

September 27, 2012

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

Attendance: Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Locke, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Police Chief Kevin Boehme, Sewer Plant Operator Ed Czyzewski, Water Operator John Bartholomew, Mitchell Khosrova, Esq., Peter Lynch, Esq., and approximately 63 people in the audience.

Mayor Curran made a few comments to the audience regarding the Police Department.

First Public Comment Period

Michael Leonard of 63 Spring St. asked the Board to rethink cutting back the Police Department hours stating that he has had problems at his residence and it has taken the Sheriff's Department or State Police longer to respond since they are further away.

Jenna Dodge of Center Street asked that the Board look into recycling options for Main Street.

Mrs. DeAmorim questioned the Mayor's decision to cut the Police Department and asked how he would protect the young and elderly if these cut backs are made.

Paul Boehme stated he was deeply concerned about the budget the Board had approved. He asked the Mayor for a written response from him regarding the transfer of money between the Police Department and the Fire Department.

Police Officer Michael Daley questioned the Board as to why he was not asked about what he does during the Sunday morning shift that was cut. He stated that he responds to a lot of EMS and Fire calls as well as domestic calls. It is also very busy with church services letting out on Sunday mornings. He asked the Board if they had a budget plan and that they needed to look at that before they do any more cuts.

Mayor Curran closed the Public Comment period at 8:00 pm.

Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Report- report given by Police Chief Kevin Boehme, attached.

New Business

Attorney Peter Lynch showed the Board a set of plans regarding the portion of the proposed Price Chopper site and asked the Board to allow Price Chopper to connect to the water and sewer line. He stated that the connection would be subject to the oversight of the Village DPW department and that it would generate about 3,000 gallons a day of water. The original offer to pay a fee of \$50,000 up front and then \$20,000 each year for the next 20 years still stands to allow Price Chopper to tie into the system. Tonight he is asking for consideration from the Board to do this.

Resolution # 253 was made by Trustee DelRossi to go into executive session at 8:15 pm. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 254 was made by Trustee DelRossi to close the executive session at 8:33 pm. Trustee Packet seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 255 was made by Trustee Locke to reopen the regular meeting at 8:35 pm. Trustee DelRossi seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 256 was made by Mayor Curran to instruct our attorneys to conduct settlement discussions regarding pending litigation with Price Chopper. Vote- Mayor Curran, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, Trustee DelRossi, yes; no negative votes.

Mayor Curran discussed the appointment of a new Building Inspector. He stated that the position was advertised on the bulletin board and he had interviewed several inspectors from other Towns. Walt Simonsmeier has agreed to take over the position with the same hours the previous Building Inspector held at the same rate of pay. Trustee Locke questioned Mayor Curran about this decision and asked to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to know the reason why this decision was made.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Mariel Wallin of Bushnell Avenue asking for sewer relief for filling her pool. The relief total would be \$28.00.

Resolution # 257 was made by Trustee Locke to give Ms. Wallin the sewer relief for \$28.00. Trustee DelRossi seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes.

Mayor Curran read a letter from Melissa Sarris regarding a Social Practice Artist Residency Project. This letter will be on file in the Village Clerk's Office.

Second Public Comment Period

Harry Smith asked the Mayor if he had checked into shared services with the Towns of Ghent and Chatham for the building inspector position. The Mayor replied yes.

Michael Bemiss stated that he would like the Board to do more of a question and answer period instead of just a comment period during Board meetings. He also commented that he felt that the Board made some drastic cuts regarding the Police Department.

Maria DeMarco of Hudson Avenue commented that there needs to be more disclosure and public involvement on decisions made by the Board. She also commented that she would like the Board to have a question and answer period during the second comment period.

Mike Daley asked the Board if they had contacted the State Police and Sheriff's Department. Would there be a car in the vicinity if Chatham was not available?

Trustee Packet stated that the Village does have to rely on the Sheriff's Department at different times and questioned what people just outside the Village do if they need the Police. An audience member replied that the Chatham Police are called because they are the closest.

Mayor Curran closed the second comment period at 9:15 pm. Mayor Curran invited people to write letters to the Board about their concerns and to attend Board meetings.

Resolution # 258 was made by Trustee Locke to go into executive session to discuss the Building Inspector position and another personnel issue. Trustee DelRossi seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 259 was made by Trustee DelRossi to come out of executive session at 9:45 pm. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell, Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 260 was made by Trustee Morrell to have financial advisor, labor relations consultant Michael Richardson engage in discussion with Civil Service to arrange Philip Genovese' pay scale to reflect 20 hours a week as a Sewer Treatment Plant Operator and the other 20 hours a week as a laborer retroactive to when Philip got his Sewer Plant Operator license. Trustee DelRossi seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Morrell, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 261 was made by Trustee DelRossi to appoint Walt Simonsmeier as Building Inspector. Trustee Morrell seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Morrell, Trustee Packet, Trustee Locke, Trustee DelRossi, yes; no negative votes.

Resolution # 262 was made by Trustee Locke to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm. Trustee DelRossi seconded the motion. Vote- Trustee Locke, Trustee Packet, Trustee DelRossi, Trustee Morrell, yes; no negative votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Village Clerk