

Town of Chatham  
488 State Route 295  
Chatham, NY 12037

TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes

May 3, 2018  
6:00 PM

**PRESENT**

Supervisor Maria Lull, Councilman Bob Balcom, Councilman John Wapner Councilwoman Landra Haber, Councilman Kevin Weldon, Highway Superintendent Joe Rickert, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel

**ABSENT**

Councilwoman Landra Haber

Supervisor Lull called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and followed with the pledge to the flag

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF BIRGE CALHOUN

**TOWN BOARD TO DISCUSS**

- o Purchase of highway vehicles & lawn mower for town hall. Bucci, Gill, Rickert, Shaw and Lull all met to discuss the purchase of highway equipment. Bucci suggested that since the bond rates are low that the Town should bond everything including the mower.
- o Proposal from Hope Energy Group on town hall lighting to reduce energy use and improve work environment. Wapner asked where the money was coming from for the improvement. Lull responded that it would be coming out of contingency.
- o New member appointment to county Environmental Management Council. Lull spoke to Weldon and Haber and they both suggested that Cara Humphrey might be interested in the position.
- o Hudson Flag Day Parade June 9th . There was no interest from the Town Board in participating.
- o New Town Website – The contract is with County MIS for review.
- o Revised Town Rules & Regulations for Town Rec Facilities – Lull drafted the new rules and regulations for Town parks and asked that it go to the Recreation Committee. Mike West will also give it to the Dis Golf group.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 67-2018** to approve Green Brook culvert contract. On hold

**Resolution 85-2018** to approve bonding of Highway Equipment

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways is requesting to purchase Highway Equipment with a 2018 5-yr. BAN Note with a low interest rate currently at (2.59%), and WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways is requesting permission to purchase the following Highway equipment:

(2) Volvo VHD42F300Trucks, from Beam Mack Sales, \$195,272.60 ea. (Onondaga Contract 7823)

(3) Ford F350 XL Supercab 4x4 8' box w/plow, from Van Bortel Ford, \$40,510.50 ea. (Onondaga Contract 7974)

(1) Ford F350 XL Regular Cab 4x4 8' Box w/plow, from Van Bortel Ford, \$38,077.50 ea. (Onondaga Contract 7974)

(4) Fisher Steel Spreaders w/lights, from Checkered Flag Fabrications, \$5,937.81 ea.

(1) Mower, not to exceed \$130,000.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chatham Town Board authorizes the purchase of said equipment in 2018 and authorizes the purchase with a 2018 5-yr. BAN Note at 2.59% interest rate and not to exceed Seven Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$704,000.00).

Offered by Councilman Balcom, seconded by Councilman Wapner

**Discussion**

Balcom looked at the equipment and the further you go down the road the equipment gets worse. Bucci urged the Board to roll the mower into the bond. Rickert said they would not be buying a roller, they'll rent instead.

Lull explained that this bond was a 5 year bond so it will not have to go out to permissive referendum. This year we will make the last payment on the previous bond from years back. Wapner asked what the difference is between the last bond and this one. The rates are lower so we will be paying less.

Balcom said that by not spending fund balance on equipment they can put money away. Wapner wants to know what the highway department needs to replace going forward. Rickert has a replacement schedule already in place.

**VOTE**

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

**Resolution 86-2018** to approve purchase of lawn mower for town hall and cemeteries to be purchased for \$7199.00 from the contingency fund.

Offered by Councilman Balcom and seconded by Councilman Weldon.

**VOTE**

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

**Resolution 87-2018** to approve Hope Energy Group proposal.

Total Project Cost: \$7,035.63

Utility Incentive: \$1,755.64

Customer Copay: \$5,279.99

As per contract.

Offered by Councilman Weldon and seconded by Councilman Balcom.

**VOTE**

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

**Resolution 88-2018** to approve expenditure for new town website.

On hold

**Resolution 89-2018** to authorize use of jointly owned Municipal Parking Lot in the Village of Chatham by CABA for Summerfest.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham and the Village of Chatham own the municipal parking lot off Main Street in the Village of Chatham, and WHEREAS, the Chatham Area Business & Arts (CABA) organization is hosting the annual Summerfest in the Village of Chatham on Saturday, July 7, 2018 from 10 AM to 4 PM and requests the use of the municipal parking lot property for music, entertainment, tent and stage, and will allow egress from the Parking Lot and accessibility to the handicap designated parking, and

THEREFORE, the Chatham Town Board approves the blocking off of the municipal Parking Lot for music, entertainment, tent and stage on Saturday, July 7, 2018 from 10 AM to 4 PM For Summerfest by CABA with completion of a facilities use application and certificate of insurance provided to the Town of Chatham Town Clerk prior to the event.

Offered by Councilman Wapner and seconded by Councilman Weldon.

**VOTE**

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

**Resolution 90-2018** to enter into a Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Kinderhook for a recreation swim program.

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorizes entering into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Kinderhook in conducting the Crellin Community Park Summer Children's Recreation Swim Program, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Town of Kinderhook to provide a recreation children's swim program for the children of the Town of Kinderhook from July 9 to August 15, 2018 for the amount of \$1,275.00.

Offered by Councilman Balcom and Seconded by Councilman Weldon

**VOTE**

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Wapner, Weldon NAY: None Resolution adopted

**Resolution 91-2018** to appoint a member to the Environmental Management Council.

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board authorizes the appointment of Cara Humphrey as a representative of the Town of Chatham to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council for a two (2) year term beginning upon the approval of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham does hereby requests the appointment of Cara Humphrey to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council for a two (2) year term upon approval of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors.

Offered by Councilman Weldon and seconded y Councilman Wapner

**VOTE**

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Wapner, 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

On a motion by Weldon, second by Wapner and carried the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel, RMC

Town Clerk