

February 14, 2013

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

Attendance: Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Del Rossi was absent, Administrator Barbara Henry, Fire Chief Paul Pratt, Assistant Fire Chief Paul Rideout, reporters from the Chatham Courier and Columbia Paper and 11 members in the audience.

First Public Comment Period- None

Resolution # 144 was made by Trustee Packet to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013 meeting. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Report- Read by Village Clerk, on file in Clerk's Office.

Fire Report- Read by Chief Paul Pratt and on file in the Clerk's Office. Chief Pratt stated that an Informational Session/Presentation regarding the purchase of the new ladder truck will be held at the fire house for the public to ask questions on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7 pm.

Wastewater/ Water Report- on file in the Clerk's Office. Trustee Morrell stated that she is working with Delaware Engineering on water upgrades and she is looking into the possible purchase of new water meters. A new software program is being looked into as well that will interface the water and sewer billing with the tax program that is already in the Clerk's Office.

Streets & Snow Removal-Trustee Packet presented, report on file in Clerk's Office.

Village Administrator- presented by Administrator Barbara Henry, on file in Clerk's Office.

Building Inspector Report- on file in Clerk's Office.

Old Business

Mayor Curran stated that Attorney Nelson Alford has reviewed the contract with CSX for the parking lot behind Main Street. With minor changes it will be ready for approval. The Mayor is working on acquiring price quotes for barriers to be placed next to the railroad tracks. The lease of this lot would be \$800 a year.

New Business

Village Clerk Barbara Fischer read a resignation letter from Nelson Alford, Esq. effective March 1, 2013 as the Village Attorney. Mayor Curran stated that members of the Board interviewed law firms that were familiar with Village and Town Laws. Alex Betke, Esq. of Wilson, Esler, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP of 677 Broadway, Albany, NY was chosen.

Resolution # 145 was made by Trustee Morrell to accept the retainer agreement with Alex Betke, Esq. of Wilson, Esler, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP of 677 Broadway, Albany, NY. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes; Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet  
Nays; None. Resolution adopted.

Mayor Curran read a letter from the New York State Assembly regarding two foreclosure bills that are currently before the Judiciary Committee. These bills are making it “mandatory for banks to provide municipalities with contact information of property managers or other parties responsible for upkeep and maintenance of foreclosed or abandoned properties.” The Board agreed to table this until the next meeting.

Resolution # 146 was made by Trustee Packet to appoint Kevin Johnson, Eric Valdina, Sarah Lipski, Linda Paul, Neal Warshaw and Patricia McKeon to the Grievance Board. Trustee Locke seconded the motion. Grievance Day is Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 4- 8 pm.  
Vote: Ayes: Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell  
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

The Village Clerk read the Non Personal Registration Notice for Election Day, March 19, 2013 from 12 noon – 9:00 pm.

Resolution # 147 was made by Trustee Packet noting the election inspectors will meet on March 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm to commence the preparation of the register for the Village Election to be held on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon – 9:00 pm at the Tracy Memorial Hall. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes; Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

Mayor Curran stated that the Board must schedule a Public Hearing to allow overnight parking by Herrington’s Lumber according to Section 99-56 of the Village Code. A Public Hearing Date has been set for March 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm before the regular Board meeting at 7:30 pm.

Resolution # 148 was made by Trustee Locke to accept the bid specifications for a new 75 foot ladder truck as prepared by the Fire Department. Trustee Packet seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes; Trustee Locke, Trustee packet, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 149 was made by Trustee Locke to allow the Village Clerk to solicit bids for the new 75 foot ladder truck to be opened at a meeting to be held on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes; Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

A notice of an Invitation for Bids for the purchase of a 75 foot aerial ladder fire truck will be placed in the Chatham Courier, Columbia Paper and Register Star. Sealed bids will be received at the Tracy Memorial Hall until 4:00 pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013. All bids will be publicly opened and read on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013 at 5:00pm at the Tracy Memorial Hall.

Resolution # 150 was made by Trustee Locke to spend \$5200 for replacement of a flow meter at the Kline Kill Plant. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion.  
Vote: Ayes; Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell  
Nays: None Resolution adopted.

The Board would like Building Inspector Walt Simonsmeier to present some recommendations of fee schedule changes for the Building Department for the next meeting.

Resolution # 151 was made by Trustee Packet to allow Steven Piazza of Long Life Home Improvement to install a drop ceiling and window at the sewer plant and two doors on the chlorine building at the High Street Reservoir at a cost of \$2440 as quoted from the lowest bid received of three vendors. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.

Vote; Ayes; Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

Fire Chief Paul Pratt inquired if the Board would like him to find ways to dispose of the old ladder truck to get the most money for it. The Board agreed for him to go ahead with this and the Mayor will check with the attorney for any unforeseen issues.

#### Correspondence

A letter was received from Norman and Elaine Humber thanking Village Clerk Barbara Fischer for help with a personal matter, on file in the clerk's office.

A letter was received from Senator Charles Schumer regarding the Preservation and Access Education and Training Program, on file in the clerk's office.

A letter and applications were received from the Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District for their Annual Bare Root Tree Sale.

#### Second Public Comment Period

Michael Burrows commended the Village DPW and the Village Clerk for the work they are doing.

Chief Paul Pratt asked residents to shovel out fire hydrants after a snowfall.

Resolution #152 was made by Trustee Packet to approve the Abstract of bills for a total of \$47,541.06. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 153 was made by Trustee Packet to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Trustee Locke seconded the motion.

Vote; Ayes; Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell  
Nays; None Resolution adopted.

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Village Clerk