

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on June 16, 2011 at the town hall at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroot , Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Tom Meyn, Councilman Jean Rohde, Councilman Henry Swartz, Highway Superintendent – Joe Rickert, Recreation Director – Shari Franks, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea, Comptroller Earl Kelsey and others

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A. U. S. Census, re: 2010 census

B. NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services, re: equalization rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

A. Highway – report on file.

Highway Superintendent Joe Rickert brought to the board's attention correspondence from the North Chatham Fire District regarding snowplowing the NYS Thruway access via Wurzburg Rd. Councilman Lull asked Super. Rickert to estimate the hours it takes to do the plowing.

Under Highway Maintenance... It was brought to the board's attention that it cost over \$10,500.00 for gravel for Daley Rd. With the Town's gravel bank depleted and no other site to draw from gravel now has to be purchased from outside sources. Maintaining our many miles of dirt roads has become increasingly much more expensive.

RES. #64-11 to authorize the Highway Department to purchase of a trailer for a Case Mini Excavator. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #64-11 and moved its adoption to purchase a 16 ft. Deck Trailer for a Case Mini Excavator for \$3,795.00 from HeavyHauler in Ghent, NY. Councilman Meyn seconded the motion.

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

Nays; None, Resolution adopted

RES. #65-11 to authorize the Highway Department to purchase a used 2007 1 ton dump truck. Councilman Meyn offered RES. #65-11 and moved its adoption to purchase a used 2007 F-550, 1 ton dump truck, VIN #1FDAF57P17 EA87256 for the sum of \$35,000.00 from Julia V. Bishop, Hudson, NY. This truck will replace truck #9 which was sold at auction. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

Nays; None, Resolution adopted

REPORTS (cont.)

B. Recreation Department – report on file.

Grant and Gabe Horn, members of the skate park committee, were in attendance to show their support for the skate park project.

RES #66-11 to award the bid for the construction of the Chatham Skate Park. Supervisor DeGroot offered #66-11 to award the bid for the construction of the Chatham Skate Park to “WHO SKATES” from Kennebunk, ME. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file

D. Dog Control – no report

E. EMC – no report

F. Justice Court – no report

G. ZIC – Jim Temple stated that the group is moving along. Most of the maps for the Comp. Plan are still missing. “E” size maps will cost \$30.00/map to reprint. It will be an additional \$40.00/map to have each of them laminated.

H. Supervisor- The County Manager position has still not been filled. Supervisor DeGroot is not in favor of filling this position.

I. Comptroller – report on file

NEW BUSINESS

A. Assessor’s office - Suzette Booy, CC Director of the Real Property Tax Department, will address the board at the July 7th meeting. The purpose is to discuss going to a sole assessor with a clerk. This position will be by appointment. The Town currently has 3 part time assessors. The board should consider passing a local law establishing the sole assessor position and make the appointment before election time .

B. Town of Chatham/Village of Chatham and Town of Ghent are proposing the creation of an Economic Development Committee. The Town is interested in becoming a part of this committee.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Planning Board vacancy – Councilman Lull felt Mr. Gotchman was qualified to fill the seat and had also stated that he would not need to be compensated. Councilmen Meyn and Swartz felt Ms. Carroll was also qualified and nominated her based on the recommendations from the Planning Board chairman and deputy chairman.

RES. #67-11 to fill the planning board vacancy. Councilman Meyn offered RES. #67-11 and moved its adoption to appoint Wendy Carroll to the planning board to fill the unexpired term of John Hanna. The term will expire December 31, 2011. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Meyn, Swartz
Abstain; Lull
Recused; Rohde Resolution adopted

RES #68-11 to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2011 regular town board meeting. Councilman Meyn offered RES #68-11 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2011 regular town board meeting. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

RES #69-11 to accept the town comptroller's annual audit of the town justice court. Councilman Jean offered RES #69-11 and moved its adoption to accept the town comptroller's annual audit of the town justice court. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to enter into executive session at 7:50 PM for highway personnel purposes. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot seconded by Councilman Swartz to leave executive session at 7:53 PM. Motion carried.

Motion was made by supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Rohde and carried to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel
Town Clerk