

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on February 17, 2011 at the town hall at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor – Jesse DeGroot, Councilman – Maria Lull, Councilman – Tom Meyn, Councilman – Jean Rohde, Councilman – Henry Swartz, Recreation Director – Shari Franks, Highway Superintendent – Joe Rickert, CEO – Walt Simonsmeier, Town Clerk – Beth Anne Rippel, Town Comptroller – Earl Kelsey, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea Tony Morgan (prospective buyer for the Lott property) and others

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

CEO Walt Simonsmeier spoke on an unsafe dwelling owned by Fred Lott located at 2173 County Route 9 in Chatham. Mr. Simonsmeier recommends that the structure be removed at the owner's expense and asked the Boards permission to proceed with the removal. Costs of removal will be well over \$10,000.00.

RES. #44-11 to allow CEO Walt Simonsmeier to proceed with the removal of an unsafe structure owned by F. Lott, tax map #67.-1-58. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #44-11 and moved its adoption to allow CEO Walt Simonsmeier to proceed with the removal of an unsafe structure owned by F. Lott, tax map #67.-1-58. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. American Farmland Trust, requesting the towns support.
- B. Fred Lott to Walt Simonsmeier, re: the proposed sale of his property at 2173 Cty. Rte. 9 to Tony Morgan. Lawyers are working on this.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

REPORTS

- A. Highway - report on file
- B. Code/Zoning Enforcement - report on file. *Notice of Repair or Remove* an unsafe structure owned by Fred Lott. Notice from CEO to Christopher Keag billing him for the cost of removing his unsafe structure located on Electric Park Rd.
- C. ZIC - no quorum at the last meeting but they are continuing to meet and are moving along.
- D. Supervisor – discussion is ongoing about the County Manager position, no movement as yet.
- E. Recreation Department – report on file. “Trees for Tribs” grant application will be submitted. Information on file.
- The Schenectady Disc Golf, Club D/B/A DisCap, submitted a proposal for a disc golf course on Town of Chatham property located behind the Town Hall. They are a 501C3. They'll raise the funds needed and they're only asking the Town for the permission to use the property. Details are in the proposal which is on file. Tal Rappleyea recommended a SEQRA determination. Shari Franks will get references and comments from other municipalities who currently have disc golf courses. More information to come.
- F. Comptroller – report on file

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Lott structure
- B. American Farmland Trust. Town Board will do some further research and bring this back next month.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Town computer service
- B. Frisbee Golf

RES. #45-11 to contract with Technology for All for computer support services. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #45-11 and moved adoption to enter into a 1 year contract with Technology for All for computer support services. Contract attached. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #46-11 to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2011 organizational meeting and the January 20, 2011 regular Town Board meeting. Councilman offered RES. #46-11 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2011 organizational meeting and the January 20, 2011 regular Town Board meeting. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion

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

Motion was made at 8:00 PM by Supervisor DeGrootd to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and highway negotiations. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

Motion was made at 8:25 PM to leave executive session. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

RES #47-11 to authorize Highway Superintendent to go out to bid for 1 used motor grader. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #47-11 and moved its adoption to authorize the Highway Superintendent to go out to bid for 1 used motor grader. Councilman Meyn seconded the motion.

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

RES #48-11 to appoint Registrar of Vital Statistics and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #48-11 and moved its adoption to appoint Beth Anne Rippel, Registrar of Vital Statistics and Gail Wessot as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

RES #49-11 to set annual salaries for Registrar of Vital Statistics and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics as past practice. Councilman Meyn offered RES. #49-11 and moved its adoption to set annual salaries as past practice for Registrar of Vital Statistics at \$1,500.00 and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics at \$300.00. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

RES #50-11 to make the following budget amendments. Councilman Meyn offered RES. #50-11 and moved its adoption to authorize the Town Comptroller to make the following Final Amendments to Budget Appropriations for 2010

From	To		
A1990.4	A9060.8	Fr Contingency To Medical Ins.(Town Share)	500.00
		To cover Year end Billing for 2010	
B9010.8	B9060.8	Fr State Retirement To Medical Ins.(Town Share) .)	800.00
		To cover Year end Billing for 2010	
DB9010.8	DB9060.8	From State Retirement To Medical Ins.(Town Share)	1,000.00
		To cover Year end Billing for 2010	
		TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 2,300.00

Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Meyn, seconded by Councilman Rohde and carried to adjourn at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Anne Rippel
Town Clerk