

January 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was brought to order by Mayor Curran with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm.

Attendance: Trustee Del Rossi, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Administrator Barbara Henry, Fire Chief Paul Pratt, Police Chief Kevin Boehme, Accountant Michael Torchia reporters from the Chatham Courier and Columbia Paper and 8 members of the audience.

First Public Comment Period- none

Resolution #138 was made by Trustee Locke to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting and a Special Informational meeting held at the Chatham Fire Department on January 4, 2013. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustees Locke, Morrell, Packet, DelRossi

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Report- Chief Boehme presented, on file in the Clerk's Office.

Fire Report- Chief Pratt presented, on file in the Clerk's Office. Chief Pratt read a letter from Tyler Fire Equipment regarding taking the 58-5 aerial quint out of service. Chief Pratt also read the Fire Department Ladder Truck Committee Report.

Resolution # 139 was made by Trustee Locke to allow the Fire Department Ladder Truck Committee to write specifications for a new ladder truck. Trustee Del Rossi seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustees Locke, Packet, DelRossi, Morrell

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Wastewater/Water Report- on file in the Clerk's Office.

Streets and Snow Removal Report- on file in the Clerk's Office. Trustee Packet commented that one of the DPW trucks needs new tires.

Village Administrator Report- on file in the Clerk's Office.

Accountant Report- Mr. Torchia presented the Board with a year to date report up until the end of December. He commented that the bank reconciliations were now done on the computer except for a couple of statements. He will be working on the receivables next and the Board should have reports from now on. He stated that he had been working on a more detailed sewer budget with Trustee Morrell and VRI.

Old Business

Mayor Curran stated that CSX would like to move forward on the proposed lot behind Main Street and they would like to discuss developing a contract to remove any liability from CSX on to the Village. The Mayor met with representatives from CSX on December 20, 2013. He stated that drainage is very important and CSX would like to have a barrier between cars and the railroad tracks as this is a real liability. He suggested that the Board agree to lease the property and then work out the details with the Chatham Area Business Alliance later. Once the Village leases the property we become liable. He also noted that CABA may have some funds available to put towards this and the Land Conservancy is willing to keep the lot snow plowed. CSX will barricade off the area if an agreement is not made within the next 90 days.

Trustee Locke made note that the Zoning Board of Appeals still needs another member for the 5 person Board. It requires training and you must be over the age of 18, an American Citizen and live in the Village. There is no pay for this position.

Trustee Del Rossi stated that the search for a new attorney continues. Resumes have been sent to each Board member for review and applicants have been narrowed down to 2 attorneys to be interviewed.

Trustee DelRossi commented that the website company is in the process of gathering information to put on the website. Mayor Curran asked that if anyone has any pictures of the Village, to please forward them on to Ms. DelRossi. The site will be launched in a few months and will have a lot of documents and links to different sites.

New Business

Mayor Curran stated that some sidewalks in the Village are not shoveled clear. Trustee Packet stated that a letter should be sent to homeowners to make them aware of the law otherwise they will be fined and the amount will be re-levied on to their taxes if not paid.

The Mayor discussed getting more overnight parking spaces in the Village particularly the lot by Kinderhook Bank. He asked that maybe the DPW could place a courtesy warning flyer to place on vehicles that need to be moved after a snow storm and to possibly put up new signage. This will need a change of use for this lot.

Trustee Morrell stated that she met with the Mayor, Barbara Henry and Liz Bartlett to appoint a new Arts Coordinator who can help with economic development with the arts in mind. This position would be paid through external funding and grants if they are available.

Resolution # 140 was made by Trustee Morrell to create and appoint Liz Bartlett to the position of an Arts Coordinator based on the ability to fund this position with private funding and grants and to be the contact person and culture coordinator for economic development. Trustee Locke seconded the motion and added that this person could also be the liason between the Village and CABA.

Vote: Ayes: Trustees Morrell, DelRossi, Locke, Packet

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 141 was made by Trustee Locke designating the Tracy Memorial Hall as the polling place for the Village Election on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from 12:00 noon until 9: 00 p.m. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustees Locke, Morrell, DelRossi, Packet

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 142 was made by Trustee Del Rossi to appoint the following election inspectors for the March 9, 2013 registration day and March 19, 2013 election day; Teresa Every, Louise Marcy, Frances Mesick, Marilyn Martin and Grace Keller as a backup.

Vote: Ayes: Trustees DelRossi, Morrell, Packet, Locke

Nays: None

Trustee DelRossi asked to table the Holiday Resolution that identifies observed holidays for the Compensation and Benefits Manual to look into it further with the Administrator.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Chatham Central School Superintendent Cheryl Nuciforo inviting the Mayor or a representative of the Village to participate in a focus group of community members to consider whether to consolidate from three schools to two.

A letter was received from Technology 4 All listing the pricing to maintain the existing computer technology services for the Village.

Second Comment Period

Michael Burrows asked about getting a budget from the accounting firm. He also asked who clears the sidewalk in front of Cemetery Hill and the bridge on Center Street.

Lisa Johnson also added that the Blue Plate sidewalk also is not getting plowed.

James Dalzell commented that people need to dig around fire hydrants as well.

Resolution # 143 was made by Trustee Packet to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Trustees Packet, Morrell, DelRossi, Locke

Nays: None Resolution adopted.

Village Clerk