

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2008 ~ 5:20 PM**

Board Present:

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot
Councilwoman Beth Ann Rippel
Councilman Bob Balcom
Councilman Don Hegeman
Councilwoman Jean Rohde

Other Present:

Jack Schultz, Planning Board Chairman

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot called a special Town Board Meeting to order at 5:20 PM.
Supervisor DeGroot moved, Councilwoman Beth Ann Rippel seconded, and the motion was carried to enter executive session at 5:20 PM.

Supervisor DeGroot moved, Councilwoman Rippel seconded, and the motion was carried to leave executive session at 6:42 PM.

Supervisor DeGroot moved, Councilwoman Rippel seconded, and it was carried to adjourn the special board meeting at 6:43 PM.

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2008 ~ 7:00 PM**

Board Present:

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot
Councilwoman Beth Ann Rippel
Councilman Bob Balcom
Councilman Don Hegeman
Councilwoman Jean Rohde

Other Present:

Tal Rappleyea, Town Attorney
Daniel Horst, Assessor
Tammy Shaw, Confidential Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Jesse DeGroot called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: Councilman Don Hegeman led the pledge to the flag.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Niverville Fire Department Contract: \$15,356.00 for the year 2008.** The Town Board opened the Public Hearing for the Niverville Fire Department Contract at 7:06 PM. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.
- **Chatham Fire Department (District No. 1) Contract: \$29,079.00 for the year 2008.** The Town Board opened the Public Hearing for the Chatham Fire Department Contract at 7:08 PM. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.
- **Tri-Village Fire Department Contract: \$120,000.00 for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010.** The Town Board opened the Public Hearing for the Tri-Village Fire Department Contract at 7:10 PM. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Richard Order, et al, re: Riders Mills Road zoning.
2. Association of Towns, re: 2008 Training School and Annual Meeting.
3. Charter Communications, re: pricing change.
4. NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets, re: Ag and Farmland Protection grant.

REPORTS

1. Highway (report on file in the Town Clerk's office).
2. Justice Court (report on file).
3. Supervisor (County Business): Supervisor Jesse DeGroot stated that the county has a new board of supervisors, the new chairman is from Hillsdale, and he has been elected to be chairman of the tourism department.
4. Recreation Department (report on file).
5. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement (Building Department reports on file).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Board Vacancy. Supervisor DeGrootd stated the Town Board and Planning Board Chairman discussed several applicants to the vacant position.

RESOLUTION #39-08 to appoint Donna Staron to the Planning Board.

Offered by Supervisor DeGrootd, moved adoption to appoint Donna Staron to fill three years of Father Lee Smith's unexpired term to the Planning Board.

Councilwoman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGrootd, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

2. Senior Citizen and Limited Income Disability Exemptions. The Board decided to hold a Public Hearing at the Town Board meeting on February 21, 2008, at 7 PM.
3. Zoning Violation.

RESOLUTION #40-08 to proceed with legal action against Luke Stockwell.

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption to permit Zoning Officer Walter Simonsmeier and Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea proceed with legal action against Luke Stockwell in regards to a zoning violation.

Councilwoman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGrootd, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea discussed two resolutions with the Town Board from last month's meeting and stated there were some changes to be made.

RESOLUTION #41-08 to authorize the Comptroller to make amendments to budget appropriations.

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption as follows:

Whereas, the Chatham Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to make the following amendments to budget appropriations for 2007

From	To	Amount
A1410.4	A1410.1	\$500.00
A1440.4	A1420.4	\$500.00
A9010.8	A9030.8	\$1000.00
DB9010.8	DB9030.8	\$2800.00
DB5142.1	DB5130.4	\$3000.00
DB5142.1	DB9050.8	\$6000.00
DB5142.1	DB9060.8	\$5000.00
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$18,800.00

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGrootd, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #42-08 to approve the clerk's minutes.

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2007, special Town Board meeting, the December 20, 2007, regular Town Board meeting, and the January 3, 2008, Town Board organizational meeting.

Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGrootd, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #43-08 to approve request for CEO to attend a conference.

Offered by Supervisor DeGrootd, moved adoption to approve Code Enforcement Officer Walt Simonsmeier's request to attend a Lake Placid conference from March 2-6.

Councilwoman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGrootd, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #44-08 to approve town comptroller's report.

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

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGroot, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilwoman Rippel moved, Councilwoman Rohde seconded, and it was carried to enter executive session at 7:25 PM to discuss negotiations. Supervisor DeGroot moved, Councilwoman Rippel seconded, and it was carried to leave executive session at 8:16 PM.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING: Councilman Balcom moved, Councilwoman Rohde seconded, and it was carried to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting of January 17, 2008, at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Horst
Deputy Town Clerk