

VILLAGE OF CHATHAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TRACY MEMORIAL HALL, 77 MAIN STREET, CHATHAM NY
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013, 8:00 PM EDT

BOARD MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: Mayor Tom Curran called the meeting to order. Village Clerk Kathy Burke called the roll. Present: Mayor Curran, Trustee Lenore Packet, Trustee Jay Rippel, Trustee Adrienne Morrell, Trustee Mike Wollowitz, and Treasurer Barbara Henry.

Public comment period: no comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 187 to table approval of March 14, March 28 and April 2, 2013 minutes to next regular Board Meeting to be held April 25, 2013.
Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Morrell. Approved by: Trustees Packet, Wollowitz, Rippel and Morrell. Resolution approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police department report read by Mayor Tom Curran. Report on file in Clerk's office.

Fire Department report read by Chief Paul Pratt. Report on file in Clerk's office.

Mayor Curran read letter of nomination for David O'Connor for membership into the Ocean Fire Company #1, Chatham Fire Department, pending a firefighter physical examination.

RESOLUTION #188 to approve David O'Connor as a member of the Ocean Fire Company #1, Chatham Fire Department, pending a firefighter physical examination.
Resolution made by Trustee Rippel, seconded by Trustee Packet. Approved by: Trustees Packet, Wollowitz, Rippel and Morrell. Resolution approved.

RESOLUTION #189 to appoint officers for the Chatham Fire Department as follows: Paul Pratt, Chief; Paul Rideout, 1st Assistant Chief; and Joseph Cerami, 2nd Assistant Chief. Line Officers are as follows: Ocean Fire Co. No. 1: Paul Koch, James Garvey, Michael Burrows; Hook and Ladder Company: Paul McCagg, Pat Wemitt, Jon Kipp
Resolution made by Trustee Rippel, seconded by Trustee Morrell. Approved by: Trustees Packet, Wollowitz, Rippel and Morrell. Resolution approved.

Chief Pratt stated that the unknown explosion in his report happened in Spencertown.

Water & Sewer report read by Trustee Morrell. Report on file in Clerk's office.

Mayor Curran asked what a volute dehydrator is. Ed Czyzewski explained that someone who is thinking of purchasing one wanted to observe the one owned by the Village of Chatham.

Trustee Morrell asked if “satisfactory” grade is good or not. Ed Czyzewski answered yes, that’s the highest grade given.

Street & Cleanup read by Trustee Packet. Report on file in Clerk’s office.

Treasurer, Barbara Henry: no written report this month. Continuing to look at coding errors in the proposed budget. Worked with Ed Czyzewski today to make some corrections in Water & Sewer portion of the budget. Accounting software has a flaw in it that is affecting the J-Fund.

Mayor Curran asked if that can be happening in other areas as well. Treasurer Henry answered that it is possible and said she will look into it further.

New Clerk Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Thursday: 11:30 am – 7:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

1st Saturday of every month: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #190 to pay former Village Clerk 60.5 hours of unused vacation at \$18 per hour for a total of \$1,089.

Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Approved by: Trustees Packet, Wollowitz, Rippel and Morrell. Resolution approved.

Sewer re-lining for infiltration and inflow: Brief presentation by Town Engineer Pat Prendergast. Mr. Prendergast stated that the new sewer plant is online and running well. Ed Czyzewski has been a big help. Round of applause from the audience for Mr. Czyzewski.

Mr. Prendergast explained the new blowers and stated that the Village should see a reduction in electric costs because of these. Explained collection system.

Showed on drawings where re-lining will begin and briefly explained the process. In the future, need to identify who has sump pumps. They increase the flow to the sewer. Need to tell people this is not allowed. DPW will coordinate this with installing new meters. EFC funding is paying for the re-lining. Nowhere near the budget limit yet. Anticipates project will be done by May/June. Funding lasts until September 2014.

Trustee Packet stated that this will reduce groundwater.

Trustee Morrell stated that this should reduce man-hours as well.

RESOLUTION #191 to conduct re-lining in areas recommended by Town Engineer Prendergrast and for Mr. Prendergrast to put this out to bid as soon as possible.

Resolution made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by: Trustees Packet, Wollowitz, Rippel and Morrell. Resolution approved.

RESOLUTION #192 for tax collection training for Village Clerk. Training quote at \$480, plus travel expenses will be invoices at \$0.555 per mile, approximately \$50 round trip. Will be paid from village clerk training budget line 1410.4.

Resolution made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Packet. Approved by: Trustees Packet, Wollowitz, Rippel and Morrell. Resolution approved.

RESOLUTION #193 to provide Police Protection for Sean's Run, estimated at \$300, from special events, budget line 3120.1.

Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by: Trustees Packet, Wollowitz, Rippel and Morrell. Resolution approved.

RESOLUTION #194 to appoint Walt Simonsmeier Code Enforcement Officer at no additional pay.

Resolution made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Approved by: Trustees Packet, Wollowitz, Rippel and Morrell. Resolution approved.

Trustees to do list for May: please review Compensation and Benefits Manuals.

Correspondence: none.

Public Comment Period #2

Mike Burrows: thinks it is a big mistake to only have a part-time police department.

Also asked if a permit is needed for Sean's Run. Need to make sure that nothing else is going on in the Village that day. Mayor Curran is not sure and will look into this.

Rusty Vazac: stated that he reads a lot of water saving news information. Stated that there is a huge difference in savings with the new low flush toilets. Would ask the Village to give thought into helping residents purchase the new toilets as it will benefit both the Village and the residents. This could create jobs for local plumbers and the savings earned would definitely pay for itself.

Mayor Curran stated this sounds like a good idea, especially if water rates increase. Mr. Vazac wondered if the Village could be proactive in helping residents make a change.

Monthly abstracts

RESOLUTION # 195 to approve the abstract of bills for a total of \$21,449.74 as presented by Treasurer Barbara Henry.

Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Morrell. Approved by: Trustees Packet, Wollowitz, Rippel and Morrell. Resolution approved.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:01pm made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Burke
Village Clerk