

TOWN OF CHATHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 20, 2013
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Supervisor DeGroot
Councilman Maria Lull
Councilman Jean Rohde
Councilman Henry Swartz
Councilman Bob Balcom
Hwy Superintendent Joseph Rickert
Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea
Community members: John & Mary Beth Rilke, Earl Kelsey

ABSENT

Comptroller Debbie Cesternino
Rec. Director Shari Franks

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor DeGroot called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M and led the pledge to the flag.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

A. Highway-report on file

In response to the DEC's inquiry into what action, if any, the Town is going to take with regards to the Old Chatham Dam, the Board has agreed that no action will be taken at this time.

B. Recreation Department- report on file

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

Presently focusing on regulating logging. Obviously farmers need to be able to log but at the same time regulations should be put in place to prevent erosion, etc.

I. Supervisor – nothing new to report.

J. Town Comptroller – report on file

NEW BUSINESS

A. Assessor Appointment

The Board agreed to reappoint Dan Horst as Town Assessor for a term of 6 years. The term will begin October 1, 2013 and end September 30, 2019. (see Res#92-13 below).

B. Resolution Requests

Councilman Balcom stated that he is uncomfortable having to deal with resolution requests with nothing in writing beforehand. He feels that it should be common practice, and that it be generally agreed upon among the board members, to always have a draft resolution for the board members to view before it is discussed or voted on.

Supervisor DeGrootd agreed and stated that historically resolutions were put on the agenda ahead of time and left for a month before entering into a real discussion, unless there is something that needs to be acted upon immediately, and that we should endeavor to continue with these practices.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Deputy Town Clerk Layton informed the Board that we are still seeking Meals on Wheels volunteers and that so far there has been one volunteer to come forward. Supervisor DeGrootd will get this information to the newspaper and Hwy Superintendent Rickert will place the notice on the Town's FaceBook Page.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #91-13 to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2013 regular town board meeting and the minutes of the May 31, 2013 special town board meeting. Councilman Balcom offered RES. #91-13 and moved its adoption to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2013 regular town board meeting and the May 31, 2013 special town board meeting. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: DeGrootd, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde.....Nays: None
Resolution Adopted

RES. #92-13 to re-appoint Dan Horst as Assessor. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #92-13 and moved its adoption to re-appoint Dan Horst to the office of Assessor for a 6-year term for the period October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2019. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: DeGrootd, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde Nays: None.....
Resolution Adopted.

Res. #93-13 to authorize the Town Clerk to proceed with preparations to advance the 2013 dog census. Councilman Swartz offered Res. #93-13 and moved its adoption to authorize the Town Clerk to proceed with preparations to advance with the 2013 dog census. Councilman Lull seconded motion.

VOTE: Ayes: DeGrootd, Swartz, Lull, Balcom Rohde..... Nays: None.....
Resolution adopted

RES #94-13 to designate Town of Chatham Supervisor Jesse DeGrootd to receive notices of claims served upon the Secretary of State. Councilman Lull offered Res #94-13 and moved its adoption;

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, §53 requires towns to file a certificate with the Secretary of State designating the Secretary of State as an agent for service of a notice of claim; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, §53 requires the certificate to include the applicable time limit for filing the notice of claim and the name, post office address and electronic mail address, if available, of an officer, person, for the transmittal of notices of claim served upon the Secretary as the town's agent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law, §50-e(1)(a), the application time limit for the filing of a notice of claim upon a town is 90 days after the claim arises, or in the case of a wrongful death action, 90 days from the appointment of a representative of the decedent's estate;

NOW, THEREFORE, on the motion of Councilman Lull and seconded by Councilman Swartz all members present voting on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: DeGrootd, Swartz, Lull, Balcom Rohde
Nays: None

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham, County of Columbia designates Jesse Degrootd, in his capacity as Town Supervisor, to

receive notices of claims served upon the Secretary of State by mail at 488 State Route 295; Chatham, NY 12037 and email at chathamsuper@gmail.com.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to file the required certificate with the Secretary of State informing him or her of the town's designation and applicable time limitation for filing a notice of claim with the town on or before July 14, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to enter into executive session at 7:27 p.m. under Public Officers Law Section 105 (c)(6) for the purpose of discussing medical, financial, credit or employment history for a particular person or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Swartz to leave executive session at 7:54 p.m. Supervisor DeGroot seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Swartz and seconded by Supervisor DeGroot to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Layton
Deputy Town Clerk