

CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 19, 2007
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on July 19, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall on Route 295 in the Town of Chatham.

Present: Jesse DeGroot, Supervisor Beth Ann Rippel, Councilwoman Don Hegeman, Councilman Jean Rohde, Councilwoman	Others: Earle Kelsey, Comptroller Shari Franks, Recreation Director Joseph Rickert, Highway Supt. Dan Horst, Assessor Tal Rappleyea, Attorney
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Absent: Bob Balcom, Councilman

Call to Order: Supervisor DeGroot opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Pledge to the Flag: Councilman Hegeman led the pledge to the flag.

Correspondence:

1. Jonathan Mishkin, re: Comprehensive Plan
2. Michael Seserman, re: Comprehensive Plan
3. Elizabeth Horst, re: resignation as historian
4. Rita and Arnold Grisman, re: Comprehensive Plan
5. Dorothy Mackerer, re: Comprehensive Plan
6. Petition re: keeping of residential livestock
7. Tri-Village Fire Company, re: building fund
8. James Temple, re: Comprehensive Plan
9. Mary Gail Biebel, re: Farm Aid staff visit
10. NYS Public Service Commission, re: NYSEG
11. John Thomas, re: proposed livestock law

Reports:

1. Highway (on file)
2. Justice Court (on file)
3. Supervisor (county business)

Supervisor DeGroot spoke of the "Christmas in July" needy fund for the aged that the office of distribution is finally taking care of.

4. Building Department (on file)
5. Recreation Department

Shari Franks gave her report to the board. **Tal Rappleyea** stated that Crellin Park Foundation, Inc. is now specified as a non-profit organization and that he is working on other details.

New Business:

The Town Board discussed the Three Stooges Day in Chatham and decided to issue a proclamation to make July 28th Paul Howard Day.

Resolution #109-07 To declare July 28th as Paul Howard Day.

Offered by Councilwoman Rippel, moved adoption to declare July 28th as Paul Howard Day in recognition of Chatham resident Paul Howard and his brothers, The Three Stooges, and to authorize the Town Board to issue a proclamation to that same effect.

Councilwoman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote: *Ayes*, Supervisor DeGroot, Councilwoman Rippel, Councilman Hegeman, and Councilwoman Rohde

Nays, none

The resolution was adopted.

Resolutions:

Resolution #110-07 To approve the Town Clerk's minutes of three board meetings.

Offered by Councilman Hegeman, moved adoption to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2007, special town board meeting; June 21, 2007, regular town board meeting; and July 2, 2007, special town board meeting.

Councilwoman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote: *Ayes*, Supervisor DeGroot, Councilwoman Ripple, Councilman Hegeman, and Councilwoman Rohde

Nays, none

The resolution was adopted.

Resolution #111-07 To establish a petty cash fund for the Town Recreation Director.

Offered by Councilwoman Rippel, moved adoption to establish a petty cash fund in the amount of \$100.00 for the Town Recreation Director.

Councilwoman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote: *Ayes*, Supervisor DeGroot, Councilwoman Ripple, Councilman Hegeman, and Councilwoman Rohde

Nays, none

The resolution was adopted.

Resolution #112-07 To approve the Town Comptroller's report.

Offered by Councilwoman Rippel, moved adoption to approve the Town Comptroller's report.

Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote: *Ayes*, Supervisor DeGroot, Councilwoman Ripple, Councilman Hegeman, and Councilwoman Rohde

Nays, none

The resolution was adopted.

Resolution #113-07 To authorize the removal of a 1996 GMC Pick-up Truck.

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption as follows:

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board authorizes the removal of (one) 1996 GMC Pick-up (Truck#1), VIN# MCATCHTM001, from the Highway Department's Inventory and to sell as surplus equipment.

Councilwoman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote: *Ayes*, Supervisor DeGroot, Councilwoman Ripple, Councilman Hegeman, and Councilwoman Rohde

Nays, none

The resolution was adopted.

Resolution #114-07 To authorize Recreation employees to be paid bi-weekly.

Offered by Councilwoman Rippel, moved adoption as follows:

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board authorizes all Recreation employees to be paid on a bi-weekly basis.

Councilwoman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote: *Ayes*, Supervisor DeGroot, Councilwoman Ripple, Councilman Hegeman, and Councilwoman Rohde

Nays, none

The resolution was adopted.

Resolution #115-07 To authorize the Town Comptroller to increase Highway CE appropriation.

Offered by Councilwoman Rippel, moved adoption as follows:

Whereas, the CHIPS Funding for Highway Improvement has increased in 2007 from \$114,000 to \$137,655.46 and

Whereas, the Highway Fund "DB" (5110.4) was budgeted for CHIPS Funding in the amount of \$114,000 for the 2007 budget;

Therefore, be it resolved that, the Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to increase the Highway CE (DB5110.4) appropriation by \$23,655.46 for Highway improvement.

Councilwoman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote: *Ayes*, Supervisor DeGroot, Councilwoman Ripple, Councilman Hegeman, and Councilwoman Rohde

Nays, none

The resolution was adopted.

Resolution #116-07 To authorize the Town Comptroller to increase the Youth Program CE appropriations.

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption as follows:

Whereas, We did not budget revenue for the year 2007 for Crellin Park, covering Rental of the Pavilion, the Summer Program and the Snack Bar.

Whereas, Crellin Park is currently collecting rental fees, program fees and sales at the snack bar.

Whereas, There are additional appropriations associated with the Crellin Park programs.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to increase the Youth Programs CE (B7310.4) appropriations by the total revenue collected for these activities at Crellin Park.

Councilwoman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote: *Ayes*, Supervisor DeGroot, Councilwoman Ripple, Councilman Hegeman, and Councilwoman Rohde

Nays, none

The resolution was adopted.

Public Comment:

Jim McKay stated that he had purchased a public copy of the petition against animals in Kinderhook Lake. He noted that most of those people are probably under the chicken law and the vast majority of them wouldn't have animals anyway. McKay also observed that Fran Sindlinger, one of the members of the Livestock Committee, also signed the petition and asked if that was allowed. **Supervisor DeGroot** stated that this would be discussed with the Town Attorney.

Henry submitted a petition from him and his neighbors on Chapel Drive regarding putting up a "Children at Play" sign in order to warn fast drivers in that area. He spoke for several minutes regarding the circumstances on his road, stated that he had 20 signatures, and hoped that the Board would have something be done. **Supervisor DeGroot** stated that he would pass the request onto the Highway Department.

Motion to Close Meeting: Councilwoman Rippel made a motion, Councilman Hegeman seconded, and it carried to adjourn the July 19, 2007, regular Town of Chatham Board Meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Elizabeth Horst
Deputy Town Clerk