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel
Town Clerk