

**Public Hearing Chaumont Bay Marina Site Plan Review and
Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees**

August 20, 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 20th Day of August, 2019

Board Members Present:

Mayor: Valerie Rust

Trustee: James Morrow

Trustee: Patricia Reome

Trustee: Dori-Ann Froelich

Also Present:

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald

DPW Superintendent: Greg Ingerson

Others Present: Thomas Humiston

Public Hearing –Chaumont Bay Marina Site Plan Review--6:15 P.M

Mayor Rust opened the Public Hearing regarding the Chaumont Bay Marina site plan for a 36' x 48' addition to an existing boat storage building. The addition will serve as the main retail building for the business once it is complete.

Jefferson County Planning reviewed the project and noted the following advisory comments: "The local board should ensure parking for marina patrons will be provided pursuant to the Village Development Code of 1 space per two boat slips". They added that the advisory comments are not a condition of the County Planning Board's action and is provided to assist the local board in it's review of the project.

Part 2 of the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment form was completed during the public hearing.

Mayor Rust closed the Public Hearing for the Chaumont Bay Marina site plan at 6:30 p.m. The Village Board of Trustees received no additional comments regarding the proposed project.

Regular Board meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees

Mayor Rust opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees August 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Rust requested that the minutes reflect that Trustee Nichols is absent this evening.

Privilege of the Floor

Thomas Humiston addressed the Board in regards to an election/membership dispute within the Chaumont Vol. Fire Dept. He explained that he feels another member and himself have been removed unfairly from the department and his requests via FOIL have been ignored. He has retained an attorney as has the Fire Dept. regarding his membership status with the department and other concerns. Mayor Rust explained that her research has determined that the Chaumont Vol. Fire Dept is an independent fire company of which the Village contracts for fire protection. She has contacted NYCOM for advice as to the Village Board of Trustee's definitive

responsibility to membership disputes. Mayor Rust requested Mr. Humiston to list his concerns in writing. Mr. Humiston stated he will send this correspondence as soon as possible.

DPW Updates

Greg reported that the sewer line at the Chaumont Fire Dept has been replaced. The line had settled over many winters and had an 80' belly in the line. The line was replaced and bedded with stone.

Greg requested to have two of the WWTP tanks pumped. Karen gave the go ahead as funds are available within the account

Karen informed Greg that NYSERDA no longer offers incentives for installation of VFDs on the sewer pumps. They recommended research into possible National Grid incentives.

Greg reported that a van backed over the sewer line cleanout located at the beach and that repairs to the cleanout have been made. Mayor Rust stated she wasn't aware that the sewer line came as far as the beach. She commented that was good information for possible installation of a restroom in the distant future.

Greg stated that the DPW will be re-painting the roads around the school in the near future.

Greg requested to have Gleason's pump out each pump station before winter. The cost per station is \$270.00 and will save a lot of wear and tear on each pump.

We are still waiting for Koester to complete the final repairs to the WWTP. The delay is due to the need to fabricate a part to the RBC. Karen mentioned that the insurance company is anxious to have the repairs done ASAP.

Chaumont Bay Marina Site Plan

Mayor Rust entertained a motion to approve the site plan for the Chaumont Bay Marina request. Motion was made by Trustee Morrow and seconded by Trustee Froelich to approve the Chaumont Bay Marina site plan as presented. All in favor.

Solar Law

Mayor Rust reported that she, Karen and Hartley met with two representatives from NYSERDA prior to tonight's meeting to review the proposed solar law. In reviewing of our proposed law, they advised that the Village Board consider adoption of a PILOT funds in lieu of taxes law and Battery storage law as soon as possible. NYSERDA made a few suggestions to the Village's proposed solar law in regards to set backs and lot coverage.

Mayor Rust entertained a motion to hold the public hearing for the proposed solar law at 6 pm on September 17th prior to the regular board meeting. Karen will verify with the Planning Board that they will have enough time to finalize any amendments to the proposed solar law.

Capital Fund Savings

Mayor Rust authorized the closure of the Capital Fund Savings account at Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent and requested the funds be transferred to the River Crossing account at Watertown Savings Account.

The balance of the account is \$5,958.21. She explained that having two capital fund accounts was too difficult to report on the Annual report. Since the Capital Fund was opened in anticipation of a capital project, it was sensible to place the funds into the River Crossing account.

Trident Insurance Cancellation

The Village has received notification that Trident Insurance will not renew the Village's insurance policy as of October 15th. Our insurance agent, Mike Gillette, stated that it is due to the claims history for the Village. He cited the sewer plant loss of over \$300,000, Trainham disputes, Pacific settlement and Marcellus Construction's fight to take on Mrs. Brox's defense.

He stated that he is reaching out to other insurance companies and is confident a carrier can be found, however the premium may increase to as much as \$15,000.00. Currently the annual premium is \$9,990.89. Karen stated that NYMIR is a municipal insurer that has been interested in quoting insurance for the Village and that she can request a quote from them.

Dissolution Committee Update

Mayor Rust reported that meeting #4 was in regards to DPW employee duties and benefits, shared services, Water, Sewer and Lighting. Next meeting will be held on Sept 25 at 6 pm.

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

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| Real Property Tax | A1001: | \$ 40,813.19 |
| Lieu of Taxes | A1081: | \$ 0.00 |
| Jeff. County Sales Tax | A1120: | \$ 0.00 |
| Penalty/Interest: | A1090: | \$ 205.98 |
| Gross Utility Tax: | A1130: | \$ 60.57 |
| Franchise Fees: | A1170: | \$ 0.00 |
| Clerk Fees: - | A1255: | \$ 0.00 |
| Registrar Fees: | A1603: | \$ 0.00 |
| Building Permits: | A2555: | \$ 337.00 |
| Unclassified | A2770: | \$ 179.77 |
| Beach fees: | A7140: | \$ 93.00 |
| Chips | A3501 | \$ 0.00 |
| State Aid: Aid & Incentives | A3001 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total: | | \$ 41,669.51 |

Water Fund

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| Metered Water Sales | F2140-1: | \$ 10,855.11 |
| O&M/DCC FEES: | F2140-2: | \$ 6,612.82 |
| Unmetered Water: | F2142: | \$ 0.00 |
| Interest & Penalty Fee: | F2148: | \$ 169.74 |
| Water Meter Fees | F2144: | \$ 0.00 |
| Service Connection: | F2145: | \$ 0.00 |
| Total: | | \$ 17,637.87 |

Sewer Fund

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| Debt Service: | G2122: | \$ 5,151.25 |
| Usage Fee Sewer Rent: | G2120: | \$ 8,577.68 |
| Interest & Penalty Fees: | G2128: | \$ 159.72 |
| O&M Fees: | G2770: | \$ 2,241.58 |
| Total: | | \$ 16,130.23 |

River Crossing Project

Gregor Smith, BC&A will meet with Mayor Rust to discuss financial amendments to the engineering agreement on Thursday, August 22nd. Increased expenses are attributed to additional studies needed for placement of the waterline on the new bridge.

Trustee Froelich stated she needs to have her driveway reconstructed to eliminate water runoff into her home. She asked if it would behoove her to wait until after the Water Street portion of the project is complete. Mayor Rust stated she will ask Gregor to review the Water Street project to verify it will not impact any construction the Froelich’s will have done.

Motion to Approve Minutes of the July 16, 2019 board meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Reome, and unanimously passed, it was “**Resolved**” to Approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

Motion to Approve Payment of Abstract #3 of the August 20, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Morrow, and unanimously passed, It was “**Resolved**” to Approve Payment for Abstract #3 of the August 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$8,900.00 General Fund Vouchers 1094-1116, \$63.45 Water Fund, Vouchers 320-321 , \$7,504.17 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 494-504, Trust & Agency: \$5,684.40 Voucher #53, River Crossing Project \$460.00, Voucher #8.

Water/Sewer Report

Karen reported that Kristi Henderson has requested a sewer credit for the filling of her pool on two occasions due to an accidental mowing incident. After filling the pool for the season, a rock was thrown through the pool when mowing and the pool required repair and a refill. She estimated that they may have used as much as 14,000 gallons. After some consideration, the trustees felt we should wait until the next reading in August and adjust the amount based on average usage.

Karen reported that a reading for the property of Kenneth Soules indicated a reading 63k gallons. It is common for that household to use 8,000 gallons, however on an electronic read, it stated 35,000 gallons of usage. The meter was re-read and seemed to be working properly. It is unclear why there was an error in the electronic read. Karen contacted the software company but they had no explanation. The Board approved a credit of 27,000 gallons to the Soules’ bill due to the apparent reading error.

Mayor’s Report

Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Trustee Morrow: Nothing to report

Trustee Reome: The Planning Board has reviewed the site plan for Chaumont Bay Marina and have recommended approval of the plan.

Trustee Froelich: Nothing to report.

New Business

The Lyme Parks & Recreation Committee is requesting that the Village sponsor the annual Tour de Chaumont Bay Bike Ride. Their request for sponsorship will enable the ride to be added as a sponsored event by the Village and added to the Village's insurance. Motion was made by Trustee Reome and seconded by Trustee Froelich to sponsor this event annually for this year and all subsequent years.

Trustee Morrow commented that individuals in the community would like to recognize retiring LCS teacher, Mary Guyette. Some suggestions included signage when entering the Village touting the NYS Soccer championship.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Correspondence:

Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency--- a letter of request to be listed as an "Involved Agency" in the process and in any correspondence regarding any project that may ultimately involve the JCIDA.

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC- "ATT" –Notification that they are in the process of submitting application for site plan review, special use permit and zoning permit for the installation of a new wireless facility on property owned by the General Brown School District located at 17643 Cemetery Rd, Town of Brownville.

Calpine Energy Solutions- Change in Gross Utility Tax filing frequency from quarterly to annually.

Motion to Adjourn:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, It was " **Resolved** to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees August 20, 2019 meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fitzgerald
Village Clerk/Treasurer

