

TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 15, 2007

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on Thursday February 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Present were: Jesse DeGroot – Supervisor, Bob Balcom – Councilman, Don Hegeman – Councilman, Jean Rohde – Councilman, Beth Ann Ripple – Councilman, Tal Rappleyea – Town Attorney, Carol Gregg – Town Clerk, Joe Rickert and others.

Supervisor DeGroot opened the meeting and Councilman Hegeman led us in the pledge to the flag.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Balcom and carried to go into executive session at 7:01 pm to discuss personnel issues. Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Ripple and carried to come out of executive session at 7:10 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

WINIFRED BEHRENS commending the town highway department for the fine work they have done on our town roads.

NYS&M regarding farmland protection implementation grants.

KINDERHOOK LAKE CORP. regarding pesticide permit.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS regarding cable t v service changes.

FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS regarding name change.

KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND regarding federal grants for 2008.

COLUMBIA LAND CONSERVANCY copy of letter to David Chapman regarding a donation in relation to Borden's Pond conservation area.

RES. #55-07 to set Public Hearing for change in Veteran's Exemptions.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #55 and moved its adoption to set a Public Hearing for Local Law #3 (Establishing Exemption amounts for Real Property Taxes for Veterans) Amounts to be set at the highest level, in accordance with NYSRPTL 458-a. Hearing will be set for Monday Feb. 26, 2007 at 5:00 pm. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hegeman.

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

PUBLIC HEARING for **Local Law # 1 & 2** (establishing income levels for Real Property taxes exemptions for senior citizens and disabled and low income citizens) was opened at 7:15 pm.

There were no comments and hearing was closed at 7:17 pm.

REPORTS

HIGHWAY copy of report is on file. Joe Rickert requested that the bid from the sole bidder, Zwack, for a snow plow, wing and truck body be accepted.

RES. #56-07 to accept bid for snow plow, wing and truck body.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #56 and moved its adoption that

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board accepts the sole bid from Zwack, Inc. located at Rte 22, Stephentown, NY for (one) snow plow, wing and all purpose truck body for the sum of \$58,725.00 to be purchased with a 2007 BAN note subject to a permissive referendum.

Councilman Ripple seconded the motion.

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

JUSTICE written report is on file.

COMP PLAN It was reported that the committee is struggling with the density issue. They will be starting on priorities next. Since the meetings started 42 minutes have been recorded. A slide show was presented by Randy Walker and Bob Balcom on how the consultants came up with guidelines for scenic ridgelines and hilltops.

RECREATION Shari Franks requested that she be allowed to attend a conference in Buffalo on April 22 – 25, 2007 for a cost of \$518.00 plus mileage. Her report is on file.

RES. #57-07 to allow Recreation Director to attend conference.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #57 moved its adoption to allow Recreation Director Shari Franks, to attend conference in Buffalo, April 22 – 25, 2007. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor DeGroot reported that three applications were received for the Justice position.

RES. #58-07 to name Michael Hart Town Justice.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #58 and moved its adoption to name Michael Hart Town Justice to fill vacancy of Jason Shaw. Position to be effective April 1, 2007. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ripple.

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

