

Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees
Incorporated Village of Chaumont: May 21, 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 21st Day of May, 2019

Board Members Present:

Mayor: Valerie Rust (arrived at 6:45 pm)

Deputy Mayor: Michael Nichols

Trustee: James Morrow

Trustee: Patricia Reome

Also Present:

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald

DPW Superintendent: Greg Ingerson

Deputy Mayor Nichols opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees May 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Mayor Nichols requested that the minutes reflect that Trustee Froelich is absent this evening and that Mayor Rust will arrive late for the meeting tonight.

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

Planning Board---Fee Schedule

Changes to the fee schedule was briefly discussed. It was decided to table any changes until all fees are reviewed. The Board would like the Planning Board's recommendations regarding all fees and if adjustments should be considered.

DPW Updates

Spring cleanup went pretty well with no major issues. The Cape Vincent DPW assisted the Village's DPW by sending their refuse truck and a driver. We will reciprocate in June during their Village cleanup by providing manpower. Greg requested that a letter of thanks for their assistance be sent to the Village of Cape Vincent. Greg mentioned that if spring cleanup is held next year, we may want to consider how the City of Massena handles annual cleanups. In Massena, residents were sent vouchers that entitled them to deliver their unwanted items to the transfer site directly. If we were to consider this approach, the Village could purchase a dumpster to be placed at the transfer site. Residents could then deliver their items there free of charge.

Greg reported that the DPW is significantly behind in mowing due to the rain and wet conditions. He expects with a few good days of sun, they will be able to catch up in time for the holiday weekend.

Greg reported that the storm drain at the corner of Washington and NYS Route 12E was an easier fix than first expected. The lid will be removed and angle iron welded to bring it flush with the pavement.

The pump station on County Rte 125 experienced numerous sewer alarms over the weekend. It was necessary to call on Gleason's to pump the station.

The Town has requested that the Village employees assist in water testing for a new proposed Town water district. Testing for the grant must be done by persons not affiliated with the Town. The trustees gave their approval to have the Village DPW assist in the water testing under the Shared Service agreement.

The Village employees mowed the Three Mile Bay cemetery to assist the Town. The Town DPW is extremely busy with the high water conditions, erosion of roads and debris washing on onto roadways.

The DPW is uncertain as to the best way to attack the spring flooding present on Park Dr. No decision has been made as to the best option to proceed at this time.

2002 Ford Explorer

In 2014, the Town of Lyme gave their 2002 Ford Explorer to the Village of Chaumont at no cost. The vehicle was no longer being used as the police cruiser and the Village was in need of a vehicle. The vehicle is now in need of a motor and the Village does not deem it worthy of being repaired. The Town has requested that we return it to them to and they will determine how to dispose of it. Upon a motion by Trustee Reome, seconded by Trustee Morrow, and unanimously passed, it was agreed that the Village will sign the Explorer title over to the Town of Lyme.

Dissolution Committee Kickoff meeting

The kickoff meeting will be held on June 3rd in the Lyme Central School Library at 6pm. The village committee consists of Mayor Rust, Trustee Morrow, Scott Radley, Robin Grovesteen and Fred Jackson.

Mill Street

Joan O'Brien and Kathy Revelle met with Mayor Rust to discuss their concerns regarding the snow plowing of Mill St. Mrs. O'Brien owns the property where the street ends on Mill St. The Village has been plowing the entire area to allow for the plow, recycling and refuse trucks to turnaround. Mrs. O'Brien is requesting that the Village only plow to the end of the road to reduce the damage to her property caused by the plowing. It was decided that the recycling and refuse truck will turn around at the top of the hill. Current owners, Mr. & Mrs. LaFontaine will be asked to bring their trash to the sewer pump station. Both Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Revelle were satisfied with the decision and stated that the Village need only to bring top soil to make repairs to the area and no seeding is necessary.

Solar Moratorium

The date for the Solar Moratorium public hearing has been set for June 18, 2019 at 6 pm prior to the regular Board of Trustees meeting. This date will allow time to receive recommendations from the Jefferson County Planning Board whose meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2019.

Trainham Grinder Pump Agreement

As agreed upon at the time of installation, monitoring and repairs to the Trainham grinder pump would be made by the Village for a period of one year at which time, responsibility for

maintenance would revert to the property owner, Robert Trainham. It has been determined that term expired in March 2019. A letter of explanation and the maintenance manual will be sent to Mr. Trainham for his records.

Chaumont Volunteer Fire Dept. Roster

Karen submitted the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Dept’s roster of chiefs and officers for 2019-2020 as elected at their April 2019 meeting. Motion by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Trustee Reome, and unanimously passed to approve the Chaumont Vol Fire Department’s roster for 2019-2020.

Student Internship

Karen requested the trustee’s input regarding having a student intern work in the office for a short time this summer. The trustee’s left the decision to Karen to determine if she would like to have an intern in the office and if she felt she could afford the extra time it may take for training.

Student Community Service

Lyme Central School has reached out to the Village DPW to see if they could use volunteer time provided by students who are need in community service hours as a graduation requirement. Greg had mentioned he could use their help with painting of picnic tables and policing of gardens. Karen will reach out to our insurance agent to inquire if there would be any liability concerns.

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

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$	0.00
Lieu of Taxes	A1081:	\$	0.00
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$	25,520.54
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$	0.00
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$	53.95
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	0.00
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	20.00
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	0.00
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	0.00
<u>Unclassified</u>	A2770:	\$	14,359.82
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	0.00
Chips	A3501	\$	0.00
State Aid: Aid & Incentives	A3001	\$	0.00
Total:		\$	39,954.31

Water Fund

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$	15,100.89
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$	9,762.27
Unmetered Water:	F2142:	\$	-0-
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$	178.82
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$	0.00
Service Connection:	F2145:	\$	166.00
Total:		\$	25,207.98

Sewer Fund

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$	7,402.52
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$	11,525.33
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$	178.82
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$	3,372.59
Total:		\$	22,479.26

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Nichols, Seconded by Trustee Reome, and unanimously passed, it was “**Resolved** to Approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

Motion to Approve for Payment Abstract #12 of the May 21, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Nichols, Seconded by Trustee Morrow, and unanimously passed, It was “**Resolved**” to Approve Payment for Abstract #12 of the May 21,2019 Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$20,873.60 General Fund Vouchers 1036-1052, \$200.4 Water Fund, Vouchers 307-309 , \$3,162.11 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 469-477, Trust & Agency: \$5,684.40 Voucher #50.

Water/Sewer Report

Rebecca Fern: Karen informed the trustees that Betty Bresler has contacted the office regarding Rebecca Fern’s May 2nd water bill and the indicated unusual usage. Average usage at her residence is 3000 gallons bi-monthly. The most recent reading was for 43,000 gallons. Greg has read the meter again, but usage still appears high. Mrs. Bresler states she is at a loss as to where the water is running since typical reasons have been ruled out. Mayor Rust requested that the DPW continue to monitor the usage and make an appointment if necessary to inspect the property for a leak.

Charlie Richardson: Karen read a letter from Charles Richardson expressing concerns regarding the water shut off valve on his property. His concern is that currently, water can not be shut off to his property from the main and that he will consider the Village responsible if his property sustains any water damage due to that fact. Mayor Rust requested that the DPW repair the broken shut off valve at Charlie Richardson’s property as soon as possible. Greg explained that it is a difficult repair as it has to be hand dug due to the location of the valve. Greg said he will address it as soon as possible.

Meter Deposits from previous software: In calculating a final water bill on the account of Larry Zegarelli #224, a deposit credit of \$135.00 appeared. More research found that other accounts have deposit credits also. In speaking with UBMax support, it was determined that these credits were the result of meter purchases in the previous water program. The new software program transferred them erroneously to the new program as a credit. Mayor Rust instructed Karen to make the adjustments to following accounts: #133 Terry Chapman \$120.68, #137 Chris Johnston \$126.68, #146 Karol Woodell \$126.68, #163 Kristin Vassallo \$120.68, #186 Justin Cormier \$120.68, #196 Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent \$225.00, #231 Richard Cormier \$135.00, #247 Charles Bourquin \$152.62 and #296 Reginald Schweitzer \$239.00 to eliminate any confusion in the future.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Rust had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Trustee Morrow: Will be attending the Youth Commission meetings while Trustee Nichols is out of town. He does not have voting rights until he has attended 6 meetings. He also reported that it was decided at the Emergency Management meeting that the current high water program will continue as scheduled for the time being.

Trustee Nichols: the Youth Commission has decided to add two LCS students to the committee as non-voting members to receive their perspective on the program. The youth baseball season is being scheduled to include more night games to give the players the opportunity to play under the lights. The summer recreation assistant position has a vacancy. Trustee Nichols also stated he will be out of town for the majority of the summer. He hopes to be back in time for the August board meeting.

Trustee Reome: The Planning Board met twice this month to review & discuss solar laws. Mike Bourcy from Jefferson County Planning also attended to assist in the review. The Planning Board is determined to complete a comprehensive plan that makes sense for our community. Trustee Reome also stated that the Village Planning Board would like to request CEO Millington to attend their monthly meetings.

New Business

Village Beach: David Widrick, co-ordinator of the CYC Junior Division sailing program is requesting the use of the Village Beach for their swim program again this year. Due to the high water crisis, their beach will not be available for their program. The Village will request compensation at a rate of \$250.00 for July and \$125.00 for August as they did in 2017. The decision to charge Jr. Div. is based on the fact that all non-resident visitors are requested to pay for the use of the beach at a rate of \$1.00 per person and the fee will also help offset a portion of the portajohn costs.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Correspondance:

DANC: Letter regarding increased billable rates effective April 1, 2019.

Motion to Adjourn:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Reome, and unanimously passed, It was “ **Resolved** to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees May 21, 2019 meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fitzgerald
Village Clerk/Treasurer