

**TOWN OF CHATHAM  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET  
November 8, 2012**

A special town board meeting of the Chatham Town Board was held on November 8, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the 2013 preliminary budget.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Jesse DeGroot, Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Jean Rohde, Councilman Bob Balcom, Comptroller Earl Kelsey, Tammy Shaw and Shari Franks

**ABSENT:** Councilman Henry Swartz

Councilman Swartz was called away to assist with emergency services in NYC in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Supervisor DeGroot called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

2013 Preliminary Budget discussion continued;

-Supervisor DeGroot and board members feel that conditions warrant using funds from the tax stabilization acct. in order to keep the increase below 5%.

-Borrowing would take place in 2013 with payments to commence in 2014.

-The amount borrowed would be app. \$300,000.00 with payments stretching from 2014 until 2018.

-Crellin Park building project is budgeted at app. \$300,000.00 which would include a walkway from the parking lot to the pavilion. Councilman Lull would like to postpone the project for another year. She would like to form a committee to oversee the project and come back with a proposal next year. For an 8 week program the costs are much too high. The Town should work with what they have and make temporary repairs to get through.

-Shari feels this is short sighted given the fact that the building is literally falling apart and will probably not last another year. A new building would enable the Town to offer so much more to all members of the community on a year round basis.

-Councilman Rohde stated that it's been 9 years of fooling around and it's time to act.

-Councilman Balcom would like to see the Board working on a 5 year capital plan.

**RES. #104-12** to enter into a chargeback agreement, between the Town of Chatham and the Columbia County Treasurer, for emergency medical services, to be provided by the Chatham Rescue Squad. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #104-12 and moved its adoption to enter into a chargeback agreement between the Town of Chatham and the Columbia County Treasurer in the amount of \$118,188.00 for emergency medical services to be provided by the Chatham Rescue Squad Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Rohde, Balcom, Lull

Nays; None

Resolution adopted.

**RES. #105-12** to extend the term of the snow removal and ice control contract between the County of Columbia and the Town of Chatham. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #105-12 and moved its adoption to extend the term of the snow removal and ice control contract dated October 19, 2006 and renew the terms and

conditions. The contract is now in full force and in effect until September 1, 2015  
Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Rohde and seconded by Councilman Balcom to  
adjourn at 8:30 a.m..

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel  
Town Clerk