

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

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on November 17, 2011 at the town hall at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGrootd, Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Henry Swartz, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Comptroller Earl Kelsey and others
ABSENT: Councilman Rohde

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Wayne Speenburgh, Chairman of the Greene County Legislature, expresses his deepest appreciation for all the support they received from the Town following the devastating effects of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ◆ Dan Horst asked if the Town had an ordinance pertaining to the number of abandoned cars a person could store on their property. He will check with the CEO.

- ◆ Councilman Swartz stated that NYS has drafted new guidelines on outdoor wood boilers.

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 – none
- F. Justice Court – report on file
- G. Assessor –
- H. ZIC – After advertising the vacancy on the ZIC for the second time there are still no applicants. The search will be reopened at some point in the future..
- I. Supervisor – There has been no movement on the DSS relocation.
- J. Comptroller – report on file

NEW BUSINESS

- A. CEO, Walt Simmonsmeier, submitted proposed fee changes to Chapter A 190, FEES of the Town Code. These changes would reflect fees charged for similar permits in surrounding towns. The Board will review the recommended permit fee changes and address it at the December 15, 2011 meeting.
- B. The Tri-Village Fire Company has requested a \$5,000.00 increase over last year. The cost to outfit a new firefighter is approximately \$5,000.00.
- C. Supervisor DeGrootd would like the Board to consider naming the Town Hall in honor of past Councilman Tom Meyn, who was instrumental in negotiations to purchase the current Town Hall. The Board will investigate this further.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2012 Budget- There were no changes

B. Assessor's Office

RES. #102-11 to appoint a Sole Assessor. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES #102-11 and moved its adoption to appoint Dan Horst to the Sole Assessor position to serve the remainder of a 6 year term to begin January 1, 2012 ending September 21, 2013 at a salary of \$21,000.00 annually. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGrootd, Lull, Swartz

Nays; None Resolution adopted

C. The ZIC vacancy will remain unfilled for the time being.

D. Rensselaer County Humane Society contract.

RES. #103-11 to approve the Rensselaer County Humane Society contract. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #103-11 and moved its adoption to approve the Rensselaer County Humane Society contract. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Copy attached.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGrootd, Lull, Swartz

Nays; None Resolution adopted

A Public Hearing for The Tri-Village Fire Company contract will be scheduled for December 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM

RES. #104-11 to authorize the Town Comptroller to pay NYS Retirement System invoice for \$95,076.00 prior to December 15, 2011. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES #104-10 and moved its adoption

WHEREAS, The NYS Employees Retirement System Annual Invoice for \$95,929, covering the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, has been received. Payment of this invoice is required by February 1, 2012. If the invoice is paid before December 15, 2011 the payment is reduced to \$95,076, a savings of \$853. \$71,307 is chargeable to 2011 with the remaining \$23769 being deferred to 2012. THEREFORE, be it resolved that, the Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to pay the NYS Retirement System invoice for \$95,076 prior to December 15, 2011. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGrootd, Lull, Swartz

Nays; None, Resolution adopted

RES. #105-11 to authorize the Comptroller to make appropriations. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #105-11 and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the following sources "DB" Highway (Town Outside the Village) revenue as of November 17, 2011 have exceeded budget by a total of \$66,350.91, WHEREAS, the current Un-reserved Fund Balance Un-appropriated Highway of \$67,000 is available.

WHEREAS, "DB" Highway (Town Outside the Village) appropriation are running over budget due to the October storms by \$80,000.00, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Comptroller to appropriate (charge) \$15,000 to DB 5110.1 – General Repairs PS, \$40,000 to CE and \$30,000.00 to DB 5142.4 – Snow Removal CE. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGrootd, Lull, Swartz

Nays; None Resolution adopted

RES. #106-11 to authorize the Comptroller to make amendments to budget appropriations. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #106-11 and moved its adoption to authorize the Town Comptroller to make the following amendments to Budget Appropriations;

FROM	TO		
A 1990.4	A1510.4	From Contingency to Supt. Highway CE Increased spending/cell phone	<i>\$1000.00</i>
A1990.4	5132.4	Fr. Contingency to Garage CE Increased spending	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
A1990.4	A9030.8	Fr. Contingency to Social Security (Town Share) Increased coverage	<i>\$4,000.00</i>
A1990.4	A9060.8	Fr Contingency to Medical Insurance (Town Share) Increased coverage	<i>\$10,000.00</i>
			TOTAL FUNDS <i><u>\$ 16,500.00</u></i>

Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

RES. #107-11 to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2011 regular town board meeting. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES #107-11 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the of the October 20, 2011 regular town board meeting. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion was made Councilman Lull seconded by Councilman Swartz to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel
 Town Clerk