

**Budget Work Session/
Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees
Incorporated Village of Chaumont: February 19, 2019**
Held at the Village of Chaumont/Town of Lyme Municipal Office
Located at 12175 NYS Route 12E
Chaumont, New York 13622
Held on the 19th Day of February, 2019

Board Members Present:

Mayor: Valerie Rust
Trustee: Dori-Ann Froelich
Trustee: James Morrow
Trustee: Patricia Reome

Also Present:

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald

Budget Work Session–2019-2020 Budget -6:00 P.M

Mayor Rust opened the budget work session at 6 pm to discuss the 2019/2020 Annual Budget. Suggested appropriations to each account within the General, Water and Sewer funds were reviewed and adjustments made as necessary. The board is hopeful that the budget will remain under the 2% property tax again this year.

Mayor Rust closed the Budget Work Session at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Morrow had to leave the meeting at this time due to another commitment.

Regular Board meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees

Mayor Rust opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees February 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Rust asked that the minutes reflect that Deputy Mayor Nichols and Trustee Morrow are absent this evening.

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

DPW Updates:

No DPW update was given this evening.

Village Solar Law

Currently there is no solar law within the Village's Land Use Code. A presentation by Norbut Solar Farms proposing a 5 MW project within the Village limits has prompted the Board to question if it would behoove the village to consider a solar law or a moratorium on solar energy.

It was decided that no moratorium would be called at this time. Regarding the Norbut project request, the Village decided that they would follow the Town of Lyme's lead regarding the acceptance of PILOT funds in lieu of taxes.

Park Dr. – Street Flooding

The trustees viewed photos of standing water on Park Dr. This has been a problem for a few years and is thought to be due to a number of reasons. The culvert may be collapsed or plugged and construction of the new ballfield’s drainage may have reverted water in a different direction. Another possible cause was the removal of trees and shrubs along the roadway. At present, inspection of the culvert is difficult under current conditions and will need to be assessed later in the spring. Mayor Rust stated that she will speak to the DPW to ask for their suggestions on how to improve the flooding. PAVE funding could be used if it is determined that the culvert is plugged or collapsed or if another culvert is necessary.

The Garden Club is researching an Arbor Day Grant to plant trees along the roadway. This possibly could be done jointly with the School. It is thought that the additional trees could help absorb some of the extra water.

Village Sidewalks-Shoveling

The board acknowledged that sidewalk maintenance is a problem every year. Some residents are considerate and keep their sidewalks cleared, others do not. Under the property maintenance law, residents are required to keep their sidewalk free from snow and ice. Prior to next winter, the Village will remind residents of their responsibility to maintain their sidewalks and warn them that failure to maintain them could result in fines.

Spring Cleanup & Brush Removal

The date for the spring cleanup has been set for May 6th. Restricted items include tires, batteries, car parts, boat parts, loose glass, doors and windows. TVs and electronic equipment is eligible for pickup. The brush pickup will begin on the last Thursday in May.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, it was “**Resolved** to Approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

Motion to Approve for Payment Abstract #9 of the February, 2019:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, It was “**Resolved**” to Approve for Payment Abstract #9 of the February 19, 2019 Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$7,167.81 General Fund Vouchers 997-1013, \$55.26 Water Fund, Vouchers 296-297, \$2,698.58 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 443-449, Trust & Agency: \$5,715.24 Voucher #45-47, River Crossing Project \$25.60, Voucher 6.

January 2019 Accounts Receivable: General/Water/Sewer Fund Updates:

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$	-0-
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$	-0-
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$	-0-
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$	129.97
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	-0-
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	-0-
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	-0-
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	-0-
Unclassified	A2770:	\$	-0-
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	-0-
State Aid:	A3001	\$	-0-
Total:		\$	129.97

Water Fund

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$	7,959.05
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$	4,391.59
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$	172.16
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$	-0-
Service Connection:	F2145:	\$	-0-
Total:		\$	13,522.80

Sewer Fund

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$	4,080.43
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$	6,729.01
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$	172.13
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$	<u>1,696.36</u>
Total:		\$	12,677.93

Water/Sewer Report

Karen supplied the Board with a list of delinquent water & sewer customers. The consensus among the Board was that any delinquent accounts with balances over 30 days past due on April 5th will be sent to Jefferson County to be relieved to the 2019 Village taxes. The trustees asked that any future delinquencies be handled as prescribed in the Village's Water Use Law. They also requested that a letter be sent informing account holders that the Village will no longer carry long term past due balances and shut off of water service may occur if their accounts are past due.

River Crossing Report

Mayor Rust reported that she has been in contact with Gregor Smith of BC&A. Gregor met with the Dept. of Health to address the recent determination that the engineered design plan to run the waterline under the river is not viable. Gregor stated that the DOH is adamant that the Village provide this secondary water line in the event of a DANC line failure. Mayor Rust is requesting a letter from the Dept of Health that states that the DOH is mandating the Village to install this secondary line. The Village has already paid upwards of \$140k in expenses toward this project without any results.

WWTP Ins. Claim

Karen informed the trustees that the partial payment of \$100k to Koester Associates, Inc was inadvertently left off of the February abstract. Karen asked if this payment could be included in the March prepays. The trustees agreed that this payment could be included in the prepays of March.

New Business –Deputy Registrar

Upon a motion by Trustee Froelich, seconded by Trustee Reome and unanimously passed, it was decided to appoint Ariana Matraw as Village of Chaumont Deputy Registrar.

Old Business

Mayor Rust reported that the 2008 GMC dump truck sold for \$14,100.00 via the Auctions International online auction. Proceeds of the sale are expected to be received within the next 30 days.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Rust stated she had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Trustee Reome: Nothing to report

Trustee Froelich: Nothing to report

Correspondance:

Galloo Island Wind, LLC: Notice that Galloo Island Wind, LLC has withdrawn their request for Article 10 approval for a wind farm on Galloo Island as of February 12, 2019.

Key Bank: Notification that the Dexter Branch will be closing as of May, 2019

Williamson Law Books: Notice that there will be a 2% increase for all support contracts in the upcoming year.

Jefferson County Recycling & Waste Management: Notice that effective March 1, 2019 tipping fees at the County Transfer Station will increase from \$65.00 to \$70.00 per ton.

Motion to Adjourn:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome , Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, It was “**Resolved** to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees February 19, 2019 meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fitzgerald
Village Clerk/Treasurer