

VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TRACY MEMORIAL BUILDING  
JANUARY 14, 2016  
7:00 PM EST  
MINUTES

**Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor Curran, Trustees L. Packet, M. Wollowitz and J. Rippel; Clerk/Treasurer B. Henry; Deputy Clerk D. Meyers. Also in Attendance: Two newspaper reporters; Fire Chief Rideout and Second Assistant Fire Chief Eric Barnes; Superintendent Nuciforo and Business Administrator Chudy.

**First Public Comment (limited to 15 minutes)** – The Superintendent of Schools, Cheryl Nuciforo, wanted to thank the Mayor, the DPW, the Police and all involved for the wonderful sidewalk project. She has heard nothing but rave reviews about the sidewalks. The Business Administrator, Michael Chudy, also wanted to add that there was a quick response for the safety of the school children during the construction phase.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

November 12, 2015. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel; approved by all Trustees present  
December 10, 2015. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Packet; approved by all Trustees present  
December 22, 2015. So moved by Trustee Packet; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz; approved by all Trustees present

**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  
Building Inspector: attached  
Planning Board: Minutes attached

**New Business**

**Resolution** To approve the rehire of Building Inspector Walt Simonsmeier effective January 1, 2016 at a salary of \$1,000 per month. So moved by Trustee Packet; seconded by Trustee Rippel; approved by all Trustees present.

**Resolution** To accept the resignation of Matt Montross as a part-time Police Officer effective December 16, 2015. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz; approved by all Trustees present.

**Resolution** To approve the Tracy Memorial Hall as the polling site for the March 15, 2016 Village of Chatham election. So moved by Trustee Packet; seconded by Trustee Rippel; approved by all Trustees present.

**Resolution** To approve James Schlegel to attend two trainings toward a Wastewater Treatment Operator certification in Oneida for a total cost not to exceed \$3500.00. Basic Operations will cost \$975.00 and take place between May 9 and May 20, 2016. Activated Sludge will cost \$525 and take place between May 23 and May 27, 2016. Cost of lodging, mileage and meal allowance will not exceed \$2000.00. So moved by Trustee Packet; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz; approved by all Trustees present.

**Resolution** To approve planning and zoning board members to attend the annual NYPF conference in Saratoga for a total cost not to exceed \$1500.00. So moved by Trustee Packet; seconded by Trustee Rippel; approved by all Trustees present.

**Resolution** To approve sewer relief of the Garvey household in the amount of \$500.00 which would reflect usage equivalent to the sewer portion of September 22, 2015 water/sewer bill in the amount of \$254.94. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel; approved by all Trustees present.

**Resolution** To approve the purchase of a VM810 MetroTech Pipe/Cable Locator in the amount of \$2775.00. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel; approved by all Trustees present.

**Resolution** To approved putting the new lift out to bid and investigate alternative financing along with the option to Lease vs. Purchase. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel; approved by all Trustees present.

**Old Business** - No Old Business discussed

**Items for Discussion:**

1. Status of SRTS/School personnel – Refer to New Business Statements
2. Lift at the Tracy
  - A. Put out to bid – Refer to resolution.
  - B. Additional funding - \$18,000.00 grant put towards lift, but other funding will be needed in addition at a cost of approximately \$32,000.00.
3. Sewer Pump Stations – We need to talk with the Lawyer to come up with possible fees for damage sustained to the Pump Stations due to materials being flushed or put into the sewer system. We also need to create policy and procedures regarding the definition of flushable items.
4. Appointment of Trustee to fill vacant position - The Mayor appointed Gunnar Wordon as the interim Trustee after long discussion between Board Members.

**Second Public Comment Period (limited to 15 minutes)**

**Adjournment** – So moved by Trustee Packet; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz; approved by all Trustees present.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Next meeting:**

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, January 28, 2016  
7:00 PM**