

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 09, 2014**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Mayor Tom Curran, Trustee Jay Rippel, Trustee Michael Wollowitz, Trustee Adrienne Morrell, Trustee Lenore Packet and Treasurer Barbara Henry

ABSENT: Clerk Kathy Burke

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

MINUTES:

- Trustee Rippel motioned to approve December 12, 2013 minutes, Trustee Wollowitz seconded. Minutes approved.
- Trustee Packet motioned to approve special meeting January 2, 2014 minutes, Trustee Rippel seconded. Minutes approved.
- Minutes from January 7, 2014 special meeting will be held for further review and approval at February meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Reports given by Police Chief Peter Volkmann, Fire Chief Paul Pratt and Treasurer Barbara Henry

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #1 made to authorize Mayor Curran to sign the Tracy agreement that re-established Village as the owner of the Tracy Memorial Building.

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

Rob Tremper, representing the Tracy Foundation Board indicated that future annual income and dividends are projected at approximately \$2200 per year. He also encouraged use of the Tracy Board Members as resources when determining future work to be done on the building.

Resolution #2 made to accept Violence in the Workplace policy previously distributed by Chief Volkmann.

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

Resolution #3 made to appoint Joanne DelRossi as chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

Resolution #4 made to accept resignation of Aaron Gaylord from Planning Board.

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

Appointments to the Planning Board will be tabled pending potential candidates being screened by Planning Board.

Resolution #5 made to accept the resignation of Megan Miller from the Police Department.
Resolution made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Rippel. All approved.

Resolution #6 made to authorize Engineer Pat Prendergast to put out to bid re-coating and repair of water tower.
Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. All approved.

Resolution #7 made to accept the bid from Checkered Flag for the purchase of a replacement snow plow.

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

Bids received were: \$5222 from ACT Vehicle Equipment, Inc., \$4795 from Checkered Flag, \$4740 from TNT Body King. While the bid from Checkered Flag is slightly higher than TNT, Checkered Flag was chosen as they are local and a known vendor to the Village.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Discuss whether the Village should look at four-year terms for Mayor and Trustee. This move will save on the cost of election as well as “voter fatigue” with a Village election now occurring every year. If enacted, officials in office at the time would still have a two-year term.

Should a committee be formed to look at the Tracy use? Board decided to wait until lease is signed and Town Board starts their discussion about whether they will keep Town Court in the Tracy building.

Welsh, the garbage collection vendor, has reported that many bags are heavier than they should be given the purchased sticker. Large bags should not exceed 20 pounds. Also, some residents have put only half a sticker on bags, expecting them to be picked up. Bags will not be picked up if they are too heavy or if they do not have an adequate sticker on them.

Water bills will be sent out by the end of next week using the new billing software.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Francis Iaconetti noted the following:

- Wonders whether the law specifies the width of a path to be cleared of snow. Some sidewalks are only shovel-width, not really adequate.
- Noted that some street lights are still not working, although others have been repaired.
- Engineer’s estimate for all bids should be given when planning a project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Trustee Morrell to go into Executive Session to discuss employee performance, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz.

Motion made by Trustee Rippel to leave Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Morrell.

Motion made by Trustee Packet to accept abstract totaling \$104,377.90. Trustee Morrell seconded. All approved.

Next special meeting scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2014 at 7:00 to review Chief of Police initial report of Department.

Next regular meeting will be held Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Henry