

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 State Route 295
Chatham, NY 12037

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2018

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Maria Lull, Councilman Bob Balcom, , Councilman Kevin Weldon, Highway Superintendent Joe Rickert, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel

ABSENT: Councilwoman Landra Haber, Councilman John Wapner

Supervisor Lull called the meeting to order at 6:10PM followed by the pledge to the flag.

Lull read aloud the flier for the Town Wide Clean up the week of April 22-April 28 at Tammy Shaw's request.

TOWN BOARD TO DISCUSS:

Highway Superintendent's request for vehicle & equipment replacement.

- Lull received quotes for a new mower and asked Rickert to have someone measure the shed to be sure it will fit.

-At the last meeting Rickert presented the Board with a list of new trucks he'd like to purchase. Lull requested more information. Rickert presented the Board with a detailed price list. He is hoping to get the Board to agree to the purchase since the price quotes are only good for 30 days. The Finance Committee is also looking at this.

-Lull stated that the Towns Fund Balance is in good shape according to the AUD report.

-Lull asked Rickert asked to project 20 years out the replacement costs of highway equipment. He found the 20 year projection difficult and stopped at 2027. It will be a 3-5% increase/year. To stay on track with the replacement schedule the Town will have to plan on replacing 2 truck/year. He has been using the smaller pickup trucks for more of the dirt road maintenance causing more wear and tear on the vehicles. He priced out 4 new trucks with accessories at a cost of about 193,000. Lull stated that there was no choice but to replace the trucks this year. The sale of the old equipment will go into the highway reserve fund.

- Rickert asked which way the Town was planning to go with future purchases. He doesn't want to leave the Town holding a lot of debt. As per Rickert there is almost 1 million in reserves.

-Balcom suggested the Town create a fund specifically for equipment and one for debt.

-Rickert asked if he gets concrete numbers on the new trucks can he get a letter of intent from the Town Board. Ford is offering a 30% discount but the offer will expire and he doesn't want to miss out on that opportunity. Lull heard his cry.

-Rickert asked if the Board would include the mower in the funding of the new trucks to which Lull responded that the mower would be paid for separately.

Shared Services agreement and permit access and operation upon state rights-of-way with NYS Department of Transportation.

Request by former supervisor to be named temporary marriage officer.

Request by New York State Police for location of new barracks.

- Lull shared with the Board the map of the proposed site for the new NYS Police barracks/station on Town Hall property. There is also an "Agreement" for the Board to consider which authorizes the sale of 3 acres of Town property, just north of the Town Hall, for Ten dollars. Specific details can be found in the Agreement which is on file.
- Lull wants to see a reversion clause which would return the property back to the Town if NYS Police should ever decide to vacate.
- NYS Police will attend the April 19th meeting.

BERKSHIRE FLYER

-Lull circulated an article on the proposed Berkshire Flyer which would run between Pittsfield Massachusetts and NYC. Balcom suggested a resolution in support of this train line. Lull asked him to draft it.

DISC GOLF

-Lull stated that DISC CAP was not willing to sign the "Hold Harmless" agreement that the Town had presented them. Lull feels that this group doesn't want to take any responsibility.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 67-2018 to accept the bid for the remediation of the Green Brook culvert project. **ON HOLD**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham has approved the remediation of the Green Brook culvert on the town owned property located on the abandoned railroad bed and Riders Mills Road based upon a grant through Trout Unlimited Inc. in the amount of \$287,280.00 from New York State Economic Development Corporation, known as the Green Brook Culvert Removal Project, and

WHEREAS, Trout Unlimited has had engineering plans prepared to remove a culvert and restore the natural channel to a stream on the Green Brook in the Town of Chatham. This project will stabilize the banks of the Green Brook reducing sediment loading and restore the natural flow of the stream promoting sediment transport and aquatic connectivity, and WHEREAS, the Town Board approved the Trout Unlimited, Inc. request for proposal and letting of bids, and

WHEREAS, Mitchison and Sons, Inc. were the only company to bid on the project at a cost of \$208,914.53, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes Mitchison and Sons, Inc. the Green Brook Culvert Removal Project on the abandoned railroad bed and Riders Mills Road in the amount of \$208,914.53.

RESOLUTION No.68-2018 to authorize all full-time town employees to attend the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Active Shooter training.

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office has offered the Town of Chatham an Active Shooter Training session on Wednesday, May 16 from 9 AM to 12 noon be held at the Tri-Village Fire Company in Chatham Center to be conducted by Deputy Sheriff Anthony Brahm, and WHEREAS, the Town Board approves and directs that all full-time town employees attend the Active Shooter Training, and WHEREAS, the Town Board highly recommends that part time employees and volunteer committee members participate in this training, and NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes all full time town employees to attend the Active Shooter Training session on Wednesday, May 16 from 9 AM to 12 noon at the Tri-Village Fire Company in Chatham Center.

Motion Made by Weldon Seconded by Balcom

VOTE

Aye: Lull, Balcom, Weldon Nay: None Resolution adopted

RESOLUTION No. 69-2018 to appoint Jesse DeGroot temporary marriage officer.

WHEREAS, the former Town Supervisor, Jesse DeGroot, has requested that the Town Board appointment him as temporary "marriage officer" for the purpose of officiating at his son's wedding on Saturday, October 20, 2018, and WHEREAS, the State of New York permits temporary marriage officer appointments by Town Boards, and NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the temporary appointment of Jesse DeGroot as marriage officer for the Town of Chatham on Saturday, October 20, 2018 to officiate at his son's wedding.

Motion Made by Balcom Seconded by Weldon

VOTE

Aye: Lull, Balcom, Weldon Nay: None Resolution adopted

Resolution 70-2018 authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2018 Enhanced Enforcement Patrol Program Renewal Agreement

WHEREAS, at a Town Board Meeting on July 21, 2016, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham approved the Town of Chatham's participation in the Columbia County Sheriff's Enhanced Enforcement Patrol Program, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a contract with the Columbia County Sheriff's Department to continue the program for 2018.

Motion made by Balcom Seconded by Weldon

VOTE

Aye: Lull, Balcom, Weldon Nay: None Resolution adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2018 authorizing the Supervisor to sign agreements with NYS DOT for shared services and permitting of operations or actions undertaken within state rights-of-way.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham authorizes entering into an agreement with the New York Department of Transportation in connection with work affecting state highways and shared services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a Shared Services Agreement and permitting of operations or actions undertaken within state rights-of-way with the New York State Department of Transportation.

Motion made by Weldon Seconded by Balcom

VOTE

Aye: Lull, Balcom, Weldon Nay: None Resolution adopted

Conduct any other business that comes before the Town Board.

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

None

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING

On a motion by Councilman Weldon and a second by Councilman Balcom and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector