

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Village of Chatham

August 14, 2023

MINUTES

Present: Deputy Mayor P. Minahan; Trustees M. Spock, K. Schassler; Treasurer P. DeLong; Clerk D. Kelleher; A. Police Chief J. Alessi; Fire Chief P. Rideout; TOC Liaison V. Pitkin; Residents Roberta Nelson, Gayla Greystone. **Not present:** Mayor J. Howe; Attorney K. Dow.

6:30pm Public Hearing - "A Local Law Amending Article 1 of Ch.83 of the Code of the Village of Chatham –Sewer Use". *Motion by M. Spock to open public hearing, seconded by K. Schassler. Approved by all and Public hearing opened at 6:30pm.*

6:45pm Public Hearing - "A Local Law Correcting Provisions for Uniform Code Enforcement as Enacted by Local Law No.1 of 2023", and "A Local Law Correcting Zoning Revisions as Enacted by Local Law 2 of 2019". *Motion by M. Spock to open public hearing, seconded by K. Schassler. Approved by all and Public hearing opened at 6:30pm.*

Call to Order (Regular Meeting): 7:04pm by Deputy Mayor P. Minahan.

First Public Comment (limited to 15 minutes): Resident R. Nelson inquired about the Annual Water Quality Report and asked when it would be updated online. Currently the report for 2021 is posted. Clerk D. Kelleher will follow up with the DPW. The reports are generated after the close of the year and the report for 2022 should be posted soon.

DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS:

>**Building Department:** Building Inspector, Erin Reis. *Report read by D. Kelleher.*

>**Police Department:** Acting Chief J. Alessi; Police Commissioner Pete Minahan. *Report given by Chief Alessi.*

>**Fire Department:** Chief P. Rideout; Fire Commissioner Melony Spock. *Report given by Chief Rideout. Deputy Mayor authorized the use of the Fire Chief's car for Old Forge.*

>**DPW:** Foreman P. Genovese; Wastewater/Water Commissioner Ralph O'Mara-Garcia; Streets & Snow Removal Commissioner Karyn Schassler.

Approve Minutes of July 10, 2023. *Motion to accept by K. Schassler, seconded by M. Spock. Approved by all.*

Approve the July 2023 Budget to Actuals. *Motion to accept by K. Schassler, seconded by M. Spock. Approved by all.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 95 of 2023 – To enact proposed **Local Law 2 of 2023**, “A Local Law Amending Article 1 of Chapter 83 of the Code of the Village of Chatham – **Sewer Use**”. *Motion to approve by K. Schassler, seconded by M. Spock. Approved by all via Roll Call Vote: Melony Spock – Aye, Karyn Schassler – Aye, Pete Minahan – Aye.*

Resolution 96 of 2023 – To enact proposed **Local Law 3 of 2023**, “A Local Law Correcting Provisions for **Uniform Code Enforcement** as Enacted by Local Law 1 of 2023”. *Motion to approve by K. Schassler, seconded by M. Spock. Approved by all via Roll Call Vote: Melony Spock – Aye, Karyn Schassler – Aye, Pete Minahan – Aye.*

Resolution 97 of 2023 – To enact proposed Local Law 4 of 2023, “A Local Law Correcting **Zoning Revisions** as Enacted by Local Law 2 of 2019”. *Motion to approve by K. Schassler, seconded by M. Spock. Approved by all via Roll Call Vote: Melony Spock – Aye, Karyn Schassler – Aye, Pete Minahan – Aye.*

Resolution 98 of 2023 – To approve the use of **Waterline Replacement Reserve Funds** to cover payment of **Hudson Avenue Water Main project** invoices which were submitted/paid in June/July 2023 for a total of **\$9,633.91**, and were applied to Budget Line 83402 (Transmission Equipment). *Motion to approve by M. Spock, seconded by K. Schassler. Approved by all.*

Resolution 99 of 2023 – To accept the transfer of property known as “**Cottage Place**”, a **portion of parcel 66.13-1-67**, from the Columbia County Agricultural Society to the Village of Chatham according to the attached quitclaim deed, authorize **filing the quitclaim deed** with the County, and authorize **payment of the \$305 in filing fees**. *Motion to approve by M. Spock, seconded by K. Schassler. Approved by all.*

Resolution 100 of 2023 – To approve the agreement between the Chatham Police Department and the Columbia County Agricultural Society for 72 hours of **Security Services at the 2023 Columbia County Fair** from 8/30/23-9/4/23, at an hourly rate of \$30, for a total of \$2160. *Motion to approve by M. Spock, seconded by K. Schassler. Approved by all.*

Resolution 101 of 2023 – To authorize the CFD to purchase **tires and installation** from **Inter City Tire** in the amount \$4566.62 per quote #860275 dated 08/08/23. (Additional quotes requested but not received due to lack of inventory elsewhere). *Motion to approve by M. Spock, seconded by K. Schassler. Approved by all.*

Resolution 102 of 2023 – To authorize the CDF to purchase **Emergency lighting and installation** from **Redlyne Performance, Inc.** in the amount \$3231.57 per quote #14347, dated 12/22/22 (reprinted 7/9/23), for the **Chief’s 2022 Dodge Durango**. *Motion to approve by K. Schassler, seconded by M. Spock. Approved by all.*

Resolution 103 of 2023 - To approve **Columbia County Pathways to Recovery (CCPR)** to hold **Memorial Walk** on Friday, September 15, 2022 at 6:00pm to begin on the front steps of the Tracy Memorial building, to include the placement of Memorial signs on the green space at the end of Main Street between the clock tower and the railroad tracks, for a period of one week. *Motion to approve by K. Schassler, seconded by M. Spock. Approved by all.*

Resolution 104 of 2023 – To send the Draft Patrolman Union Contract to the Police bargaining unit for ratification. *So moved by M. Spock, seconded by K. Schassler. Approved by all.*

Resolution 105 of 2023 – To send the Draft Police Supervisor’s Union Contract to the Police bargaining unit for ratification. *So moved by M. Spock, seconded by K. Schassler. Approved by all.*

Resolution 106 of 2023 - To approve the SEQRA form dated 8/14/23 for submission with the Jones Avenue courts application to the planning board. *So moved by K. Schassler, seconded by M. Spock. Deputy Mayor P. Minahan reviewed the questions and responses with the Trustees. Approved by all.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Need for local law with guidelines about outdoor dining areas and sidewalk clearances – *discussion tabled.*

Second Public Comment Period (limited to 15 minutes):

- 1. V. Pitkin advised the Board that the Town of Chatham will be discussing short term rentals at the next Town Council meeting. Anyone interested should attend.*
- 2. R. Nelson inquired about the sirens she hears often in the Village. Chief Rideout explained that the sirens are tested on a routine basis, Wednesdays and Saturdays.*

Executive Session: Motion by M. Spock, seconded by K. Schassler at 8:15pm to enter into Executive session. Motion to leave Executive session by K. Schassler, seconded by M. Spock at 8:45pm.

For discussion of collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.

For discussion of proposed, pending, or current litigation.

Upcoming Meetings: September 11, 2023; 7:00pm.

Adjournment: 8:45pm by Deputy Mayor Minahan.

(9/11/23)

Meeting Location:

Tracy Memorial Village Hall
77 Main Street, Chatham, NY 12037