

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, NEW YORK, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TRACY MEMORIAL BUILDING  
77 MAIN STREET, CHATHAM, NY 12037  
JULY 12, 2021 7:00 PM EST**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 7:00PM, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Present:** Mayor J. Howe; Trustees M. Spock, J. Russell, P. Minahan; CPD Deputy Chief J. Alessi, DPW Foreman P. Genovese; Town of Chatham Liaison V. Pitkin; Residents S. Piazza, D. Meyers, C. Bruno, W. Coe, M. Schassler, K. Schassler. **Not Present:** Trustee J. Boehme, Building Inspector E. Reis, CFD Chief E. Barnes.

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

Resident S. Piazza asked if there are any plans currently being discussed for sidewalks on Austerlitz Street, and if anything could be done to address excessive speed. Mayor responded there are no plans for sidewalks at the moment but the need could be discussed further, and the Village plans to use the speed trailer in certain areas to help reduce excessive speeds. Speed trailer has been ordered, but delivery may be delayed.

Resident S. Piazza asked if there is any Clock Tower update. Mayor responded no update.

Resident S. Piazza expressed that he would like to volunteer his labor to do some painting of the interior of the Tracy Memorial.

**Reports of Commissioners and Committees:**

**Building Department** – Report submitted by Building Inspector E. Reis, and read by J. Howe.

**DPW** - Report presented by P. Genovese.

Wastewater/Water Commissioner: Trustee Jodie Russell

Streets & Snow Removal Commissioner: Trustee Jaimee Boehme

**CPD** – Report presented by Deputy Chief J. Alessi.

Police Commissioner: Pete Minahan

**CFD** – Report submitted by Chief E. Barnes, and read by M. Spock. Motion to approve request by CFD to surplus the out-of-service fire police van known as 58-74 by M. Spock, seconded by P. Minahan. Approved by all.

Fire Commissioner: Trustee Melony Spock

**Approve the Minutes** of June 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting. So moved by J. Russell, seconded by P. Minahan. Approved by all.

**Approve the Minutes** of June 14, 2021 Board Meeting. So moved by M. Spock, seconded by P. Minahan. Approved by all.

**New Business:**

**1. Resolution** – To authorize the purchase of one (1) Rescue Pumper Truck, at an estimated maximum cost of \$605,000 and authorizing the issuance of serial bonds of the Village of Chatham, Columbia County, New York in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$605,000 pursuant to the local finance law to finance such cost, providing that this resolution shall be subject to permissive referendum, and delegating certain powers in connection therewith to the treasurer. So moved by P. Minahan, seconded by J. Russell. Approved by all.

Overview given by Mayor J. Howe. Referred to the CFD State of the Dept report previously submitted. Plan was to purchase a new Fire Truck which normally would take approximately 1 year. Due to pandemic, Lead Times and costs are increasing quickly which will delay receipt of a much needed truck and could cost the Village an additional estimated \$100K. This discussion is regarding an existing dealer demonstrator truck which meets nearly all of the criteria CFD was looking for.

Financing would involve putting \$150K of unappropriated funds into reserve and establishing a Bond payable over 4-6 years. Bond is subject to permissive referendum. Village Attorney explains that NYS Finance Law dictates the process of permissive vs. mandatory referendum.

**2. Resolution** –To authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with The Chazen Company to prepare an Engineering Report for **Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Disinfection Improvement project** in the amount of **\$6100**, per proposal #PM211.27, dated July 1, 2021. *So moved by M. Spock, seconded by J. Russell. Approved by all. P. Genovese remarks that it is mandated by NYS to disinfect.*

**3. Resolution** – To approve the Columbia County Agricultural Society, Inc. request for permission to conduct the **annual Firefighters parade** on Saturday September 4, 2021 and the **use of the grass area along Hudson Avenue** for parking of vehicles. *So moved by M. Spock, seconded by P. Minahan. Approved by all.*

**4. Resolution** - To authorize the DPW to **solicit bids for oil and stone** to chip seal Austerlitz St (295-County Route 61), Jones Ave, Cottage Place, High Street, Murray St, Line St, and Dinnegar Avenue. *So moved by J. Russell, seconded by P. Minahan. Approved by all. (Timeframe per P. Genovese early September, maybe late August).*

**5. Resolution** – To approve the use of the **Municipal Lot for CABA Summerfest** August 14, 2021 7am-10pm. *So moved by J. Russell, seconded by P. Minahan. Approved by all.*

**6. Resolution** - To approve the temporary suspension of the **local open container law**, for **Summerfest** on Main Street from the traffic circle to the clock tower 11am-4pm, and in the Municipal lot 11am-10pm, on Saturday, August 14, 2021. *So moved by P. Minahan, seconded by J. Russell. Approved by all. (CPD expressed no issues with approval).*

**Items for Discussion:**

- ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Submission - *Mayor Howe expressed that the Village is eligible to receive funds, of which half will be paid this summer and half in the summer of 2022. There are certain authorized uses for these funds, one of which being water and sewer. The Village will be looking into the possible uses and needs.*

- Insurance Bids –*current insurance will be expiring November 1, 2021 and the Village plans advertise sometime in August for insurance bids.*

- Excessive rain / drainage issues - *Mayor Howe and P. Genovese have been in communication with NYS DOT regarding drainage issue in the areas of lower Hudson Ave and Bushnell Ave. At present, Mayor Howe is waiting on a return call from DOT regarding insufficient water drainage.*

- Gratitude - *Mayor Howe extended his thanks to P. Genovese and the DPW for all of their hard work and efforts because of, and despite the weather. He also thanked D. Meyers, M. Spock, J. Russell and J. Boehme for their time and efforts beautifying the Village planters and gardens. He thanked the CPD for their increased presence on the Village streets and interaction with the public.*

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

*Resident D. Meyers – We may need a reminder for residents to not pump water out into the sewer.*

*Resident K. Schassler – The Graduation Parade and the Graduation ceremony were both phenomenal. The grandstand makes it much easier for people to see everything and the Parade allows the Village to participate.*

**Adjournment:** *So moved by M. Spock, seconded by J. Russell. Approved by all at 7:55pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Desiree Kelleher*

*Village Clerk*

**Next meeting: August 9, 2021 7:00pm**

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