

The Regular Town Board meeting scheduled for October 20, 2011 was rescheduled for October 25, 2011 due to the passing of Councilman Tom Meyn.

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 25, 2011**

A Special Meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on October 25, 2011 6:00 PM for personnel matters.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroot, Councilman Jean Rohde, Councilman Henry Swartz, Jr.,

ABSENT: Councilman Maria Lull

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Motion was made by Supervisor Jesse DeGroot to enter into executive session at 6:01 PM for personnel matters. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Jesse DeGroot to leave executive session at 6:46 PM. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Supervisor DeGroot and seconded by Councilman Rohde to close the meeting at 6:47 PM. Motion carried.

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 25, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on October 25, 2011 at the town hall at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroot, Councilman Rohde, Councilman Swartz, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Comptroller Earl Kelsey and others

ABSENT: Councilman Maria Lull

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Red Rock Fire Company re: their support of James VanDeusen as he seeks another term as Columbia County Fire Coordinator.

B. FEMA announced the October 31, 2011 deadline for registering for individual assistance .

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

- A. Highway – report on file.
- B. Recreation Department – report on file.
- C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file
- D. Dog Control – report on file
- E. EMC – Deidre Henderson reported that the GIS Grant application will be reconsidered in January 2012. CLC roundtable discussions will continue. Jolene Race from Columbia County Solid Waste stated that the waste program is going to be re-bid. There is a possibility that solid waste could be privatized.
- F. Justice Court – report on file
- G. Assessor – Three candidates were interviewed for the Sole Assessor position.
- H. ZIC – the Committee is on hiatus pending zoning code draft rewrite. There were no applicants for the Zoning Implementation Committee vacancy. The search will be reopened.
- I. Supervisor – no new business to report
- J. Comptroller – report on file

RES #93-11 to hire Tommy Faxon Excavating for emergency road repairs. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES #93-11 and moved its adoption to hire Tommy Faxon Excavating for emergency repairs on Highland Road in the Town of Chatham at the rate of \$110.00/hour for dozer and \$85.00/hour for tri-axle dump truck. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

RES. #94-11 to accept letters of interest and resumes to fill a vacant position on the Zoning Implementation Committee (ZIC). Councilman Rhode offered RES. #94-11 and moved its adoption to advertise the ZIC vacancy and accept letters of interest and resumes up until 4:00 PM on Friday, November 11, 2011. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

Interviews will be conducted prior to the regular November 11, 2011 Town Board meeting.

RES. #95-11 to pay Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea \$25,000.00 for work on the Town of Chatham zoning code. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #95-11 and moved its adoption to pay Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea \$25,000.00 to cover meeting attendance as required by ZIC, rewrite of the entire Town of Chatham zoning code in accordance with recommendations made by the Zoning Implementation Committee, preparation of all legal notices, public hearing attendance, drafting and filing of all necessary legislation and SEQRA documents. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2012 budget

RES #96-11 to schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of accepting public comment on the 2012 Preliminary Budget. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #96-11 and moved its adoption to schedule a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:00PM for the purpose of accepting public comment on the 2012 Preliminary Budget. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

B. Online tax bills

RES #97-11 to enter into a Chargeback Agreement between The Town of Chatham and the Treasurer of the County of Columbia for the purpose of placing property tax bills on line. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES #97-11 and moved its adoption WHEREAS; The Town Board of the Town of Chatham has determined that the County Treasurer shall chargeback the amount specified herein to the real property taxpayers of the Town of Chatham: and Now, therefore

1. The Town of Chatham hereby requests that the County Treasurer charge the appropriate real property taxpayers within the Town the one time sum (for 2012) of \$1,344.39 for the software, setup/training, annual hosting and support of the Internet Tax Tier II program on the proportionate basis of real property tax assessments within the Town; and
2. The Town of Chatham hereby requests that the County Treasurer pay to Business Automation Services, INC. the one time amount of \$1,344.39 (for 2012); and
3. The Town of Chatham requests the County Treasurer charge the appropriate real property taxpayers within the Town the annual sum (beginning with 2013 County Chargeback) of \$250.00 for annual hosting & support of the Internet Tax Tier II program; and
4. the Town of Chatham hereby requests that the County Treasurer pay to BAS the annual amount of \$250.00 (beginning 2013); and
5. A chargeback account will be established by the County Treasurer for the Town of Chatham for ONLINE TAX BILLS.

Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Zoning Implementation Committee vacancy. Due to the fact that there were no interested parties to fill the vacant position on the ZIC the search will be reopened

B. Assessor's office - interviews were conducted for the Sole Assessor position.

C. Zoning: travel trailer campgrounds, storage facilities. Reschedule Public Hearing previously scheduled for October 20, 2011

RES. #98-11 to schedule a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2011 defining "Travel Trailer Camp" in the Town of Chatham. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #98-11 and moved its adoption to schedule a Public Hearing for November 10, 2011 at 7:05 PM for the purpose of addressing proposed Local Law #3 of 2011 to define "Travel Trailer Camp". "Travel Trailer Camp" to mean an assembly of travel trailers which are occupied for recreational purposes on a seasonal basis only or which are stored unoccupied wholly within enclosed structures. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

RES. #99-11 to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2011 regular town board meeting and the October 4, 2011 special town board meeting. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES #99-11 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the of the September 15, 2011 regular town board meeting and the October 4, 2011 special town board meeting. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

RES. #100-11 to authorize the Comptroller to make amendments to budget appropriations. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #100-11 and moved its adoption to authorize the Town Comptroller to make the following amendments to Budget Appropriations;

FROM	TO		
A 1990.4	A3510.4	From Contingency to Dog Control CE	\$500.00
		Increased cost of Animal Shelter (Humane Society)	
DB5110.1	DB5110.4	Fr. General repair PS to General Repair CE.	\$30,000.00
DB5142.1	DB5110.4	Fr. Snow Removal PS to General Repair CE	\$40,000.00
		Increased repair costs associated with Storms Irene and Lee	
		TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$ 70,500.00</u>

Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

RES. #101-11 to appoint Steve Anderson to another term on the Board of Assessment Review. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #101-11 and moved its adoption to appoint Steve Anderson to a five year term on the Board of Assessment Review (10-1-2011 through 9-30-16). Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ◆ Bob Balcom requested that the 2012 Tentative Budget be put on line.

Supervisor DeGrootd asked for a moment of silence in honor of our friend and Councilman, Tom Meyn who passed away on October 20, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot seconded by Councilman Swartz to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel
Town Clerk