

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 Route 295
CHATHAM, NY 12037
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2013, 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot, Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Bob Balcom Councilman Jean Rohde, Town Clerk, Beth Anne Rippel, Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea, Earl Kelsey, Julia Horst, Don Hegeman

ABSENT:

Councilman Henry Swartz

Supervisor DeGroot called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. David Pearce, re: civic lapel pins, etc..
- B. Dorothy Mackerer, re: her resignation from the planning board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

- A. Highway – report on file. The trusses for the East Chatham Bridge will be coming on Tuesday. The target date to reopen the bridge is now mid-December.
- B. Recreation – report on file. Stoked IV, the skate deck art show and auction is Friday, November 22 from 5-9 PM at Cady Hall on Main St..
- C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file
- D. Dog Control – report on file
- E. Environmental Management Council -
- F. Justice Court – report on file
- G. Assessors –
- H. ZIC – Attorney Rappleyea said they are moving along. They're working on Article 180 which is the Zoning Code section. It's tedious work, they're going line by line, word by word relating the zoning code to the comprehensive plan. Once the committee has finished making their recommendations they will turn it over to the Town Board for their review. Councilman Balcom said he is tired of waiting. He asked if the meetings were open to the public and if there are minutes taken. Yes, the meetings are open and there are minutes taken at every meeting. Tal will send the minutes for posting to the website. Bob also wanted to know how Tal is getting paid for his time. Tal stated that he had figured \$25, 000 for the rewrite and once that money was gone he would continue to work on his own time until the job was finished.
- I. Supervisor – The County budget shows a 2% increase, more to come.
- J. Town Comptroller – report on file
- K. Town Clerk –We are still looking for people to help out with Meals on Wheels.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Citizen's Finance Committee – Supervisor DeGroot has been looking to other towns that already have such a committee and he has asked for recommendations from the Board members.
- B. Website – Councilmen Balcom and Lull are on the Communications Committee, they will talk to Shari about the website and suggest changes.
- C. Chatham Rescue Squad – Councilmen Swartz and Balcom and Attorney Rappleyea met with Sara Johnson and Laurie Quinn of the Squad to discuss the Rescue Squad's budget.

RES. #129-13 to enter into a chargeback agreement with the Treasurer of the County of Columbia. Councilman offered RES. #129-13 and moved its adoption: Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham has determined that the County Treasurer shall charge back the amount specified herein to the real property taxpayers of said Town responsible for such expenditure; and Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows: That the Town hereby requests that the Treasurer of the County of Columbia charge the appropriate real property taxpayers within the Town the sum of \$121,733.64 on the proportionate basis of real property tax assessments within the Town; and the Town hereby requests that the Treasurer of the County of Columbia upon collection of said amounts, pay as directed, the Chatham Rescue Squad. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE

AYES: DeGroot, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

D. Advertising for the upcoming planning board vacancy (to fill term through 2015)

RES. #130-13- to advertise a vacancy on the planning board. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #130-13 and moved its adoption to advertise the vacancy on the planning board. Resumes shall be delivered to the Town Clerk by December 17, 2013 at 4:00 PM. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE

AYES: DeGroot, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

A Special Town Board meeting will be held on December 4, 2013 at 5:45 to interview applicants for the ZIC vacancy. ZIC meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Tracy fire escape – The fire escape is in violation of building code. The Tracy Foundation has assured the Town that they will begin the groundwork to have it fixed.

B. Private Waste Collection – Councilman Lull stated that the fault lies with the waste haulers and she would like to meet with them to discuss the issues, however, it's meddling with private business. Trash cans left at the curb for an inordinate amount of time are unsightly and dangerous to motorists.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #131-13 to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2013 regular Town Board meeting and the November 7, 2013, 2014 budget public hearing, and the November 14, 2013 special town board meeting. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #131-13 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2013 regular Town Board meeting and the November 7, 2013, 2014 budget public hearing, and the November 14, 2013 special town board meeting. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

VOTE

NAYES: DeGroot, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

RES. #132-13 authorizes early payment of December's monthly payroll. Councilman Balcom offered RES. #132-13 and moved its adoption: Whereas, The Chatham Town Board authorizes early payment of December's Monthly Payroll to be paid prior to December 31, 2013 and Whereas, The Chatham Town Board authorizes the Annual Payroll and the Health Insurance Buy-Back to be paid on December 6, 2013 and Therefore, be it resolved that, the Town Board authorizes the Monthly Payroll, Annual Payroll and the Health Insurance Buy-Back to be paid at the earlier dates specified. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

VOTE

AYES: DeGroot, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

RES. #133-13 to pay the NYS Retirement bill early. Councilman Lull offered RES. #133-13 and moved its adoption. Whereas, The NYS Employees Retirement System Annual Invoice for \$170,622, covering the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, has been received. Payment of this

invoice is required by February 1, 2014. If the invoice is paid before December 15, 2013 the payment is reduced to \$169,087, a savings of \$1,535. \$126,815 is chargeable to 2013 with the remaining \$43,471 being deferred to 2014. Therefore, be it resolved that, the Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to pay the NYS Retirement System invoice for \$93,447 prior to December 15, 2013. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

VOTE

AYES: DeGroot, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

RES. #134-13 to authorize Town Clerk, Beth Anne Rippel, to sign the *Licensing Agent Agreement* between the Town of Chatham and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Councilman Lull offered RES. #134-13 and moved its adoption. **WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will no longer contract with Verizon to provide the online hunting/trapping/fishing licensing system. DEC will instead enter into an agreement with Acela to provide the online service. Due to the change in vendor a new *Licensing Agent Agreement* is required. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**; that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham authorizes Town Clerk, Beth Anne Rippel, to sign the *Licensing Agent Agreement* between the Town of Chatham and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Agreement on file. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

VOTE

AYES: DeGroot, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

RES #135-13 to authorize the comptroller to make the following budget appropriations. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #135-13 and moved its adoption. **Whereas**, The Chatham Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to make the following Amendments to Budget Appropriations:

| From | To | | |
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| A5132.2 | A5010.4 | Fr Garage EQ to Super of Highways To cover expenses until end of year | \$ 1,000.00 |
| A1990.4 | A7140.1 | Fr Contingency to Playgrounds /Rec. To cover increased payroll | 4,800.00 |
| A1990.4 | A7140.4 | Fr Contingency to Playgrounds /Rec. Increased spending above Budget | 145.00 |
| DB5142.1 | DB5130.2 | Fr Snow Removal PS to Machinery EC To cover increased spending | 7,849.92 |
| DB5142.4 | DB5130.2 | Fr Snow Removal CE to Machinery EC To cover increased spending | 1,219.46 |
| | | | \$ <u>15,014.38</u> |

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

VOTE

AYES: DeGroot, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion was made by Councilman Rohde and seconded by Councilman Balcom to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Anne Rippel, Town Clerk