

TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2008

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on Thursday November 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Present were: Supervisor – Jesse DeGrootd, Councilman – BethAnn Ripple. Councilman – Robert Balcom, Councilman – Don Hegeman, Councilman – Jean Rohde. Town Comptroller – Earl Kelsey, Town Attorney – Tal Rapplelea, Highway Supt. – Joe Rickert, Town Clerk – Carol Gregg, and several others.

Supervisor DeGrootd opened the meeting and the pledge was led by Councilman Hegeman.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. National Grid, re: attachments to poles.
2. William Deily, re: abandonment of Belafonte Rd.
3. Freeman and Howard, re: proposed Canaan zoning change.
4. Jim Temple, re: Nov. 6 budget public hearing.
5. Joan Goold, re: carrying over her vacation time to 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Temple – asked why the Comprehensive Plan was not on our website until yesterday.

Randy Walker – asked why the Comprehensive Plan has not been more transparent. She feels that the notice to the public should have been handled differently.

REPORTS

1. Highway – Joe Rickert reported that the White Mills Railroad Bridge will not be completed until 2012. Copy of report is on file.
2. CEO/ZEO – report is on file.
3. Justice Court – report is on file
4. Recreation – report is on file.

NEW BUSINESS

William Deily – spoke to the board about abandoning Belfonte Rd.

RES. #105-08 to abandon Belafonte Road.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #105 and moved its adoption that the entire length of Belafonte Road consisting of approximately 0.20 miles of roadway and shall hereby be abandoned pursuant to Section 205 of the New York State Highway Law. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Rippel, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde
Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

RES. #106-08 to adopt the 2009 budget.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #106 and moved its adoption to approve the 2009 Town of Chatham Budget. Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Rippel, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde
Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

RES. #107-08 to allow Court Clerk to carry over vacation time.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #107 and moved its adoption to allow Joan Goold, Court Clerk to carry over her 2008 vacation time to 2009. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Rippel, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde
Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

RES. #108-08 to accept minutes as written.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #108 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008 and November 6, 2008 town board meeting minutes. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Rippel, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde
Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

RES. #109-08 to accept NYS grant.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #109 and moved its adoption to accept NYS grant in the amount of \$4,386.00 for park benches for use at Crellin Park and to allow Supervisor DeGrootd to sign legal documents on behalf of the Town Board. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes, DeGrootd, Rippel, Hegeman, Rohde, Balcom
Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

RES. #110-08 to accept NYS grant.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #110 and moved its adoption to accept NY S grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for playground equipment at Crellin Park and to allow Supervisor DeGroot to sign legal documents on behalf of the Town Board. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rohde, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel

Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

RES. #111-08 to authorize payment of December monthly payroll, annual payroll and health insurance buy-backs early.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #111 and moved its adoption to authorize payment of December monthly payroll prior to December 31, and annual payroll and health insurance buy-backs to be paid by December 5. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rohde, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel

Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

RES. #112-08 to pay NYS employees Retirement System Annual invoice for 2009 early.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #112 and moved its adoption that WHEREAS: The NYS Employees Retirement System Annual invoice for \$55,902.00, covering the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, has been received. Payment of this invoice is required by February 1, 2009. If the invoice is paid by Dec. 15, 2008 the payment is reduced to \$55,367.00, a savings of \$535.00. \$44,525.00 is chargeable to 2008 with the remaining \$13842.00 being deferred to 2009.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to pay the NYS Retirement System invoice for \$55,367.00 by December 15, 2008. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rohde, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel

Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

RES. #113-08 to make amendments to Budget Appropriations.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #113 and moved its adoption to make the following amendments to budget Appropriations:

From	To	Amount
A1990.4	A1410.4	\$8,000.00
A1990.4	A5132.4	\$2,000.00
A1110.4	A1110.1	\$5,000.00
A7140.2	A7140.4	\$2,000.00
DB5142.1	DB5130.4	\$5,000.00
DB5142.1	DB5142.4	\$20,000.00
A9010.8	A9030.8	\$6,500.00

Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rohde, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel

Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

RES. #114-08 to approve comptroller's report.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #114 and moved its adoption to approve comptroller's monthly report. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rohde, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel

Nays, none Resolution was adopted.

VOTING MACHINES will be removed from the North Chatham Fire House and will be stored at the Highway Garage. The highway crew will pick them up.

COMP PLAN Public Hearing will be held on December 18, 2008 at 7:00

PUBLIC COMMENT

JAMES TEMPLE told the town board about mistakes that he found in the Comp. Plan. He also is worried that the 2010 taxes will also be higher.

COUNCILMAN ROHDE informed the town board that on November 24, 2008 at 7:00 at the Chatham Firehouse a Public meeting will be held concerning Cable TV.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Rohde and carried to go into executive session at 8:10 pm. to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was made by Councilman Rohde, seconded by Councilman Hegeman and carried to come out of executive session at 8:18 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Balcom, seconded by Councilman Rippel and carried to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Carol Gregg RMC, Town Clerk