

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2018

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Marie Lull, Councilman Bob Balcom, Councilwoman Landra Haber, Councilman John Wapner, Councilman Kevin Weldon, Deputy Town Clerk Janie Miller

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Lull called the meeting to order at 6PM and Councilman Wapner led the pledge of flag. There was a remembrance to Elisabeth Grace and the Florida Students who died in the shooting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from The Society of New Concord requesting a reduction of the speed limits for New Concord Road and County Route 9.
- Letter from Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPA's on Court Report.
- Letter from the NYS Association of Towns on the New York Municipal Energy Program an aggregation program that enables municipalities and residents to join in on bulk energy-buying.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

The Chatham Town Board appreciates information received from the public during the Public Comment portion of each meeting, which often is very helpful in the governance of the Town. It is, however, not intended to be a debate with the public or a question and answer period. Issues raised during the public comment may be addressed by the Board during its regular meeting or by the Supervisor between meetings as necessary. As a courtesy to the other members of the public, there is a 5 minute per person limitation on oral comments for each public comment period. The public is also encouraged to provide the Board with written comments or materials when the subject matter cannot be presented in this time frame. Of course, while the Board discourages any remarks which may be considered defamatory or stigmatizing, it will not restrict the content of the public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Karpinski is concerned about the noticeable traffic on New Concord Road since he has moved there in 1988. They are not following the speed limit and it's a problem for pedestrians who are walking the road. When cars crest the hill they are swerving from oncoming traffic and pedestrians are

scattering from getting hit. They would like the speed limit lowered. Peter Newman also concerned about more traffic when the two camps come in. They will be routing to New Concord Road when the camps open. Drivers are doing 55 mph speed limit. There have been fender benders on that road and it's dangerous near the community hall. Maria Lull has had a meeting with Joe Rickert about this road. Joe says it's DOT we need to deal with. Joe has set up a meeting with DOT with regards to the speed limit on New Concord Road. Landra suggested a solid double line down the middle of the road and no passing zone sign might slow traffic.

SUB-COMMITTEE:

- Recreation and Parks Commission: Wapner meeting with Mike West and they have 3 agendas coming up. Maria Lull suggested a dog park and maybe doing something fun with dogs.
- Citizens Finance and Planning Committee: Balcom says they will be meeting with Jim Quinn next month to go over the policies and traffic studies.
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee: Balcom is meeting with Stolzenburg on February 26 to go over the use tables. Stolzenburg is meeting with the subcommittee on the adjustments made to the use table on March 7.
- Climate Smart Community Committee: Weldon says the electric vehicle charging system will be viewed on town web site and in the paper for public review. The code enforcement officer will do a training program. Details will be available shortly so they can meet with the code enforcement officer. Weldon and the committee members met with Joe Rickert about upgrading the heating system in the town garage which is old and needs to be replaced. The committee will then purpose a grant for the charging and heating system.
- Communications Committee: Haber says they are still working on the website.

REPORTS

- Highway Department – report on file.
- Code Enforcement/Building Inspector – Town Board will meet with Building Department on cell tower renovations next week.
- Dog Control – no report
- Environmental Management Council
- Justice Court – report on file
- Assessor – report on file
- Office of the Aging Advisory Board
- Recreation Director – report on file
- Town Accounting firm – Monthly Financial Report & Abstract – Report on file
- Town Clerk
- Town Attorney

NEW BUSINESS

- Request by the Society of New Concord for reduction of the speed limits in hamlet.
- Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, town accountant's Report on Town Court. Lull thanked them for doing a good job on the audit.
- Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6 PM with Nan Stolzenburg, Town Planner, on new zoning code.
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OLD BUSINESS

- Local Law 2 of 2018 on timbering – on hold.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 50-2018 to accept the financial Abstract as present to pay the Town's bills. Offered by Councilman Weldon, seconded by Councilwoman Haber.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Haber, Wapner, Weldon Resolution adopted

Resolution 51-2018 to accept the town accountant's financial report of January 31, 2018. Offered by Councilwoman Haber, seconded by Councilman Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Haber, Wapner, Weldon Resolution adopted

Resolution 52-2018 to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting(s) of January 2, January 18 and February 1 of 2018. Offered by Councilwoman Lull, seconded by Councilman Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Haber, Wapner, Weldon Resolution adopted

Resolution 53-2018 authorizing a Public Hearing for Local Law 2 of 2018.

Resolution 54-2018 to establish a Road Maintenance Committee.

WHEREAS, the Town Board is implementing a new zoning code, and WHEREAS, the Town Planner, Nan Stolzenburg has suggested that the Town Board and Town Highway Superintendent create a maintenance and capital improvement plan for town roads along with the Town Engineer, and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board establishes a committee comprised of Town Planner, Nan Stolzenburg, Town Engineer Patrick Pendergast, Highway Superintendent Joe Rickert, Councilman John Wapner and Van Calhoun. Offered by Councilwoman Haber, seconded by Councilman Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Haber, Wapner, Weldon Resolution adopted

Resolution 55-2018 to approve the request to the NYS Department of Transportation to lower the speed limits in the hamlet of New Concord on New Concord Road and C.R. 9 WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham Superintendent of Highways, Joseph Rickert, has received

a letter of request to reduce the speed limit on New Concord Road and County Route 9 within the Hamlet; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board authorizes a TE9a application to be submitted to Columbia County Department of Transportation requesting a speed limit reduction in the hamlet of New Concord. Offered by Councilwoman Lull, seconded by Councilwoman Haber.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Haber, Wapner, Weldon Resolution adopted.

Resolution 56-2018 to approve the request to lower speed limit on SR 295 in the hamlet of East Chatham. WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham Superintendent of Highways, Joseph Rickert, has requested a speed limit reduction on SR 295 in the hamlet of East Chatham; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board authorizes a TE9a application to be submitted to NYS Department of Transportation requesting a speed limit reduction in the hamlet of East Chatham. Offered by Councilwoman Haber, seconded by Councilman Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Haber, Wapner, Weldon Resolution adopted

Resolution 57-2018 to comply with NYS DEC storage tank compliance.

WHEREAS, the Chatham Superintendent of Highways, Joseph Rickert, has advised the Chatham Town Board of the new NYS DEC Regulations for Storage Tank Compliance, effective January 1, 2018; and WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has received a quote from Optima Environmental Services to make all repairs and replacements to bring the Highway Department in compliance for a cost of \$19,457.00; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has advised the Town Board of the savings in the 2017 Budget; Garage Account: Oil/Water Separator (A5132.23) of \$47,000; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to encumber the cost of \$19,457.00 from the Garage Account (A5132.23) in order to bring the Highway Department in compliance with the new 2018

NYS DEC Storage Tank regulations and to allow the Highway Superintendent to enter into Contract with Optima Environmental Services to make all repairs and replacements. Offered by Councilwoman Lull, seconded by Councilman Weldon.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Haber, Wapner, Weldon Resolution adopted

Resolution 58-2018 to approve sale of surplus highway department equipment. WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham Superintendent of Highways, Joseph Rickert, advises the Town Board of his intent to sell surplus Town Highway Department equipment pursuant to New York State Highway Law 142 S(5); and WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has proposed to sell one 9-foot Fisher plow, Inventory ID# 707; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to remove the above item from Highway Inventory and to sell as surplus equipment. Offered by Councilman Weldon, seconded by Councilwoman Haber.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Haber, Wapner, Weldon Resolution adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Haber made a motion, Weldon seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Janie Miller, Deputy Clerk