

VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TRACY MEMORIAL BUILDING
DECEMBER 10, 2015
4:00 PM EST

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance at 4:03

Present: Mayor Curran, Trustees M. Wollowitz, J. Rippel, and Lenore Packet; Clerk/Treasurer B. Henry; Deputy Clerk D. Meyers. Also in attendance were two newspaper reporters and Fire Chief Rainout

First Public Comment (limited to 15 minutes) – No public comment

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: November 12, 2015 - Tabled

Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Commissioner: Mayor Tom Curran

Fire Commissioner: Trustee Jay Rippel, Jr.

Wastewater/Water Commissioner: Trustee Michael Wollowitz

Streets & Snow Removal Commissioner: Trustee Lenore Packet

Village Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Henry

New Business

Resolution: To accept the resignation of Building Inspector Walt Simonsmeier effective December 31, 2015. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz; approved by all Trustees present.

Resolution: To waive the penalty portion of the tax bill, \$103.17, for Neela Patel given that the bill had been sent to the wrong address despite her efforts to have it changed. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel; approved by all Trustees present.

Resolution: To authorize Phil Genovese to submit a grant application for a new wood chipper through the DEC. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz; approved by all Trustees present.

Resolution: To purchase a new zero turn lawnmower for a total not to exceed \$9,000.00; financed with 0% financing, with one payment not to exceed \$1,000 to be made in April and the balance to be paid in fiscal year 2017. So moved by Trustee Packet; ;seconded by Trustee Wollowitz; approved by all Trustees present.

Resolution: To approve the hire of Matt Montross as a part-time Police Officer at a rate of \$14.84 effective immediately. So moved by Trustee Packet; seconded by Trustee Rippel; approved by all Trustees present.

Old Business – No old business discussed

Items for Discussion:

1. Snow removal on sidewalks – Experimental removal to begin once it snows with focus on Center Street; Main Street to the Old Price Chopper.
2. Status of SRTS – Small issue regarding the height of one area which is being fixed at the contractor's expense where one section is much higher than the rest of the sidewalk in an area near the Library.
3. State Register of Historic Places – The Tracy is now on the State Historic Register and will automatically be recommended for the Federal Registry.

Second Public Comment Period (limited to 15 minutes) – No public comments

Executive Session to discuss performance of Village of Chatham employees. Executive Session commenced at 4:50. Following a twenty minute executive session, the Board of Trustees voted on the following:

Resolution: To approve a salary increase to \$16.50 per hour for the Deputy Clerk, effective January 6, 2016, after completing a successful orientation period. Trustee Packet made the motion; Trustee Wollowitz seconded; approved by all Trustees present.

Adjournment: 5:15pm

Next meeting:

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2016
7:00 PM**