

TOWN OF CHATHAM  
488 Route 295  
CHATHAM, NY 12037  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 17, 2013, 7:00PM

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot  
Councilman Henry Swartz  
Councilman Maria Lull  
Councilman Bob Balcom  
Councilman Jean Rohde

Rec. Director, Shari Franks  
Town Clerk, Beth Anne Rippel  
Town Attorney, Tal Rapplelea

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alan Besterman, Rob Rugen, Mike Hart, Steve Winkley, L. & S. Rarick, William Heinz, Betty and Roland Rothrock, Buck Ordway

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**-fire contracts:

- The **public hearing** was opened at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering the 2014-2016 fire protection contract between the East Chatham Fire Company and the Town for the annual sum of \$75,398.00. There was no comment and the public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.
- The **public hearing** was opened at 7:01p.m. for the purpose of considering the 2014 fire protection contract between the Chatham Fire Department and the Town for an annual sum of \$32,395.00. There was no comment and the hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.
- The **public hearing** was opened at 7:02 p.m. for the purpose of considering the 2014 fire protection contract between the Niverville Fire Dept. Inc. and the Town for an annual sum of \$22,560.00. There was no comment and the public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.
- The **public hearing** was opened at 7:03 p.m. for the purpose of considering the 2014 fire protection contract between the Tri-Village Fire Company and the Town for an annual sum of \$190,000.00. There was no comment and the public hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. William Lowder, re: White Mills Rd. Bridge construction petition.
- B. Morris Associates, re: false published information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

-Residents from Golden Acres Mobile Home Park asked why the White Mills Rd. bridge replacement was taking so long. Supervisor DeGroot and Board stated that DOT is the lead agency and is in charge of the project. The Town has done everything possible, including meeting with Congressman Gibson, Senators Marchione and McDonald, to keep the project moving forward. It has been an incredibly long, slow process but construction is slated to finally begin at the end of the week.

## **REPORTS**

A. Highway – report on file

B. Recreation – report on file

Discussion was had regarding the building at Crellin Park, matters involving the need for updated town court space and the deputy town clerk vacancy. Councilman Swartz suggested that they form a committee to investigate the possibility of combining spaces and personnel. The committee would consist of Councilman Lull, Councilman Balcom, Councilman Rohde as chairman, Rec. Director Shari Franks and the Town's judges.

**RES. #115-13** to form a joint Recreation and Court committee. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #115-13 and moved its adoption to appoint a joint Recreation and Court Committee comprised of Councilmen Lull, Balcom and Rohde as chairman, Recreation Director Shari Franks and the Town's judges. The committee will meet on the first and third Thursday of the month at 6PM. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

## **VOTE**

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

C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file

D. Dog Control – report on file

E. Environmental Management Council – Steve Winkley from NY Rural Water Association spoke about the return of funding for the water resource project. He is looking at completing a joint project which will include the Village of Chatham, Town of Chatham and the Town of Ghent. There will be no cost to the town and he can use the existing committee structure to convey information to the board. He would like to hold a workshop sometime in January and will keep the board apprised.

F. Justice Court – report on file

G. Assessors –

H. ZIC – next meeting will be on November 6, 2013 at 6:30.

I. Supervisor – Ongoing discussion at the County regarding the airport

J. Town Comptroller – report on file

K. Town Clerk – There have been 85 new dogs licensed since 9-19-13

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A. NY Rural Water Association/ Steve Winkley

B. Union Contract

C. Fire protection contracts

**RES. #116-13** to accept the fire protection contract between the East Chatham Fire Company and the Town of Chatham. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #116-13 and moved its adoption to accept the 2014-2016 fire protection contract between the East Chatham Fire Company and

the Town of Chatham for an annual sum of \$75,398.00. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

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

**RES. #117-13-** to accept the 2014 fire protection contract between the Chatham Fire Department and the Town of Chatham for a sum of \$32,395.00. Councilman Swartz offered RES. #117-13 and moved its adoption to accept the 2014 fire protection contract between the Chatham Fire Department and the Town of Chatham for a sum of \$32,395.00. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

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

**RES. #118-13-** to accept the 2014 fire protection contract between the Niverville Fire Dept. Inc. and the Town of Chatham for a sum of \$22,560.00. Councilman Mull offered RES. #118-13 and moved its adoption to accept the 2014 fire protection contract between the Niverville Fire Dept. Inc. and the Town of Chatham for a sum of \$22,560.00. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

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

**RES. #119-13-**to accept the 2014 fire protection contract between the Tri-Village Fire Company and the Town of Chatham for a sum of \$190,000.00. Councilman Mull offered RES. #119-13 and moved its adoption to accept the 2014 fire protection contract between the Tri-Village Fire Company and the Town of Chatham for a sum of \$190,000.00.

**VOTE**

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

**RES. #120-13** to accept the January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 agreement between the Town of Chatham and Teamsters Local 294. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #120-13 and moved its adoption to accept the January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 agreement between the Town of Chatham and Teamsters Local 294. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Copy on file.

**VOTE**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Town Personnel Policy re: health insurance.
- B. 2014 Budget discussion
- C. Private Waste Collection

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. #121-13** to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 regular Town Board meeting and the October 1, 2013 and October 15, 2013, special Town Board meeting. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #121-13 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 regular Town Board meeting and the October 1, 2013 and October 15, 2013, special Town Board meeting. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

### **VOTE**

NAYES: DeGrootd, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

**RES. #122-13** to extend the Barton & Loguidice contract in the amount of \$2,500.00. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #122-13 and moved its adoption to extend the Barton & Loguidice contract in the amount of \$2,500.00. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

### **VOTE**

AYES: DeGrootd, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

**RES. #123-13** to accept the NYS Unified Solar Permit form. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #123-13 and moved its adoption to accept the NYS Unified Solar Permit form. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

### **VOTE**

AYES: DeGrootd, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

**Resolution** to extend the moratorium on fracking for the advancement of renewable energy. Tabled.

**RES. #124-13** to rescind resolution #111-13 and adopt a resolution approving the town court grant application for new computers, software and security door. Councilman Lull offered RES. #124-13 and moved its adoption to rescind resolution #111-13 and adopt a resolution approving the town court grant application for new computers, software and security door. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

### **VOTE**

AYES: DeGrootd, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

**RES #125-13** to Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution. Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #125-13 and moved its adoption. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Chatham/Location Code 30556 hereby establishes the following attached as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion

### **VOTE**

AYES: DeGrootd, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

-Mike Hart thanked the Board for their hard work.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to enter into executive session at 8:10 pm under Public Officers law, S105 (f) , “the medical, financial, credit employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.” Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to leave executive session at 8:30 pm. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor DeGroot asked for a moment of silence in honor of Bill Bulick who had been a dedicated member of Planning Board since 2003.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot and seconded by Councilman Rohde to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Anne Rippel  
Town Clerk