

**TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on Thursday Jan. 18, 2007 at the town hall at 7:00 pm. Present were: Jesse DeGroot Supervisor, BethAnn Rippel Councilman, Bob Balcom Councilman, Don Hegeman Councilman, Jean Rohde Councilman, Carol Gregg Town Clerk, Joe Rickert Highway Supt., Tal Rappleyea Town Attorney, Jason Shaw Town Justice, Earl Kelsey Comptroller, Shari Franks Recreation Director.

Supervisor DeGroot opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Hegeman.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **NATIONAL GRID**: regarding winter storms.
- B. **ANNE MCGOWAN** resigning as Deputy Court Clerk.
- C. **KINDERHOOK LAKE CORP.** regarding DEC permit.
- D. **MARY GAIL BIEBEL** regarding Chatham Agricultural Partnership appointments.
- E. **DAVID EVERETT** regarding training for ZBA and Planning Board Members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DANIEL HORST reported that he had several pigs from a neighbor's farm in his yard again. He would like to know what can be done.

RANDY WALKER Would like to see the new ridgeline information put into the Interim Zoning Law.

TOWN JUSTICE JASON SHAW informed the Town Board that he is resigning as Town Justice as of March 30, 2007. He would like the Town Board to name someone soon. He praised the work that Sandy LeClair has done in her position as Court Clerk.

REPORTS

RECREATION DEPARTMENT Shari Frank's reported that the geese are still a problem at the Park and need to be taken care of. The playground equipment needs to be inspected. The Rec committee will meet with consultant Brian Madigan on Feb. 2 to discuss the park master plan. A copy of the report is on file.

HIGHWAY Joe Ricker requests that he be able to purchase a Dump Truck. A copy of the report is on file.

JUSTICE report is on file.

SUPERVISOR Jesse told the Town Board what committees he is on this year at the County. He is heading the Computer Committee this year.

COMP. PLAN COMMITTEE Bob Balcom reported that the committee is debating on the density.

RES. #42-07 to hire Deputy Zoning & Planning Clerk.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #42 and moved its adoption to hire Elizabeth Horst Deputy Planning & Zoning Clerk. Motion was seconded by Councilman Rippel.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #43-07 to accept the resignation of Deputy Court Clerk.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #43 and moved its adoption to accept the resignation of Ann McGowan, Deputy Court Clerk. Motion was seconded by Councilman Rippel.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #44-07 to hire Part Time Deputy Court Clerk.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #44 and moved its adoption to hire Elizabeth Horst as Part Time Court Clerk for 21 Hours @ \$11.50/hr retroactive to Jan. 10, 2007. After three months she will be eligible for a raise of \$12/hr. Motion was seconded by Councilman Rippel.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #45-07 to approve minutes of Town Board meetings.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #45 and moved its adoption to approve minutes 2007 Organizational Meeting and Dec 21, 2007. Motion was seconded by Councilman Rippel.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #46-07 to accept the Comptrollers report.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #46 and moved its adoption to accept the Comptrollers report as written. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #47-07 to purchase a new truck.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #47 and moved its adoption to accept the State Contract bid Price (State Contract #PC62176), for (One) 2007 Diamond SPEC 7600 SFA 4 x 2 from H.L. Gage Sales, Inc., 121 Washington Avenue Ext'n, Albany, New York for the sum of \$84,266.00 to be purchased with a 2007 Bands Note, which is subject to a Public referendum. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #48-07 to list training providers for Zoning and Planning Board members.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #48 and moved its adoption that WHEREAS, the State of New York now requires four hours of annual training for each member of Zoning Boards of Appeals and Planning Boards, and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board desires to assist its members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board in receiving said training,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Town of Chatham approves the following list of training organizations from which training may be received for credit:

NYS Dept of State (Division of local governments)
 NY Planning Federation
 NY Association of Towns
 Columbia County Dept. of Planning
 NY Conference of Mayors
 NYS Bar Association
 Lorman

In house training as approved by the Town Board

Motion was seconded by Councilman Balcom.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted

RES. #49-07 to make amendments to budget appropriations.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #49 and moved its adoption to make the following amendments to budget appropriations for 2006:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A1110.4	A1110.2	\$500.00
A1990.4	A1315.2	\$700.00
A1410.4	A1410.1	\$350.00
A1620.4	A1620.1	\$100.00
A1990.4	A1670.4	\$10.00
A1990.4	A5132.2	\$550.00
A1990.4	A5132.4	\$300.00
DA5124.4	DA5140.4	\$500.00
DB5142.1	DB9060.8	\$4,100.00
DB5142.1	DB5110.4	\$3,000.00
DB9030.8	DB5130.4	\$3,500.00

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGrootd, seconded by Councilman Rippel and carried to go into executive session to discuss personnel & negotiation issues at 7:40 pm. Supervisor DeGrootd moved and Councilman Balcom seconded and carried to come out of executive session at 8:30 pm.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGrootd, seconded by Councilman Balcom and carried to adjourn at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Gregg RMC
 Town Clerk

