

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on July 21, 2011 at the town hall at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroot , Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Tom Meyn, Councilman Jean Rohde, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea, Comptroller Earl Kelsey and others

ABSENT: Councilman Henry Swartz

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge to the flag.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Robert Linville re: Request for a speed limit reduction to 40 mph in the hamlet of Rayville on County Route 13.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ◆ Assessors Catherine Bell and Dan Horst successfully negotiated with NYS ORPTS to change the tentative equalization rate. The new equalization rate in the Town of Chatham is set at 71.51%.
- ◆ Jim Temple commended Councilman Lull for offering a Planning Board candidate who would serve at no cost to the Town. Mr. Temple is not in favor of establishing a CAC and is also not in favor of creating a sole assessor position.

REPORTS

- A. Highway – report on file.
- B. Recreation Department – report on file.
- 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 they are awaiting zoning changes to come from the Town Attorney.
- H. Supervisor- no report.
- I. Comptroller – report on file.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Crellin Park: 2011 Environmental Protection Fund Grant.

RES. #70-11 to authorize Barton and Loguidice, P.C. to assist the Town in preparing the funding application for the EPF grant. The purpose of this application would be to assist the town in obtaining funds to offset costs associated with upgrades to the Crellin Park facility. Councilman Lull offered RES. #70-11 and moved its adoption to authorize Barton and Loguidice, P.C. to assist the Town in preparing the funding application for the 2011 EPF Program Grant through the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The fee for services as per contract is \$2,500.00. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion

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

B. County Route 13 speed limit reduction request from Mr. Linville.

RES. #71-11 to contact Columbia County DOT to request a speed limit reduction on County Route 13 in the hamlet of Rayville. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #71-11 and moved its adoption to contact Columbia County DOT to request a speed limit reduction to 40 mph on County Route 13 through Rayville. Councilman Meyn seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Assessor's office

RES. #72-11 to authorize Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea to draft a local law establishing the position of sole assessor. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #72-11 to authorize Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea to draft a local law establishing the position of sole assessor. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

A public hearing on establishing the position of sole assessor will be held on Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

RES. #73-11 to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2011 regular town board meeting and the July 7, 2011 workshop meeting. Councilman Lull offered RES. #73-11 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2011 regular town board meeting and the July 7, 2011 workshop meeting. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

RES. #74-11 to rescind RES. #21-11 (mileage reimbursement) and reimburse mileage based on the IRS determination, retroactive to July 1, 2011. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #74-11 to rescind RES. #21-11 (mileage reimbursement) and reimburse mileage based on the IRS determination, retroactive to July 1, 2011. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

RES. #75-11 to authorize the Town Supervisor to renew the Highway - Outside Village Ban for \$143,000.00 @ 1.91% interest for one year. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #75-11 **Whereas**, the Highway - Outside Village "DB" BAN (2008 International Trucks) for \$34,000.00 plus Interest of \$4743.60 is due July 21, 2011 and **Whereas**, the Highway-Outside Village "DB" Fund budget calls for a principal payment of \$34,000.00 plus interest and **Whereas**, there is remaining balance of \$143,000.00 due on this BAN. **Therefore**, be it resolved that, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to renew the Highway - Outside Village Ban for \$143,000.00 @ 1.91% interest for one year. Councilman Meyn seconded the motion.

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

RES. #76-11 to authorize Judge Doris Appel to attend a conference in Niagara Falls. Councilman Meyn offered RES. #76-11 to authorize Judge Appel to attend a conference in Niagara Falls September 25th through Wednesday, September 28th, 2011 as budgeted. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ◆ Mr. Temple questioned whether the EPF grant application would contain provisions for future maintenance costs.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to enter into executive session at 7:25 PM for highway negotiations. Councilman Lull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot seconded by Councilman Rohde to leave executive session at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Meyn, seconded by Councilman Rohde and carried to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel
Town Clerk