

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 9, 2015**

**Pledge of Allegiance** at 7pm

A scheduled **Public Hearing on the Village of Chatham Comprehensive Plan** preceded the start of the Board meeting. A review of changes to the Comprehensive Plan was given by consultant Mathew Rogers. Community member and Comprehensive Plan committee member Joanne DelRossi, thanked Mr. Rogers for his participation in the process. Mayor Curran, reiterated gratitude to Mr. Rogers and, also to the Comprehensive Plan Committee members, most of whom were present at the hearing.

The public hearing closed at 7:10 pm and, at this time, the Board meeting was called to order.

**Present:**

Mayor Curran, Trustees M Wollowitz and J Rippel, Clerk/Treasurer Henry; Deputy Clerk Brown

**Absent:** Trustees; L Packet, and A Morrell.

**Also in attendance;** Police Sergeant J. Alessi, Chatham Fire Chief Rideout, Deputy Fire Chief Cerami, 2 newspaper reporters, 2 representatives from Climate Smart Communities, and several community members.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** tabled.

**Reports of Commissioners and Committees**

Police Commissioner: Mayor Tom Curran- attached

Fire Commissioner: Trustee Jay Rippel, Jr.- attached

Wastewater/Water Commissioner: Trustee Michael Wollowitz- attached

Streets & Snow Removal Commissioner: none

Village Clerk/Treasurer: Barbara Henry- attached

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement report- attached

Planning Board: Minutes –attached

**Resolution #38:** To approve a listing for sale of the old DPW air compressor on the auction site.  
*So moved, by Trustee Rippel seconded by Trustee Wollowitz approved by all Trustees present.*

**Resolution #39: Part 1-To approve the VOC as the lead agency for the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, Part 2- Classification of the action as a Type 1 Action, Part 3- Approval of Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form**

*So moved, by Trustee Rippel seconded by Trustee Wollowitz approved by all Trustees present.*

**Resolution # 40:** To issue a Negative Declaration on the Action to adopt the Comprehensive Plan  
*So moved, by Trustee Rippel seconded by Trustee Wollowitz approved by all Trustees present.*

**Resolution # 41:** to adopt the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan as presented to the VOC Board on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2015  
*So moved, by Trustee Wollowitz seconded by Trustee Rippel, approved by all Trustees present.*

**Resolution # 42:** to disband the Comprehensive Plan Committee.  
*So moved, by Trustee Rippel seconded by Trustee Wollowitz approved by all Trustees present.*

**New Business**

Presentation by Climate Smart Communities- Jan Storm and Robin Reynolds will return to VOC meeting 8/13/15

**Resolution # 43:** to approve a one-time reduction in water/ sewer bill at Pierino household by reducing the sewer charges to the minimum monthly rate for two billing cycles and to eliminate the penalty charge.  
*So moved, by Trustee Wollowitz seconded by Trustee Rippel, approved by all Trustees present.*

**Resolution # 44:** to approve a one-time reduction in water/ sewer bill at Smith household by reducing the sewer charges to the minimum monthly rate.  
*So moved, by Trustee Wollowitz seconded by Trustee Rippel, approved by all Trustees present.*

**Resolution # 45:** To approve BidUrEnergy pricing offer from Direct Energy for electricity from October 2015 – September 2017 at a fixed rate of \$0.07345 per KWH (one bill).  
*So moved, by Trustee Wollowitz seconded by Trustee Rippel, approved by all Trustees present.*

**Resolution: # 46:** To approve use of Jones Avenue Tennis Courts by the Columbia-Greene Hospital Foundation annual tennis tournament on September 19 and 20, 2015  
*So moved, by Trustee Rippel seconded by Trustee Wollowitz approved by all Trustees present.*

**Resolution #47:** To accept the resignation of Frances Bridy as a crossing guard.  
*So moved, by Trustee Wollowitz seconded by Trustee Rippel, approved by all Trustees present.*

**Items for Discussion:**

1. DOT request for stop sign at Park Row/Depot Square: the board did not feel this is necessary since the crosswalk visibility has been improved.
2. Update on SRTS- currently being reviewed by the engineering firm.
3. Update on water tower repair- preparing to acquiring a bond, looking at grant opportunities
4. Tobacco-free grounds policy- will consider

**Resolution # 48:** To form a Zoning Revision Committee consisting of four appointed members from the Comprehensive Plan Committee and three community members, obtained through advertisement and submission of letter of interest.  
*So moved, by Trustee Rippel seconded by Trustee Wollowitz approved by all Trustees present.*

**Second Public Comment Period (limited to 15 minutes)-** a community member expressed concern and inquired about the right of way of pedestrians in crosswalks. Police Sergeant Alessi addressed the issue stating there is no law in New York State, however the Village could pass a local law; "Yield to Pedestrian."

**Approval of Abstracts:**

**Resolution # 49: to approve abstracts of \$7,417.28 already paid and \$49,981.24, reviewed and need to pay.**  
*So moved, by Trustee Rippel seconded by Trustee Wollowitz approved by all Trustees present.*

**Adjournment at 8:58 pm:** *Trustee Morrell so moved, seconded by Trustee Wollowitz, approved by all Trustees present.*

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Brown  
VOC Deputy Clerk

