

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 20, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on Thursday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the town hall. Present were Supervisor Jesse DeGroot, Councilman – Rohde, Councilman – Henry Swartz, Jr., Councilman – Lull, Councilman – Meyn, Town Comptroller – Earl Kelsey, Recreation Director – Shari Franks, Deputy Town Clerk - Gail Wessot, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea and others.

Supervisor DeGroot opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and councilman Swartz led the pledge to the flag.

A Public Hearing was held at 7:02 to create the position of Animal Control Officer. In answer to Dan Horst's question as to what type of animals would be affected, the Board replied "all animals that are deemed dangerous". The Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham resumed at 7:15 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None...

REPORTS

A. Highway Report – on file. The board commended the highway on the superb job they did on cleanup with this latest snowstorm. Councilman Lull commented on how much people appreciate the job being done by our Highway Department.

B. Recreation Department written report on file. Discussion regarding the safety of skating on the pond at Crellin Park resulted in a decision to advise people to stop skating ASAP. A group will be coming in front of the Board next month to discuss Frisbee Golf. See report on file.

C. Comptroller Report – on file.

D. Supervisor (county business) Supervisor DeGroot spoke briefly about how the county is revamping the committee structure. He said he is on the finance and the county government departments.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #38-11

A. Animal Control Law – Copy of Local Law is on file. The following changes were made:

Under restrictions, sect. 5 – paragraphs a,d, and h were deleted.

Under complaint, sect. 8 – "restrained by muzzle" was added to #1.

Under penalties, sect. 9 – the first offense fee shall be \$50, (changed from \$25), and each offense thereafter shall be \$100, (changed from \$50).

Supervisor DeGroot motioned to accept the law as amended. Councilman Meyn seconded the motion. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #39-11 to appoint Wes Powell Animal Control Officer.

Supervisor DeGroot motioned to appoint Wes Powell Animal Control Officer. Councilman Meyn seconded the motion. Resolution adopted.

Supervisor Jesse DeGrootd offered Resolution #40-11 to accept resignation from Planning Board member John Hanna, Councilman Tom Meyn seconded.
Resolution was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None...

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Resolution #40-11 to approve minutes from the December 16, 2010 Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Lull motioned to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2010 Town Board meeting. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #41-11 to approve the Code Enforcement Officer’s attendance at conference in Lake Placid from March 6, 2011 to March 10, 2011. Councilman Swartz motioned to approve and Councilman Rohde seconded. Resolution adopted.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #42-11 to appoint Town of Chatham Comptroller for the term January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011. Supervisor DeGrootd motioned to approve and Councilman Meyn seconded. Resolution adopted.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES #43-11 to accept the budget amendments. Councilman Meyn motioned to accept and Councilman Lull seconded. Resolution adopted.

**Town of Chatham
Amendments to Budget Appropriations
January 20, 2011 Board Meeting**

From	To		
A1990.4	A3510.1	Fr Contingency To Dog Control PS To cover P/R not budgeted	500.00
DA9010.8	DA5140.4	Fr State Retirement To Brush & Weed (Misc.) To cover anticipated Expenses for Balance of year	2,000.00
DB5142.1	DB5110.4	Fr Snow Removal PS To General Repairs CE To cover unanticipated costs	20,000.00
DB9010.8	DB9050.8	From State Retirement To Unemployment Insurance To cover unanticipated costs not Budgeted	500.00
		TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 23,000.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None...

Motion made by Supervisor DeGroot and seconded by Councilman Swartz to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 PM for the purpose of accepting the overtime policy – on file. Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot and seconded by Councilman Swartz to leave executive session at 7:44 PM.

Motion was made by Jesse DeGroot , seconded by Councilman Rohde, and carried to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Wessot
Deputy Town Clerk