

VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TRACY MEMORIAL BUILDING
JANUARY 8, 2015
7:00 PM EST

Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order

Mayor Curran; Trustees Rippel, Packet and Morrell; Clerk/Treasurer Henry; Chief Volkmann in attendance. Trustee Wollowitz absent. Four members of the general public, Tim Carr from Monolith Solar and two reporters were in attendance.

First Public Comment (limited to 15 minutes)

Tim Carr asked about Christmas tree pick-up and if they should be bagged before being left at the curb. They do not have to be bagged. Joe Cerami pointed out that potholes on Maiden Lane should be repaired in the spring as they have been getting worse.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Approval of December 11, 2014 minutes tabled until next meeting.

Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Commissioner: Mayor Tom Curran - attached
Fire Commissioner: Trustee Jay Rippel, Jr. - attached
Wastewater/Water Commissioner: Trustee Adrienne Morrell - attached
Streets & Snow Removal Commissioner: Trustee Lenore Packet - attached
Village Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Henry - attached
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement report - attached

New Business

1. **Resolution # 137:** To authorize the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of the Village of Chatham stating opposition to proposed legislation regarding fairgrounds use.
Motion made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Morrell. Passed with three aye votes by Mayor Curran and Trustees Packet and Morrell; one abstention by Trustee Rippel.
2. **Resolution # 138:** To authorize Village DPW employees to clean junk from the property at 7 Academy Place and bill the property owner for all associated costs, with the bill being levied on the tax bill if not paid in a timely manner.
Motion made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Packet. Approved by all.

Items for Discussion:

1. **Presentation by Tim Carr of Monolith Solar Company.** Presentation attached. Board will review further.
2. **Judge David Harrison.** Mayor Curran noted his passing and acknowledged all the work Judge Harrison had done for the village and surrounding communities. An Associate Judge will need to be appointed as that is a requirement for a Village Justice Court.

Second Public Comment Period

Francis Iaconetti noted that leaves still have not been picked up on Payn Avenue, that limb removal (as noted in DPW report) needs to be done in such a way as to not increase unwanted growth and asked for clarification about who is responsible for sewer clogs.

Approval of Abstracts

1. **Utility, copies, mail and insurance bills from 11/5/14 – 11/20/14 = \$15,720.96**
2. **Insurance on 12/02/14 = \$55,107.43**
3. **November bills on 11/30/14 = \$82,540.74**
4. **December bills 12/19/14 – 12/29/14 = \$57,485.22**

*Motion to approve each individual abstract made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Morrell.
Approved by all.*

Executive Session:

1. **To discuss collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.**

Executive Session

Trustee Morrell moved to go into Executive Session at 8:25 PM. Trustee Packet seconded. All in favor.
Trustee Morrell moved to leave Executive Session at 8:50 PM. Trustee Packet seconded. All in favor.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Henry
Clerk/Treasurer