

February 9, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Curran.

Attendance: Trustee Chapman, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke. Trustee DelRossi was absent. Police Chief Kevin Boehme, Fire Chief Paul Pratt, Ed Czyzewski, John Bartholomew, 11 residents and reporters from the Chatham Courier and the Columbia Paper.

There were no comments made during the first Public comment period.

Resolution # 141 was made by Trustee Chapman to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Trustee Locke. Vote- Trustee Locke, Trustee Grant, Trustee Chapman, yes; no negative votes.

Police Chief Kevin Boehme reported that 94 complaints were investigated-78 cleared by investigation and 11 were cleared by arrest. 26 offenses were charged- 3 aggravated unlicensed operation 3rd degree, 3 assault 3rd degree, 1 unlawful imprisonment 2nd degree, 1 petit larceny, 1 endangering the welfare of a child, 1 mental health, 2 operating motor vehicle with suspended registration, 1 assault 2nd degree, 2 resisting arrest, 2 disorderly conduct, 1 criminal mischief 4th degree, 1 criminal obstructing of breathing, 1 menacing 3rd degree, 3 aggravated unlicensed operation 2nd degree, 1 family court violation, 1 unlawful possession of marijuana. 2 property damage accidents were investigated and there were no personal injury accidents investigated. There were no fatalities. Vehicle and Traffic tickets were issued as well as parking tickets. There were 30 assists rendered as follows; 1 Chatham Fire Department, 10 Chatham Rescue Squad, 7 disabled motorists and 10 miscellaneous assists. There were 6 alarms answered and 6 doors and windows were found open on door check.

Fire Chief Paul Pratt reported that 5 alarms were answered for the month of January and are separated as follows; 2 chimney fires, 1 vehicle accident, 1 CO Detector Activation, 1 vehicle fire for a total of 19 firefighter hours. There were 2 drills for the previous month of December for a total of 157 training hours. The trucks will have their annual NYS vehicle inspections and all equipment is working well. There will be 20 sets of turnout gear that are due to expire in 2013. The gear is only legal to keep in service for 10 years after which you must dispose of it. The chief asked to purchase this gear over a two year period for a total of \$30,000. The Board agreed to have the chief get quotes for the new gear and get back to them. The gear to be replaced is Bunker Coats, Bunker Pants and some helmets. The fire company is also in need of replacing some pagers and radios since Columbia County will be moving forward with high band radios. Chief Pratt proposed purchasing 10 used pagers and chargers and 4 used high band radios. Ten pagers would cost approximately \$120-\$200 and the high band radios would cost about \$200-\$400. There were 137 people served at the last monthly breakfast as part of our community service. Chief Pratt was proud to report that the fire department is supporting John Howe for Columbia County Fire Coordinator. Letters have been sent to the Columbia County Fire Advisory Board for the recommendation. Required OSHA Training was held with the Spencertown and Ghent Fire Companies at the Spencertown Fire House. Chatham would like to host this training next year and invite these companies to attend. Duracell has once again sent a full box of AA and AAA batteries to help the fire company with replacements. This is a battery donation program run by Duracell to help fire departments.

Resolution # 142 was made by Trustee Grant to have Chief Pratt order the pagers and radios. Seconded by Trustee Chapman. Vote- Trustee Grant, Trustee Chapman, Trustee Locke, yes; no negative votes.

Trustee Chapman presented the report of DPW activities for the period of January 13th – February 9, 2012. Trustee Chapman reported that the mild winter has saved the Village from buying more sand and salt. Residents are reminded that when we do have a snow storm, they have an obligation to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice. Those who do not clear the snow will be subject to having the Village remove the snow and then being assessed a fee. The D.P.W. road crew has used cold patch on the streets where it was needed and they realigned some signs

that were either hit or damaged. They have also replaced two NO PARKING signs that were old and faded.

Trustee Grant presented the Water and Sewer report. The sewer plant continues to run very well and recent reports back from the lab showed that everything was up to specifications. The generator at the Hudson Avenue sewer pump station was checked during normal maintenance and it was found that it has been taking on diesel fuel into the oil. Ray Palmer was called in to check this out and he believes that the fuel pump may be defective. A new part has been ordered and will be installed. A new sump pump has been purchased for the sewer plant which replaces a worn out unit. This pump is used in the decanting process to clear water from the digester. Quotes were received from Emmons Pump Company on either rebuilding or replacing the grinder pumps at the Hudson Avenue pump station. A quote was also received from Troy Pump and Supply for a different style pump that may work better. This company only sells the pumps and the customer is responsible for installation. A contractor is being consulted to calculate the total cost of that system and give us a separate price for installation to see what is the most cost effective. In working at the pump station it was found that the ventilation system is not working due to a lightning strike. Leggett Electric is being consulted to troubleshoot the system and to order needed parts. The sewer pump station on Second Street has failed due to a grease build up on the pump float. The grease would not allow the float to move to signal the pump to start. Any harmful substance, which includes household/cooking grease that is put into the sanitary sewer system is illegal. Trustee Grant found a used sewer rodding machine and a sewer jetting machine for the Village from a surplus equipment buyer. Ed Czyzewski and Trustee Grant will schedule a time to look at this equipment. Phil Genovese has expressed an interest in becoming a second sewer operator for the Village and would like to attend training at Morrisville College in May and June.

Six water meters have been changed and a few meters were replaced because some residents had claimed their meters may be defective. The old meters were tested by themselves and against a new meter but no defects were found other than running a bit slower. This is to be expected because as the meter spins, it becomes worn and the clearances around the impeller become greater. The new River Street water line was flushed and water account #768 was shut off due to a broken water pipe.

Resolution # 143 was made by Trustee Grant to send Phil Genovese to Morrisville State College for training for Wastewater Treatment Operations. Seconded by Trustee Chapman. Vote- Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke, Trustee Chapman, yes; no negative votes.

The Board discussed having an agreement with the Village merchants regarding snow removal. Trustee Chapman said he would contact Gregg Hart regarding the Safe Routes to School grant to see how wide the sidewalks will be so a vehicle can plow. Trustee Chapman noted that the Village would need a maintenance agreement with the school so they would be responsible for taking care of their sidewalks. He also stated that an agreement needs to be made with CSX for a sidewalk across their property. The Mayor will contact School Superintendent Cheryl Nuciforo.

Old Business

Mayor Curran stated that he will contact the offices of Senator Stephen Saland and Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin for support regarding the issue of the railroad crossing at the intersection of State Routes 66 and 295.

John Bartholomew from the Village DPW stated that there are 3 drains on Woodbridge Avenue that will need to be moved before work is done on the sidewalks.

New Business

The Board discussed making some website improvements and possibly getting some quotes for a new site. The Village Clerk will contact Mr. Garvey to see if he may be able to revamp the website and come up with some improvements. The Mayor asked that people contact himself or Village Clerk Barbara Fischer with any thoughts or new ideas for the site.

Resolution # 144 was made by Trustee Grant to set the standard work day for all Village Employees at 8 hours. A standard work day request had been made by the New York State Local

Retirement System Auditors that have been doing a retirement audit of the Village since January. Seconded by Trustee Chapman. Vote- Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke, Trustee Chapman, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 145 was made by Trustee Grant for the right of way for a NYSEG utility pole for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seconded by Trustee Chapman. Vote- Trustee Chapman, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke, yes; no negative votes.

The Board discussed resignations of Trustees from the Assessment Review Board. Trustee Locke and Trustee Chapman both resigned as members of that Board. Trustee Grant asked to stay on this Board.

Resolution # 146 was made by Trustee Grant to have the Mayor appoint 3 new members to this Board. These members may decide the time they would like to sit to hear any grievances. Seconded by Trustee Locke. Vote- Trustee Locke, Trustee Grant, Trustee Chapman, yes; no negative votes.

The Mayor appointed the following members to the Assessment Board of Review at the discretion of the Village Board; Jeffrey Novick, Donna Carlucci, Sarah Lipski and George Grant. Grievance Day for the Village will be February 21st from 4-8 p.m.

Resolution # 147 was made by Trustee Locke to appoint the following election inspectors for voter registration day at the Tracy Memorial Hall on March 10, 2012 from 12-5 p.m.; Francis Mesick, Marilyn Martin, Tess Every and Elizabeth Chapman. The following are appointed election inspectors for election day at the Tracy Memorial Hall on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 12-9 p.m.; Francis Mesick, Carol Tuczinski, Elaine Vogel and Margaret Keller. Seconded by Trustee Chapman. Vote- Trustee Locke, Trustee Chapman, Trustee Grant, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 148 was made by Trustee Grant to hire 2 Philmont Wastewater Treatment Operators on a per diem basis until Phil Genovese gets his license. Seconded by Trustee Chapman. Vote- Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke, Trustee Chapman, yes, no negative votes.

Resolution # 149 was made by Trustee Locke to hire Maureen Seel for configuring the Enhanced software system in the Village Clerk's office. Seconded by Trustee Chapman. Vote- Trustee Locke, Trustee Grant, Trustee Chapman, yes; no negative votes.

Correspondence

A letter was read from Mr. Robert Hargis asking for relief for his water/sewer bill he received. Trustee Grant stated that Mr. Hargis' meter has been read again and nothing was found to be wrong. He also stated that he was not sure that relief for water can be made. The only relief that has ever been given by the Village Board has been for sewer relief. The Mayor will contact the village attorney for advice and get back to Mr. Hargis.

A letter was received from NYSEG regarding bringing in a new power line to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Village needs to pay an upfront cost of around \$8000 and then get reimbursed through EFC. The Mayor will contact village engineer Patrick Prendergast regarding this.

A letter was received from the Office of the State Comptroller stating that there will be an on-site risk assessment audit of the Village.

Trustee Chapman commented that Ed Czyzewski called the state regarding getting any CHIPS money for Hurricane Irene. There will be money coming in soon and the contact will be the village clerk.

There was no comments from the public during the second comment period.

Resolution # 150 was made by Trustee Locke to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.. Seconded by Trustee Chapman. Vote- Trustee Grant, Trustee Chapman, Trustee Locke, yes; no negative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Village Clerk