

**TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on Thursday November 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Present was: Supervisor – Jesse DeGroot, Councilman – Beth Anne Rippel, Councilman – Bob Balcom, Councilman – Donald Hegeman, Town Clerk – Carol Gregg, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea, Comptroller – Earl Kelsey. Absent: Councilman – Jean Rohde.

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

A Public Hearing for Addendum to Tri-Village Contract was held at 7:00 pm. No one spoke for or against and the hearing was closed at 7:03 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

RANDY WALKER wondered when the Board will begin the implementation of the Comp. Plan. The implementation process will begin with the newly elected Town Board.

JAMES TEMPLE feels that cutting \$200,000.00 in highway equipment from the budget was wrong. He thinks that we should have raised the taxes this year instead of putting it off for the future.

MELISSA POLLOCK is tired of the public complaining about the cost of implementing the Comp. Plan. It will not cost anything if we have volunteers working on it.

REPORTS

JUSTICE report is on file.

RECREATION report is on file.

COMPTROLLER report is on file.

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING BOARD will have 3 vacant seats in Jan. 2010. An ad will put in the paper in December.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING will be held on Jan. 4, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

RES. #99-09 to increase Chatham Rescue Squad 2010 funding.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #99 and moved its adoption to increase 2010 Chatham Rescue Squad funding to \$106,090.00 (a 3% increase from 2009). Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rippel, Hegeman, Balcom

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #100-09 to renew Dog Control Contract with Col. – Greene Humane Society.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #100 and moved its adoption to renew contract with the Col. Greene Humane Society for 2010 dog control services. Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rippel, Hegeman, Balcom

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #101-09 to adopt 2010 Budget.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #101 and moved its adoption to adopt 2010 Budget. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rippel, Hegeman, Balcom

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #102-09 to make amendments to Budget Appropriations.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #102 and moved its adoption to make the following amendments:

From	To	Amount
A9010.8	A9030.8	\$4,100.00
DA5120.4	DA5142.4	\$10,000.00
DB5142.1	DB5142.4	\$20,000.00
DB5142.1	DB5110.1	\$26,000.00

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rippel, Hegeman, Balcom

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #103-09 to pay annual payroll, monthly, and insurance buy outs early.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #103 and moved its adoption to pay annual payroll, monthly and insurance buy outs early in December. Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Rippel, Hegeman, Balcom

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #104-09 to accept Town Board minutes.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #104 and moved its adoption to accept Oct. 15 and Nov. 5, 2009 minutes as written. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Rippel, Hegeman, Balcom

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #105-09 to pay NYS Retirement early.

Councilman Hegeman offered Res. #105 and moved its adoption to pay NYS Retirement early. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Rippel, Hegeman, Balcom

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

JIM TEMPLE thanked Bob Balcom, Don Hegeman, and Carol Gregg for their years of service to the Town of Chatham.

COUNCILMAN RIPPEL reported that DOT said the light on Malden Bridge; bridge is working at optimum performance.

Motion was made by Councilman Balcom, seconded by Councilman Rippel and carried to adjourn at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Gregg RMC
Town Clerk