

**VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TRACY MEMORIAL BUILDING
JULY 8, 2019
7:00 PM EST**

MINUTES

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor J. Howe; Trustees L. Packet, P. Minahan, J. Boehme; Absent Trustee M. Spock; Village Clerk D. Meyers; Police Chief P. Volkmann; Fire Chief P. Rideout; Building Inspector E. Reis; Residents L. Locke; L. Korda; A. Gaylord; A. Moon; and S. Piazza

First Public Comment (limited to 15 minutes): A. Moon presented a list of signatures on a Petition for the Board to change the Local Law regarding 10 Minute parking. Mayor Howe explained that this is not something the Board can just do. That is needs to go before the public in a Public Hearing forum. A. Gaylord asking about the parking behind Main Street. We are looking into having it fixed. L. Locke stating garbage pick-up is a real problem.

Reports of Commissioners and Committees

Police Commissioner: Pete Minahan

Fire Commissioner: Trustee Melony Spock

Wastewater/Water Commissioner: Trustee Lenore Packet

Streets & Snow Removal Commissioner: Trustee Jaimee Boehme

Building Inspector: Attached

Approve the Minutes:

June 10, 2019. So moved by Trustee J. Boehme; seconded by Trustee L. Packet. P. Minahan abstained. Approved by all.

June 18, 2019. So moved by Trustee L. Packet; seconded by Trustee P. Minahan. J. Boehme abstained. Approved by all.

New Business:

1. **Resolution:** To approve the Columbia County Agricultural Society to conduct the annual Firefighters Parade on Saturday, August 31, 2019. So moved by Trustee L. Packet; seconded by Trustee J. Boehme. Approved by all.
2. **Resolution:** To request the closing of Woodbridge Avenue; Kinderhook Street; Main Street (Route 66) and Hoffman Avenue for the annual Firefighters Parade on Saturday, August 31, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. So moved by Trustee J. Boehme; seconded by Trustee P. Minahan. Approved by all.
3. **Resolution:** To approve the use of the grass area along Hudson Avenue for the parking of vehicles at a cost of \$30.00 during the fair dates including August 28, 2019 – September 2, 2019. So moved by Trustee
4. **Resolution:** Resolution #6 of October 31, 2017 establishing a policy for late payments is hereby rescinded. So moved by Trustee L. Packet; seconded by Trustee P. Minahan. Approved by all.
5. **Resolution:** To approve and authorize entering into a one (1) year lease agreement with the Town of Chatham for Town Court use of the Tracy Hall Courtroom, for a rent of \$1,650.00 per month, as appended to these minutes. So moved by Trustee J. Boehme; seconded by Trustee P. Minahan. Approved by all.
6. **Resolution:** To accept the SAM Grant and Execute a Grant Disbursement Agreement (“GDA”) for the funding of a firefighting vehicle as outlined in Resolution Number 6 of July 8, 2019 and attached hereto. So moved by Trustee L. Packet; seconded by Trustee P. Minahan. Approved by all.
7. **Resolution:** Acknowledging Due Diligence Inquiry of Berkshire Cable Corp. d/b/a Consolidated Communications in Relation to a Cable TV Franchise in the Village of Chatham and as outlined in Resolution Number 7 of July 8, 2019 and attached hereto. So moved by Trustee P. Minahan; seconded by Trustee L. Packet. Approved by all.

8. **Resolution:** To approve a Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Berkshire Cable Corp. I/k/a Consolidated Communications as outlined in Resolution Number 8 of July 8, 2019 and attached hereto. So moved by Trustee Packet; seconded by Trustee J. Boehme. Approved by all.
9. **Resolution:** To authorize the purchase of a thermal imaging camera as outlined in Resolution Number 9 of July, 8, 2019 and attached hereto. So moved by Trustee J. Boehme; seconded by Trustee P. Minahan. Approved by all.

Items for Discussion:

Chatham Rural Cemetery – Maintenance may become the responsibility of the Town of Ghent if the Chatham Rural Cemetery Association can no longer fund it. Board would like to review financial numbers before they commit to anything.

Rock at the Access Road for Borden Pond – Tom Hope would like to place a plaque at the entrance of Borden Pond on a rock at the top of Dinegar Street. Board sees no problem but would like to see plaque prior to it being placed on rock.

AT&T Buyout – Village offered over \$400,000 as a buyout of our lease. Treasurer does not feel it is beneficial to the Village at this time to accept the buyout as the Budget includes the yearly lease payment from AT&T.

Proposed Zoning Changes workshop – Set for Tuesday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Parking Lot behind Main Street – Addressed in First Comment Period

Town of Chatham – Talking with the Village of pocket communities (developing affordable housing). Looking for water/sewer for this project. This will be a full Board discussion as the first sit down was with John Howe and Jaimee Boehme and the Town of Chatham Members.

DPW Union Contract - moving forward.

Peace Group – want to donate a bench at the Gazebo. John Howe will follow up with the group.

Correspondence: Rev. Iris Waddell

Second Public Comment Period (limited to 15 minutes): L. Locke mentioned the condition of the roads and walkways at the cemetery are in disrepair and there are a lot of fallen limbs. L. Korda asking if it is legal to have volunteers work at the cemetery to assist with maintenance.

Executive Session: To discuss medical history of particular persons.

Moved into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. and moved by L. Packet; seconded by P. Minahan. Approved by all.

Moved out of Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. and moved by L. Packet; seconded by P. Minahan. Approved by all.

Adjournment: So moved by Trustee Packet and seconded by Trustee Minahan at 8:27 p.m. Approved by all.

Next meeting: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Debra Meyers
Village Clerk