

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Chatham Town Hall

488 State Rte. 295

Chatham, NY

Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 8:00 AM

For the purpose of discussing the comptroller position. Any other business to come before the Board will be heard at that time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroot, Councilman Henry Swartz, Councilman Lull, Councilman Balcom, Councilman Rohde, Tammy Shaw and Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel

Supervisor DeGroot called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and led the pledge to the flag.

RES #102-15 to hire Ray Preusser as Town Comptroller.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Rohde to hire Ray Preusser as town comptroller through December 31, 2016.

DISCUSSION

-Lull reminded the Board that she has been instrumental in leading the discussion on outsourcing the job of comptroller. She stated that DeGroot has a "connection" with Ray but after evaluating all the presentations from the applicants she believes that Pattison, Koskey's firm has the most experience in the county and they've got "top notch staff". This will alleviate pressure on Tammy. The Board should go with someone who is well experienced and Ray's firm has experience with only one other municipality which is Clermont. He is more familiar with the finances of school districts.

- DeGroot interjected stating that he has no personal relationship with Ray Preusser. Mr. Preusser helped us out at no cost after Deb passed away. We would fill the comptroller position on the basis of the RFP. The Comptroller is established in Town law.

- Swartz stated that Pattison, Koskey's bid seems to be the lowest but it was open ended. The others had those costs built into their RFP.

VOTE

AYE: DeGroot, Swartz Rohde NAY: Lull Resolution adopted.

Attorney Rappleyea will be consulted on the legalities.

-DeGroot stated that the new hire would fill the remainder of the term left vacant by Comptroller Deborah Cesternino's passing. (Cesternino's term ran from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.)

-Tammy Shaw read from a letter she had prepared for the Board regarding the extra work she's been doing in the comptroller's office. She would like to be compensated for that work for the past 19 weeks.

2015. She requested an additional \$5.00/hr. and the back pay at date totals \$1,900.00 to be charged to the Comptroller account.

-Lull stated that Tammy is invaluable and should be compensated for the work she has done.

RES. #102-15 offered by Councilman Lull and moved to adoption. The Town Board of the Town of Chatham authorizes a wage increase for Tammy Shaw as follows; \$5.00/hr. additional to her regular hourly wage while working as deputy Comptroller for a total of 20 hours/week. (20 hours/week = \$100.00 extra/for 19 weeks) Pay will be retroactive and cover the period from pay 4/27/15 through 9/04/15. 20 hours/week x \$5.00/hour = \$100.00 total of \$1,900.00 for 19 weeks worked. Wages will be charged to the Comptroller fund A1315.1. This increase will remain in effect until the comptroller position is filled. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

VOTE

AYE: DeGroot, Swartz, Lull, Rohde

NAY: None

Resolution adopted

-Councilman Swartz said that the ZIC has been down by one member so they would like to change the committee to a seven member committee so they can have a quorum with only 4 members present. They have advertised several times and haven't been able to fill the seat.

-ZIC is hoping to have a draft copy for the Board to review in October. This will be the entire document. It didn't make sense to do it piecemeal.

-The Town doesn't have a standard for steep slopes so they will be using the State standard. The Town engineers can draft language consistent with NYS DEC mandates for steep slopes.

Motion was made by DeGroot, seconded by Swartz to adjourn at 8:15 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Anne Rippel, Town Clerk