

MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD

JULY 20, 2006

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board, was held on July 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Present were: Supervisor – Jesse DeGroot, Councilman – Beth Ann Rippel, Councilman – Bob Balcom, Councilman – Don Hegeman, Councilman – Jean Rohde, Town Clerk – Carol Gregg, Highway Supt. – Joe Rickert, Comptroller – Earl Kelsey, and several others.

COMMUNICATIONS

JEAN WHEELER support of the Tri-Village Fire co. application to build a new fire house.

REPORTS

HIGHWAY Joe Ricker reported that Tammy Shaw, his secretary, gave her resignation as of Aug. 1, 2006. His report is on file.

JUSTICE on file.

RES. #93-06 to advertise for a confidential secretary.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #93 and moved its adoption to advertise for a confidential secretary for the Highway Superintendent and the Supervisor. Councilman Ripple seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #94-06 to retain Tammy Shaw on a part time basis.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #94 and moved its adoption to retain Tammy Shaw as Deputy Town Accountant and to keep her on at the Highway Dept. and the Supervisor's office on a part time basis at her current rate of pay. Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

SUPERVISOR CTY. BUSINESS Supervisor DeGroot reported that Gerald Simons is back on the job and working on the County Budget.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN Councilman Balcom reported the strategies are complete. The issue of density is now being worked on. The Visual survey is completed and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL PARKER AND STEVE SHEPARD representing the (Communities Connecting Fiber high-speed broadband) gave a lengthy description of the project that they are working on, to bring high speed internet service to Columbia County.

CRELLIN PARK MOWING BID (1) One bid was received from Dan Doyle (Doyle Property Management LLC) for \$3,000.00 a month. This is for the weekly grounds maintenance of Crellin Park in the Town of Chatham. This includes the mowing and trimming of the entire property on weekly basis and one additional mowing and trimming of all soccer fields each week. Any additional work required or requested would be done at an agreed upon hourly rate.

RES. #95-06 to accept mowing bid for Crellin Park.

Councilman Hegeman offered Res. #95 and moved its adoption to accept the bid from Doyle Property Management LLC for the year 2006 and 2007 at a rate of \$3000.00 weekly during the season. Councilman Ripple seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Ripple Balcom, Hegeman

Nays, Rohde and the resolution was adopted.

RES. #96-06 to proceed with prosecution of the Nastke Zoning Violation and the Joseph P. Hallenbeck Jr. Zoning Violation.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #96 and moved its adoption to proceed with legal action against Joseph P. Hallenbeck Jr.'s and Joseph Nastke of West Highland Farms violations. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #97-06 to declare docks for Crellin Park surplus.

Councilman Ripple offered Res. #97 and moved its adoption that WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham recognizes the old Crellin Park docks currently stored with the Village of Chatham as surplus, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Chatham Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of the docks to Joseph Rings of Nassau at a cost of no money, with

the docks to be removed by Joseph Rings at no cost to the Town of Chatham or the Village of Chatham. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

MIRROR LAKE Councilman Balcom told the Town Board that Ray Jurkowski has finished his report on the problem at Mirror Lake and a report was give to the members. The board will not act on this until they have had a chance to read the report. One option would be to replace the culvert at the road crossing with a bridge at an estimated cost of \$600,000.00. The second option would be to add culvert s at the crossing at a cost of approximately \$100,000.00.

RES. #98-06 to set Public Hearing for Interim Zoning Law.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #98 and moved its adoption to set a Public Hearing for the Interim Zoning Law for August 17, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Councilman Ripple seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #99-06 to participate in the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #99 and moved its adoption that WHEREAS, the Columbia county Emergency Management Office is participating in a FEMA plan to streamline emergency reimbursement aid and has requested the participation of the Town of Chatham, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Chatham Town Board does hereby authorize the participation of the Town of Chatham in the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #100-06 to increase highway DB5110.4.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #100 and moved its adoption that Whereas, The CHIPS funding for Highway Improvement has increased in 2006 from \$114,000.00 to \$134,821.51 and Whereas, the Highway fund DB5110.4 was budgeted for CHIPS funding in the amount of \$114,000.00 for the 2006 budget; Therefore, be it resolved that, the Town Board authorizes the Town comptroller to increase the DB5110.4 appropriation by \$20,821.51 for highway improvement. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #101-06 to accept minutes of Town Board meetings.

Councilman Hegeman offered Res. #101 and moved its adoption to accept the Town Board minutes of June 15, 2006 and June 27, 2006 as written. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Rippel, Hegeman,

Abstained: Councilman Balcom for the June 15, 2006 meeting and Councilman Rohde for the June 27, 2006 meeting.

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #102-06 to accept Comptroller's report.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #102 and moved its adoption to accept the Comptroller's report. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #103-06 to make amendment to Budget.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #103 and moved its adoption to make the following amendments to Budget Appropriations: From: A1990.4 to A1420.4 (Attorney) \$10,000.00. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

Motion was made by Councilman Balcom, seconded by Councilman Ripple and carried to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Carol Gregg ,– Town Clerk

