

Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees
Incorporated Village of Chaumont: July 16, 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 16th Day of July, 2019

Board Members Present:

Mayor: Valerie Rust
Deputy Mayor: Michael Nichols
Trustee: James Morrow
Trustee: Patricia Reome

Also Present:

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald

Others Present:

Thomas Humiston

Regular Board meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees

Mayor Rust opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees July 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Rust requested that the minutes reflect that Trustee Froelich is absent this evening.

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

DPW Updates

DPW Superintendent Ingerson was not present at the meeting tonight to give a DPW update

Karen reported that the DPW laptop is not working and most likely needs to be replaced. Mayor Rust suggested that we have Ben Rubacha try to fix the computer. If it is unrepairable, Best Buy has a laptop in the \$300-\$350.00 range. We have tax exempt status with Best Buy already in place.

The “Welcome to the Village of Chaumont” signs have been repainted and will be installed as soon as possible.

There is a dead tree in the right of way in front of the Lothrop’s on Main St. Mayor Rust has asked Greg to make arrangements to have it removed. Also the tree next to it needs to be trimmed. Trustee Reome stated that a bush near the JRC is making it difficult to see when turning off of the Morris Tract Road.

Dissolution Committee

Meeting #3 of the Dissolution Committee has been rescheduled to August 1st at 6 pm.

Village Beach

The beach was opened on July 1st but had to be closed on July 5th due to a hazardous algae bloom. Once reported, the DOH must come to test the water before opening the beach again. The beach and park were closed and gated until it was determined safe by the DOH on July 10th.

Ryan Palmer, from the Dept of Health stated that although no swimming is allowed during times of a HAB contamination, DOH allows the park to remain open to picnickers and sunbathers.

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

Real Property Tax (2018)	A1001:	\$ 8,654.61
Lieu of Taxes	A1081:	\$ 0.00
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$ 0.00
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$ 0.00
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$ 45.21
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$ 0.00
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$ 0.00
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$ 0.00
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$ 37.00
Unclassified	A2770:	\$ 86.74
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$ 25.00
Chips	A3501	\$ 0.00
State Aid: Aid & Incentives	A3001	\$ 1,547.14
Total:		\$ 10,395.70

Water Fund

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$ 5,121.36
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$ 2,766.94
Unmetered Water:	F2142:	\$ -0-
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$ 89.16
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$ 141.97
Service Connection:	F2145:	\$ 0.00
Total:		\$ 10,545.36

Sewer Fund

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$ 1,802.39
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$ 4,520.49
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$ 89.16
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$ 996.20
Total:		\$ 9,752.69

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Nichols, and unanimously passed, it was **“Resolved** to Approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2019 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

Motion to Approve Payment of Abstract #2 of the July 16, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Nichols, Seconded by Trustee Reome, and unanimously passed, It was “**Resolved**” to Approve Payment for Abstract #2 of the July 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$14,757.20 General Fund Vouchers 1068-1094, \$22,604.84 Water Fund, Vouchers 313-319 , \$2,792.97 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 484-493, Trust & Agency: \$5,656.69 Voucher #52, River Crossing Project \$0.00.

Town of Lyme Grant Application Resolution

Date: **July 16, 2019**

At their regular monthly meeting of July 16, 2019, the following members of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees were present:

- Mayor Valerie Rust
- Deputy Mayor Michael Nichols
- Trustee Patricia Reome
- Trustee James Morrow

At said meeting, Mayor Rust forwarded the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Reome.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees do hereby support the grant application of the Town of Lyme under the Environmental Protection Fund: Parks, Preservation and Heritage Grants Program through the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Village Board strongly approves of the acquisition and future development of the new park recently purchased by the Town of Lyme, located in the Village of Chaumont, and affirms that this will benefit both Town and Village residents for many years to come.

VOTING: **Ayes: 4**
 Nays: 0

The roll call vote was:	Valerie Rust, Mayor	Aye
	Michael Nichols, Deputy Mayor	Aye
	Patricia Reome, Trustee	Aye
	James Morrow, Trustee	Aye

Water/Sewer Report

Ronald Young, 12215 Co, Rte 125, is requesting a 5,000 gallon sewer credit as he topped off his swimming pool in June. Unanimously approved by the trustees.

Water/Sewer Report (con't)

Mayor Rust reported that based on prior approval from the Trustees, Chad & Stephanie Doney hauled 3,700 gallons of water to fill their pool from the Village hydrant. DPW supplied a portable meter to register the usage. The water rate will be charged at the current rate of \$5.00/kgal.

Trace Mathieu has requested a payment plan on his water and sewer bill until he is able to become current. The trustees were in agreement to allow the payment plan, however he must sign the agreement and abide by the time frame written in the agreement.

REDI – Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative

Gov. Cuomo declared a state of emergency for eight counties impacted by Lake Ontario flooding in May 2019. The REDI program has been awarded \$100 million to help residents, businesses and municipalities to plan and build stronger for what is considered the new normal high water level. An informational meeting has been scheduled for June 26th and municipalities have been asked to come prepared with possible projects ideas for their municipalities.

Mayor Rust has asked the help of Gregor Smith of BC&A to help with projections for projects in the Village. Some ideas include the two Sawmill Bay marinas, consideration for the Water Street shoreline and the Cedar Grove cemetery shoreline.

Mayor's Report

The Planning Board's proposed Solar Law has been sent to the Board for their review. Since the VBT have not had an opportunity to review it in depth, it was decided that the VBT will advertise to meet at 6 pm on August 20, 2019. The public hearing for the solar law will begin at 6:15 and the regular board meeting will commence at 6:30 pm.

Committee Reports

Trustee Morrow: Nothing to report.

Trustee Reome: The Planning Board intends to rewrite section 330 (Unclassified Uses) of the Land Use Law.

Trustee Nichols: Nothing to report.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Correspondance:

CHIPS funding: 2019 funding: CHIPS: \$20,775.64 / PAVE \$18,979.59 / EWR \$3,910.36

James Burrows: Correspondence from Atty Burrows that his firm, Conboy, McKay, Bachman & Kendall is prepared to assist the Village in any legal matters regarding zombie properties.

Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent: Notice that online services from July 18th thru July 22nd will be available in “Inquiry Only” mode as system upgrades are installed.

Motion to Adjourn:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Morrow, and unanimously passed, It was “ **Resolved** to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees July 16, 2019 meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Mayor Rust made a motion to enter into executive session to address concerns of Thomas Humiston at 7 pm. Executive session concluded at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fitzgerald
Village Clerk/Treasurer