

July 14, 2011

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

Attendance: Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke, Barbara Fischer, Paul Pratt, Chatham Courier and Columbia Paper reporters, 10 members of the public.

Resolution #59 was made by Trustee Locke approving the minutes of the June 9th meeting. Seconded by Trustee Grant. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

The clerk read the Police report stating there were 121 complaints investigated – 96 cleared by investigation and 13 cleared by arrest. 16 offenses were charged – 2 aggravated unlicensed operation 3rd, 2 aggravated harassment 2nd, 1 criminal mischief 4th, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 zoning violation, 2 harassment 2nd, 1 DWI, 3 unlawful possession of marijuana and 1 criminal sale of marijuana. 5 property damage accidents and 1 personal injury accident were investigated. 63 vehicle and traffic tickets and 15 parking tickets were issued. 34 assists were rendered – 2 – Chatham Fire Dept., 10 Chatham Rescue Squad, 5 Columbia County Sheriff's Dept., 6 disabled motorists and 8 miscellaneous assists. 4 alarms were answered and 3 doors and windows were found open on door check. 94 Chatham Middle School 5th graders successfully completed the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

Fire Chief Pratt reported 9 alarms for the month of June – 1 AAPD Hazardous Condition, 1 Fire from a rekindle, 1 Vehicle fire, 2 alarm activations, 1 electrical fire and 2 power lines down. The Department was dispatched to a structure fire on the corner of Hudson Ave. and Bushnell Ave. on Wednesday, 7/13 at 2:45 a.m. Upon arrival the front of the residence was a blaze. Mutual Aid was given by Ghent, Red Rock, Valatie, East Chatham, Niverville and Spencertown was put on standby for Chatham and Ghent. There were 2 drills for the month. The first one was a pump drafting drill for 14 firefighters. The second was a firefighters survival drill attended by 11 firefighters. The air compressor for breathing air is having issues running. Air Compressor Engineering has been called to look at it. Chief Pratt attended two fire equipment shows last month and got pricing on new compressors ranging from \$38,000 to \$50,000. Some of our mutual aid fire departments had expressed some interest in cooperative buying of a new compressor. Chief Pratt plans to submit a grant application for a new compressor. All other equipment is running well at this time. One of the engines is scheduled to be pump tested this year. The Department was at the community day held on July 3rd at the fairgrounds and had the Columbia County Fire Safety trailer and the fire extinguisher trainer there. 68 people went through the safety trailer and 74 people were trained on the fire extinguisher trainer. Firefighters also provided protection for the fireworks that evening. The Department received a box of 348 AA batteries from Duracell in response to a promotion on TV about your money going to help firefighters. A Dry Hydrant was installed in the pond on the fairgrounds near the Rte. 66 entrance with donations of 8" pipe from Ghent Fire, fittings from Paul Pratt, receptacles from Eric Barnes and Spencertown Fire and excavation by Bob Meehan. Firefighter I training will be finished on Tuesday, July 26th. Firefighter survival class will be held here in Chatham on August 4th, 9th, and 11th and several of our own members will be taking this class.

Trustee Chapman reported that the street sweeper had been down due to a gear problem in the gutter brooms. The work will be done at Wm. Clark, Inc. in Rensselaer as that is the most cost effective manner. There is a drainage problem on Locust St. that needs to be addressed. Small catch basins will be installed and will be tied into the existing drainage on Locust Street which intersects with the drainage on River St. There is a similar problem on River St. near the intersection of Austerlitz St. There will be a catch basin installed there to stop the water from running down Mill St. The total cost will be under \$5000.

Trustee Grant reported that three quotes have been received for replacing the utility body on the 2001 F350 with a flat bed body. Water meters have been read. S&S Fabrication fixed another leak in the water tower. Someone will be looking at the tower to determine whether the tank should be rehabilitated or a new tank built. Columbia County Health Dept. did the annual inspection of the water system and had no issues. In the Sewer Dept., Emmons Pump came to rehab the pump station pit @ 32 River St. The Village Engineer is still working on the sewer plant upgrade project. Trustee Chapman is working with Chris Sperl on getting bid information for the sewer jetter.

Trustee Locke submitted a draft of a noise ordinance. The clerk will give it to Attorney Alford to put it into law form.

Neil Golub from Price Chopper and representatives of Schuyler Co. met with Mayor Curran and Deputy Mayor DelRossi and informed them that they are firm in moving to the neighboring property.

The Mayor appointed Edgar Acevedo and Jim Simmons as co-chairs for the Public Works Advisory Committee.

There was discussion regarding Cheryl Roberts expansion of representation to the Hampshire case with the Planning and Zoning Boards. Trustee Locke asked why we can't use the Village Attorney. Mayor Curran said Ms. Roberts is familiar with the project and has a relationship with Hampshire. Resolution #60 was made by Trustee DelRossi to expand Cheryl Roberts representation. Seconded by Trustee Locke. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

There was discussion about the sewer hook-up relief requested by Maria DeMarco. Resolution #61 was made by Trustee Grand not to grant relief due to the fact that the Village can't be sure she wasn't hooked up to the sewer like it showed in the diagram on file. Seconded by Trustee Locke. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

Mary Gavin and Marion Ulmer wrote to the Board for some relief of the plumber bills when the sewer backed up into their basements. Resolution #62 was made by Trustee Locke to split the amount of their plumber bills 50/50. Seconded by Trustee DelRossi. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

The clerk read a letter from Kurt Barenfeld requesting sewer relief for filling his swimming pool. Resolution #63 was made by Trustee Grant giving Mr. Barenfeld sewer relief. Seconded by Trustee DelRossi. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

Christopher Price requested sewer relief for a broken pipe in his wall that he wasn't aware of. Resolution #64 was made by Trustee Grant giving Mr. Price \$150.00 sewer relief on each of his last two bills. Seconded by Trustee Locke. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

The clerk read a request from Melissa Sarris for the use of the Gazebo for a lecture series. Resolution #65 was made by Trustee DelRossi granting permission. Seconded by Trustee Locke. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

Metz-Wood Harder made a request to do a proposal for insurance. The insurance will be put out to bid in August.

Resolution #66 was made by Trustee Locke to adjourn the regular meeting to Executive Session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Trustee DelRossi. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was discussion regarding the positions in the Clerk's office.

Resolution #67 was made by Trustee Locke adjourning the Executive Session and re-opening the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee DelRossi. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

Resolution #68 was made by Trustee Locke adjourning the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Seconded by Trustee DelRossi. Vote – Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Grant, Trustee Locke – yes; no negative votes.

Clerk/Treasurer