

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING
TRACY MEMORIAL BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2014
7:00 PM EST**

PRESENT:

Mayor Tom Curran, Trustee Lenore Packet, Trustee Mike Wollowitz, Trustee Jay Rippel, Trustee Adrienne Morrell, Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Henry, Deputy Clerk Gretchen Brown

Emilia Teasdale (Columbia Paper), Vince Pecoraro (Register Star), Joseph Wolodkevich (ITS), 4 community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

First Public Comment (limit to 15 minutes): Three community members expressed concern regarding personal safety in the Village with one stating she would like to see a "larger presence" of the Village Police.

Mayor Curran suggested that the community members speak directly to the Chatham Village Chief of Police Peter Volkmann. Mayor Curran expressed gratitude for bringing their concerns to the attention of The Village Board and encouraged continued good citizenship with future meeting attendance and active community involvement.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

November 10, 2014: Motion made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Approved by all.

November 13, 2014: Motion made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Approved by all.

November 19, 2014: Motion made by Trustee Rippel, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Approved by all.

Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Commissioner: Mayor Curran- None

Fire Commissioner: Trustee Rippel- None

Wastewater/Water Commissioner: Trustee Morrell- None

Streets & Snow Removal Commissioner: Trustee Packet- None

Village Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Henry- report attached

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement report - None

New Business

1. **Resolution 128:** After information gained from presentation by Joseph of Wolodkevich of ITS -To accept IT proposal with a cap of \$5,000.00 subject to final approval.
Resolution made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Resolution approved by all present.
2. **Resolution: 129:** To approve and proceed with investigation of local laws regarding a) winter overnight parking and b) parking scofflaws
Resolution made by Trustee Wollowitz, seconded by Trustee Morrell. Resolution approved by all present.
3. **Resolution: 130:** To approve a health insurance plan (MVP Silver Option 4) beginning 1/1/2015 for eligible employees and retirees.
Resolution made by Trustee Morrell seconded by Trustee Packet. Resolution approved by all present.
4. **Resolution: 131** To endorse and support the endeavor of formation of a Chatham Area Economic Development Committee.
Resolution made by Trustee Morrell seconded by Trustee Packet. Resolution approved by all present.
5. **Resolution: 132** To approve the use of the Village gazebo for a local artisan market to be known as the "Ware and Faire" event on September 26, 2015.
Resolution made by Trustee Morrell seconded by Trustee Packet. Resolution approved by all present.

6. **After discussion the board tabled a proposed resolution** to authorize the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of the Village of Chatham stating opposition to proposed legislation regarding fairgrounds legislation pending receipt of a full description of the legislation and review by the Village attorney
7. **Resolution: 133** To allow current and future Village justices to reside outside the Village of Chatham but within Columbia County.
Resolution made by Trustee Morrell seconded by Trustee Ripple. Resolution approved by all present.
8. **Resolution: 134** To extend temporary part-time employment to James Schlegel through March 2015.
Resolution made by Trustee Ripple, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Resolution approved by all present.

Old Business

1. **Resolution: 135** To provide health insurance to part-time employees (single/ individual coverage only) after a probationary period of 90 days.
Resolution made by Trustee Ripple, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Resolution approved by all present.
2. **Notification:** Monolith Solar scheduled to attend January 8, 2015 meeting
3. **Resolution 136:** to enforce Village law regarding property owners keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice as per Village Code Article 90.5 Section A with an addition of a fee for service snow removal by the Village DPW for non compliance at a rate of \$75.00 for the first 100 ft and \$35.00 for each additional 100 feet or fraction of each additional 100 ft and in the event of non-payment, the total service fees will be added to the property owner's yearly tax bill.
Resolution made by Trustee Wollowitz, seconded by Trustee Morrell. Resolution approved by all present.

Discussion Items:

1. **Notification:** A local law regarding a handicap parking space on Main Street to will need to be drafted and approved before DOT will mark the space.
2. **Notification:** Certified Document Security will provide free service of shredding bins for community use at the Tracey during the month of March.

Second Public Comment Period: Agenda item moved to ahead of Executive Session due to consideration of the time. Additional comments were made related to the topic of the first Public Comment period by both the public attendees and Trustees.

Executive Session:

A motion to go into Executive discussion was made by made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Wollowitz, approved by all present.
Executive Session began at 9:33 pm, ended at 9:48 pm.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Brown
Deputy Village Clerk