

VILLAGE OF CHATHAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TRACY MEMORIAL HALL, 77 MAIN STREET, CHATHAM NY
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013, 7:30 PM EDT

PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING MINUTES

At 7:30 pm Mayor Curran opened the Public Hearing: for the purpose of public comment on a proposed moratorium on commercial development within the Village for a period of 12 months while the Comprehensive Plan Update/Zoning review committee works on updates to the current zoning law.

Lael Locke – stated that she thinks having the moratorium is a great idea.

Mayor Curran explained to all assembled that the C-1 area is the main concern. Ms. Locke stated that there was not much flooding due to today's rain, except some small spots on Payn Avenue.

Trustee Packet said the moratorium would only be for commercial development, not residential.

Mayor Curran stated that any commercial applications already submitted to the Planning/Zoning Boards would not be affected by the moratorium, and that any repurposed building will not be affected either.

Motion made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Morrell to close the public hearing. All approved.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 740pm

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 Mike Wollowitz, Trustee Adrienne Morrell and Treasurer Barbara Henry. Absent: Trustee Jay Rippel.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD #1:

Rusty Vasac – Parking in Chatham. NYSDOT project left us without handicapped parking spots. Asked how the Village can get some handicapped spots. He has a friend who is in a wheel chair who has a lot of trouble when she comes in to the Village. Thinks NYS is supposed to provide handicapped spots due to ADA.

Mayor Curran agreed that having handicapped parking spots is very important and stated that he believed the NYSDOT is supposed to handle that.

Before Main Street was redone, there were handicapped spots along the street. Because the street is relatively narrow, it might good to have handicapped spots in both parking lots at either end of the street.

Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Morrel, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz to accept minutes from May 23 meeting as presented. All approved.

Commissioner and Committee Reports

Police Report read by Mayor Curran

Fire Report read by CFD Chief Paul Pratt

Resolution #226 to write Chief Paul Pratt a check not to exceed \$2,000 so he may purchase five (5) used radios on Ebay. Chief Pratt must submit all receipts to Treasurer Henry.

Resolution made by Trustee Wollowitz, seconded by Trustee Morrell. All approved.

The fire department welcomed three new members. There is not enough gear for the new members. Chief Pratt will review his budget and may come back to ask for money to buy gear for the new members.

Resolution #227 to accept McKenzie Cox and Corey Kaninenburg into Ocean Fire Company #1 and Steve Engel into S.W. Smith Hook and Ladder, pending firefighter physical exams.

Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Morrell. All approved.

8:03 pm Trustee Rippel arrived.

Water Report read by Trustee Morrell

Mayor Curran stated that the Village will start paying off EFC loans when all work is complete.

Street Report read by Trustee Packet

Treasurer / Administrator Reports read by Barbara Henry

Seeking approval for Computel audit: Computel would review electric and telephone accounts.

Trustee Packet asked what happens if Computel doesn't find anything when they do their audit. Treasurer Henry answered that there would be no charge if they find nothing. Stated that Computel only collects money if they find errors. Because the Village is a NYCOM member, we get a discount – Computel would receive 40% of actual savings recovered.

Mayor Curran stated it seems good to try this audit at least once; and maybe do it again in the future if all goes well.

Treasurer Henry stated that the Village must provide Fairpoint and NYSEG account numbers to Computel to get the audit done. Stated that the Village might receive some recommendations that will help save money.

Trustee Rippel asked Treasurer Henry if she received any information on what any other towns may have received from their audits. Treasurer Henry answered that she had seen reports but does not know dollar amounts. Rusty Vazac stated that he has seen reports as well, but does not know dollar amounts.

Administrator stated that Computel has a good reputation with NYCOM.

Rusty Vazac asked if Computel will just be looking at records for the past year. Treasurer Henry answered that she believes they will look at the past four (4) years.

Resolution #226 made to engage in contract with Computel to have audit of electricity, telephone and cable franchise.

Resolution made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Packet. All approved.

Treasurer Henry and Clerk Burke received training on BAS Tax Software. Hope to do new water/sewer software training next week.

Building Inspector Report distributed to Trustees.

Old Business

Woodbridge Avenue Drainage: on hold until new procurement policy is in place.

New Business

Comprehensive Master Plan

Committee would like to enact a moratorium on approving permits for commercial development within the Village for a period of one year. According to the terms of local law #3 which includes an appeal process.

Trustee Packet stated that this could send the message that the Village is “anti-business,” even though there will be an appeals process.

Resolution #227 made to enact a moratorium on commercial development within the Village. The appointed Comprehensive Plan Update/Zoning Review Committee is working to recommend updates to our current zoning law.

Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. All approved.

Lael Locke updated the Board – the Committee meets twice a month. The next two meetings will be held June 26 and July 11. They are working on updates for the Summary booklet. Late summer/early fall an intensive public workshop. Working with Columbia Land Conservancy personnel. There are eight (8) committee members.

Trustee Rippel left at 9:00pm.

Resolution #228 made to hire David Teator as a seasonal worker at established union wages.

Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Morrell. All approved.

Draft copies of proposed new Procurement Policy were distributed to all Trustees.

This information needs to be reviewed further by all members. Discussion of changes will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

Correspondence

Callanders very nicely donated recent flowers purchased by Trustee Packet. Thank you letter will be sent.

Fran Bridy sent a letter stating that she would like to be considered for a full-time school crossing guard for the school year 2013/2014.

Resolution #229 to approve the monthly abstracts in the amount of \$104,576.70.

Resolution made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Packet. All approve.

Motion made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz to adjourn at 10:05pm. All approved.

Next regular meeting will be held June 27 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn A. Burke
Village Clerk