

July 12, 2012

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

Attendance: Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Planning Board Clerk Erin Costa, Fire Chief Paul Pratt, 1st Assistant Chief Paul Rideout, Chatham Historical Society President Gail Wolczanski, reporters from the Chatham Courier and The Columbia Paper and four people in the audience.

Public Comment Period- none

Resolution # 224 was made by Trustee DelRossi to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2012 meeting. Trustee Locke seconded the motion. Vote-Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes.

Reports of Commissioners and Committees-

Police Report –presented by Mayor Curran, attached.

Fire Department Report- Chief Paul Pratt presented, attached.

Resolution # 225 was made by Trustee Locke to have Fire Chief Paul Pratt begin the official search for a new ladder truck and establish a committee for this. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion. Vote-Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee DelRossi, yes; no negative votes.

Wastewater Report- Trustee Morrell presented, attached.

Streets & Snow Removal- Trustee Packet presented, attached.

Public Works Advisory Committee Report- attached

New Business-

Discussion concerning the Land Conservancy Trail through Village Property was tabled until the August 9th meeting.

Resolution # 226 was made by Trustee DelRossi to advertise for an additional Part Time Crossing Guard to act as a backup for the current crossing guards. Trustee Packet seconded the motion. Vote-Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke- yes; no negative votes.

Peter Blandori and Leonard Collins from the Hudson Valley Rail Trail gave a presentation and asked for support in the form of a resolution regarding extending the Harlem Valley Rail Trail from the Town of Wassaic, in Dutchess County, to the Village of Chatham.

Resolution # 227 was made by Trustee DelRossi to fully support the efforts of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation as well as the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association, Inc. in their efforts to extend the rail trail to the Village of Chatham. Trustee Locke seconded the motion. Vote-Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes. Resolution is attached.

Trustee Morrell discussed entry signs into the village and asked that they be made more welcoming and descriptive. She will contact Rick Kraham for his input.

The Board discussed the parking area behind the Main Street buildings again. Trustee Locke presented a map of a study that was done in 1999 concerning this lot. She stated that she was opposed to spending \$155,000 just on this area alone behind the Main Street buildings. Trustee DelRossi was concerned that tenants were parking behind there and that deliveries were being made there also. Trustee Locke suggested that the Mayor contact Ben Syden from Laberge and discuss only doing signs for this area as well as contacting Rich Kraham for his input. Trustee Locke also suggested that empty spaces that are designated for permit parking be looked at to

see if there are any available and decide on a reasonable amount for people to pay for these spots. Mayor Curran will contact Mr. Syden to discuss some options.

The Board discussed the procurement policy again at the suggestion of a note from Sewer Plant Operator Ed Czyzewski who met with Trustee Morrell and Trustee Packet previously. Trustee Packet commented that as a result of their meeting, it was suggested that the Board change the amounts from \$0-\$250 and \$251- \$1999. Trustee Morrell commented that she now felt that the amounts did not need to be changed but that a Procurement Policy workshop be set up to deal with any issues. She stated that the policy not be referred to for every item the DPW purchased since they know the prices from existing vendors. Mayor Curran suggested that an aggregate Purchase Order be set up for companies such as C.E. Rothermel so that the Board can budget for any work done.

Attached are notes from Ed Czyzewski regarding getting quotes for hauling Oil and Stone, Brush Hogging and Truck repair for the water truck. He noted that he, Water Operator John Bartholomew and Mayor Curran met with Chuck Rothermel about relocating existing drainage and adding additional basins on Woodbridge Avenue to prepare for the Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant project.

An advertisement for fuel oil bids for Village buildings will be placed in the paper with a deadline to receive them on Wednesday, August 8th in the Clerk's Office. The Board will open any bids received at the August 9th meeting.

Mayor Curran stated that he has not heard of a start date from the Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Project. Mayor Curran commented that the grant needed to be reviewed to fully understand the details of the project. He will contact former Trustee Dave Chapman who offered his services regarding this grant.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Village resident Ann Flemming of Coleman Street asking for sewer relief for filling her in ground swimming pool. The relief amount would be \$147.60.

Resolution # 228 was made by Trustee Del Rossi to grant sewer relief in the amount of \$147.60 to Ms. Flemming. Trustee Packet seconded the motion. Vote-Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes.

Second Public Comment Period

Gail Wolczanski, Village Historian and President of the Village of Chatham Historical Society, introduced herself to the Board and presented a poster of some of the fund raisers and projects that the Historical Society has conducted. She also presented a copy of the Historical Society newsletter. The Historical Society does not have the title to the Blinn Pulver House as of yet but they are working with Mr. Greenburger who currently still owns the property located across from the Chatham Plaza.

Resolution # 229 was made by Trustee DelRossi at 8:47 pm to go into executive session to discuss Price Chopper litigation. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion. Vote-Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 230 was made by Trustee Locke to come out of executive session at 9:35 pm. Trustee Packet seconded the motion. Vote-Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee DelRossi, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 231 was made by Trustee Morrell to reopen the regular meeting at 9:35 pm. Trustee DelRossi seconded the motion. Vote-Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee DelRossi, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 232 was made by Trustee Packet to adjourn the meeting at 9:36pm. Trustee Locke seconded the motion. Vote-Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, yes; no negative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Fischer
Village Clerk