

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TRACY MEMORIAL BUILDING
APRIL 12, 2018
7:00 PM EST
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor T. Curran; Trustees M. Wollowitz; G. Wordon; J. Rippel; Treasurer B. Henry; Clerk D. Meyers; DPW Working Foreman P. Genovese; Fire Chief P. Rideout; Newspaper Reporter E. Teasdale; G. Reed; W. Coe; L. Korda; S. Piazza; D. Byrum; G. Bernstein; R. Shields. Absent Trustee Packet.

First Public Comment (limited to 15 minutes): G. Reed regarding request for reimbursement by the Village for work done by C. Rothermel whether splitting or some kind of assistance. New water main will have to be installed at some point and pitch adjusted. DPW Working Foreman will write up a job description/work order for pending work. W. Coe regarding the large expense of the Police Department and the need to down grade or eliminate the Department. Would like a Referendum by the Board. Also, requesting a decrease in the penalty applied to late water/sewer bill payments from 10% to 5%.

Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Commissioner: Mayor Tom Curran

Fire Commissioner: Trustee Jay Rippel, Jr.

Wastewater/Water Commissioner: Trustee Michael Wollowitz

Streets & Snow Removal Commissioner: Trustee Lenore Packet

Building Inspector: Attached

Court Report: Attached

To Approve Minutes: March 8, 2018. So moved by Trustee Wordon; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.

March 19, 2018. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Approved by all.

March 30, 2018. So moved by Trustee Wordon; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Trustee Wollowitz abstained. Approved by all.

April 5, 2018. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Wordon. Trustee Rippel abstained. Approved by all.

New Business:

1. **Resolution:** To accept the resignation of Tarry Breads as the Planning and Zoning Board Secretary effective immediately. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.
2. **Resolution:** To authorize the Clerk to advertise for a Planning/ Zoning Board Secretary and per diem office help at a rate set in the Annual Budget. So moved by Trustee Wordon; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.
3. **Resolution:** To approve the Village paying Health and Dental Insurance at a prorated percentage based on a regularly scheduled work week of 20 or more hours per week. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.
4. **Resolution:** To approve sewer relief to Larry Anito in the amount of \$906.75 for a water leak in the basement at 37 Railroad Avenue. So moved by Trustee Wordon; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.
5. **Resolution:** To give the Village Clerk the authority to approve the use of Village Property with notification to the Village Board per use. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Wordon. Approved by all.
6. **Resolution:** To approve (Leslie Korda or Mark Washburn) as the new Planning Board Member effective immediately. Tabled
7. **Resolution:** To approve Leo Ponter and Harry Pisila attending the NYPF Conference in Lake George on April 23, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 plus mileage. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.
8. **Resolution:** To request approval to conduct the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 2018. So moved by Trustee Wordon; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Approved by all.
9. **Resolution:** To approve the closing of Woodbridge Avenue, Kinderhook Street and Main Street from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 2018. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.
10. **Resolution:** To approve the DPW putting a new dump truck out to bid. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Approved by all.
11. **Resolution:** To approve the DPW putting water piping and fittings out to bid. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Wordon. Approved by all.

- 12. Resolution:** To accept the resignation of Jon Morrell from the Zoning Board effective immediately. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Wollowitz. Approved by all.
- 13. Resolution:** To approve the remodeling/reconstruction of the Fire Department Banquet Room ceiling at a cost not to exceed \$7,250.00. So moved by Trustee Wordon; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.
- 14. Resolution:** To approve ordering of five (5) sets of turnout gear at a cost not to exceed \$9,750.00. So moved by Trustee Rippel; seconded by Trustee Wordon. Approved by all.
- 15. Resolution:** To approve the DPW putting the paving of Payn Avenue from Route 66 to Elm Street out to bid. So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Rippel. Approved by all.

Items for Discussion:

Update on the Zeissett property – They are out of compliance with contract to make the building safe. Foreclosure will start. P. Genovese asked if we should protect the Village by putting up “Caution Tape”? Mayor Curran will check with Mitch Khosrova.

Audit Update - Trustee Rippel inquired about the request for Audit. Barbara Henry explained that the AUD is the audit. If there were any anomalies it would show up on the AUD.

Correspondence

NYSDOT Letter from Town of Ghent
NYS Department of Public Services
Chatham Fire Department – Request for Village Board to donate personally to ads for the 93rd Annual Firefighters Convention

Second Public Comment Period (limited to 15 minutes): L. Korda stating concern about house at the corner of High and Austerlitz Street. R. Shields expressing concern about talk of another house being built at the corner of Payn Avenue and Coleman Avenue. Will pass information along to Building Inspector on both matters.

Adjournment: So moved by Trustee Wollowitz; seconded by Trustee Wordon. Approved by all at 8:07 pm.

Next meeting: Budget Workshop Meeting (General Fund Line except Streets/Snow)
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
6:00 PM

Tentative Budget Workshop
Wednesday, April 25, 2018
12:00 PM

Second Meeting of Board of Trustees
Approval of the Final Budget
Thursday, April 26, 2018
12:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Debra Meyers
Village Clerk