

VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TRACY MEMORIAL BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015  
7:00 PM EST

MINUTES

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Thomas Curran, Deputy Mayor Lenore Packet, Trustee Jay Rippel, Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Henry

**ABSENT:**

Trustee Adrienne Morrell, Trustee Michael Wollowitz

**Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order**

**Public Hearing on the Charter Communications Franchise Agreement**

Public comment was presented by Robert Trevellyan regarding the need for broadband internet service as part of the Charter Communications cable TV franchise.

**First Public Comment (limited to 15 minutes)**

Joe Plotkin, from ASANetworks.com spoke of his company's effort to bring internet access to Chatham and other parts of Columbia County.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Tabled

**Reports of Commissioners and Committees**

Police Commissioner: Mayor Tom Curran

Wastewater/Water Commissioner: Trustee Michael Wollowitz

Streets & Snow Removal Commissioner: Trustee Lenore Packet

Planning Board: Minutes attached

**New Business**

1. Resolution: To grant relief of \$21.00 for the sewer portion of the utilities bill at Starks household for water used to fill a pool.  
*Resolution made by Trustee Rippel, seconded by Trustee Packet. Approved by all.*
2. Resolution: To accept the resignation of Police Officer Patrick McMahon  
*Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.*
3. Resolution: To accept the resignation of Deputy Clerk Gretchen Brown  
*Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.*
4. Resolution: To approve use of the municipal parking lot for an October Fest event held by the Chatham Brewery on October 3, 2015 from 3:00 – 8:00 contingent upon approval by the Town of Chatham Board.  
*Resolution made by Trustee Rippel, seconded by Trustee Packet. Approved by all.*
5. Resolution: To approve temporary No Parking rules for the first five spaces in the Depot Square lot from 9:00 – 5:00 on September 26, 2015 for the Artisan Faire.  
*Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.*
6. Resolution: To authorize the Village of Chatham Court to submit a Justice Court Assistance Program grant application for up to the maximum amount of \$30,000. These funds would be used to reimburse the Village for costs incurred in connection with ADA compliance issues, including the possible cost of installing a lift in the Tracy Memorial Hall.  
*Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.*
7. Resolution: To accept the resignation of Michael May from the Police Academy.  
*Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.*
8. Resolution: To send the Clerk/Treasurer to the NYCOM Fall Training School for a total up to \$850.00, including registration, lodging, meals and travel.  
*Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.*

## **Old Business**

1. Resolution: To approve the Climate Smart Community Resolution  
*Resolution made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.*
2. Resolution: To approve the Tobacco-Free Grounds Resolution.  
*Resolution tabled until future meeting*

## **Items for Discussion:**

1. Resolution: To accept the resignation of Trustee Adrienne Morrell.  
*Resolution made by Trustee Rippel, seconded by Trustee Packet. Approved by all.*
2. Update on SRTS: All documents have been submitted. Work is expected to begin soon
3. Update on water tower repair
4. Workshop meeting with the Town of Chatham Board to discuss the future use of the Tracy Memorial Hall. Tentatively scheduled for September 24.

## **Correspondence - None**

## **Second Public Comment Period (limited to 15 minutes) – No public comment**

**Approval of Abstracts:** Paid utilities, copies, postage and insurance -- \$9,225.44  
*Motion made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all*  
Other bills approved for payment -- \$90,204.29  
*Motion made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all*

## **Executive Session to discuss employee performance**

*Motion to enter Executive Session made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all at 8:45 PM.*

*Motion to exit Executive Session made by Trustee Packet, seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all at 8:54 PM.*

## **Motion made by Trustee Packet to adjourn meeting at 8:54, seconded by Trustee Rippel**

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara A. Henry  
Clerk/Treasurer

## **Next meeting:**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 24, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**