

October 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Curran at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee DelRossi. Trustee Locke was absent. Police Chief Kevin Boehme, Water Treatment Operator John Bartholomew, Sewer Treatment Plant Operator Ed Czyzewski, Fire Chief Paul Pratt, Reporters from the Chatham Courier and Columbia Paper, 2 representatives from Delaware Engineering and 35 people in the audience.

#### First Public Comment Period

Mayor Curran asked members of the audience to keep all comments within a 3 minute time period to give everyone a chance to be heard. Following the comment period, the Board would conduct the regular Board meeting.

David O'Connor of 5 Shore Road thanked the Board for the work they are doing, stating that it's not an easy job.

Paul Boehme of Washington Avenue stated that he asked the Mayor two weeks ago about getting the Trial Balance for July/August and was told it was not available. He has not received it yet and commented that the Trial Balance shows you where you stand at any particular time.

Liz Chapman of Locust Street commented to the Board that they were all voted in to represent everyone in the Village, not just those who voted for them. She also asked if the bills were being paid and if they were paid on time.

Brin Quell of Fairview Avenue commented that everyone should be working together to find a solution to take the Village in a positive direction.

There were no other comments.

Resolution #263 was made by Trustee Del Rossi to approve the minutes of the August 28th, September 6<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> Board meetings. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee Del Rossi, yes; no negative votes.

#### Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Report- presented by Chief Kevin Boehme, attached.

Fire Department Report- presented by Chief Paul Pratt, attached. Chief Pratt also presented a Chatham Fire Department Ladder Truck Committee Report which is on file in the Village Clerk's Office.

Resolution # 264 was made by Trustee Morrell to approve Chief Pratt to spend \$19,850.00 on turnout gear for members of the fire department. This money has already been allocated in the budget. Trustee DelRossi seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee DelRossi, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 265 was made by Trustee Morrell to reimburse the fire department counsel treasury \$1,000 for monies used to purchase 17 portable radios for a matching grant from NYSDEC. Trustee Locke was able to secure the matching \$1000 portion of the grant from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation. Trustee Packet seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Morrell, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, yes; no negative votes. NYSDEC will inspect the radios once they arrive and a \$1000 check will be given back to the Village.

Resolution # 266 was made by Trustee DelRossi to approve Alric Smith as a new member of Ocean Fire Company #1 pending a firefighter physical. Trustee Packet seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes.

Wastewater/Water report- presented by Sewer Plant Treatment Operator Ed Czyzewski, attached.

Streets and Snow Removal- presented by Ed Czyzewski, attached.

Old Business- none

New Business-

Mary Beth Franconi and Fred Grover from Delaware Engineering gave a presentation to the Board regarding what they have found so far in a study of the Village water system. They stated that they are taking a preliminary look at the basic infrastructure of the system as well as a comprehensive look at the system. They will report back to the Board at a later date on their findings. Mr. Grover stated that Kline Kill appears to be in good shape and they will prioritize what needs to be done according to the budget and put in place a planning mechanism to see how things are paid for. Ms. Franconi stated that the Village is being proactive regarding the real costs to people who are actually using the system. They are also looking at the service outside of the Village and they are looking into how this can grow the economy of the Village.

Village Engineer Patrick Prendergast had sent a letter to the Board dated September 28, 2012 regarding a propane tank that is needed to supply fuel to the emergency generator that was installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Three price quotes were given with various options for either above ground placement, burial in the ground, renting two above ground tanks or purchasing a tank that would be buried in the ground.

Resolution # 267 was made by Trustee Morrell to contact Main Care Energy to rent a 1,000 gallon above ground tank at a cost of \$100.00 per month with the intent of possibly purchasing the tank in the future. Installation and hookups would cost \$1365.00 extra. Trustee Packet seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Morrell, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, yes; no negative votes.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Palmer Engine & Hose Co. Convention 2014 asking the Village Board to purchase an advertisement in the Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association Convention Yearbook. The Board decided to table this until the November meeting.

A letter was received from Harvey J. McCagg, the Adjutant from the Chatham Post 42 American Legion, asking for approval to conduct their annual Veterans' Day program in the Village on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the Village Green at Park Row and Main Street. The entire Board approved this request.

A letter was received by Michele Kraham, Executive Director of the Morris Memorial, in regard to the Village annual donation of \$10,500.00 to the Morris Memorial to help fund the free after school program at the Morris. Mayor Curran tabled this request until he could look in the budget to make sure the funding was there.

A letter was received from Planning Board/ Zoning Board secretary Erin Costa, asking for approval from the Board for up to two members of the Planning Board to attend a one day New York Planning Federation year end training course on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Henry A. Wallace Center in Hyde Park. The cost of the program is \$50.00 for NYPF members.

Resolution #268 was made by Trustee Morrell to approve sending up to two members of the Planning Board to attend NYPF year end training in Hyde Park at a cost of \$50.00 per member.

Trustee Del Rossi seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee Del Rossi, yes; no negative votes.

Kirk Kneller from the Chatham Rural Cemetery Association approached the Board asking for help from the Village DPW Department to help fix the road to the cemetery and to place a couple of loads of item 4 on the roadway to build it up. The majority of the cemetery is in the Town of Ghent. Mr. Kneller asked if a letter could be placed in the water and sewer bills or tax bills asking for donations to help with the costs of repairs for the road to the cemetery. He offered to have people help with the folding and stuffing of these letters. Trustee Del Rossi asked Mr. Kneller to contact the Town of Ghent first and keep the Village Board informed of the result of speaking with them. Trustee Packet commented that Colarusso may be willing to donate gravel to this project.

#### Second Public Comment Period

Barbara Henry of Brookside Avenue asked the Board to look at the resources of the budget regardless of a budget crunch.

Lisa Johnson of Austerlitz Street invited everyone to attend a monthly contra dance at the Morris Memorial the first Saturday of every month. This is open to all ages starting at 8 p.m. The cost is between \$8.00- \$10.00.

With no further business to discuss, Resolution # 269 was made by Trustee Del Rossi to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Trustee Packet seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Del Rossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer  
Village Clerk