

Public Hearing – Solar Law and
Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees
Village of Chaumont/Town of Lyme Municipal Office
Located at 12175 NYS Route 12E
Chaumont, New York 13622
Held on the 19th Day of November, 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

Public Hearing –Solar Law--6:00 P.M

Mayor Rust opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed solar law at 6:00 pm. No public comments were received during the public hearing. Recommended changes to the original draft regarding decommissioning bonding by the VPB were discussed. Those changes include a reduction to 100% for cost of removal of the system with an escalator of 3% annually for the life of the Solar Energy System. The short SEQR form was reviewed and completed. It was determined that the Solar Law provided no adverse environment impacts

Mayor Rust closed the Public Hearing for the Village of Chaumont Solar Law at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Board meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees

Mayor Rust opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees November 19, 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

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

DPW Updates

Trash and recycling will take place on Thursday, Dec. 26th and Thursday, January 2nd due to Christmas and New Year's falling on Wednesday. Notice will be placed on Facebook and on the Village's website.

Fuel tanks at the shared fuel depot will be under repair for at least a week in the next few months. This project is expected to cost in excess of \$30,000. Originally, each shareholder-Village, Town & School agreed to pay their share of the repairs based on usage. The percentage assigned to the Village is 7%. However, during a conversation with Karen, Supervisor Aubertine stated that the school had agreed to pay the cost of repairs in full.

Village Dissolution Committee

The first Public Information meeting regarding Phase 1 of the Village Dissolution was held at the Chaumont Firehall on Thursday, October 24 at 7 pm. Approximately 30 residents attended.

Jefferson County Recycling

Notice has been received from Jefferson County Recycling that dumpsters filled with recycling will no longer be picked up for free. Starting Jan. 1, 2020, a fee of \$50.00 will be charged per pickup. The Village currently has two dumpsters-one for cardboard and one for plastic & glass. Greg estimates that pickup occurs twice per month for each dumpster. Mayor Rust commented that the dumpsters will be maintained until the end of the year, however in 2020, all recyclables pickup by the Village DPW will need to be delivered to the transfer site as the Village will not pay the fees for dumpster pickup.

Code Enforcement

The Planning Board has expressed concerns for dealing with code issues while Code Enforcement Officer Millington is away on medical leave. The trustees discussed the possibility of contracting with Richard Ingerson, CEO in Clayton to cover code enforcement and zoning while Jim is away. Mayor Rust asked that Karen contact Jim to tell him the VBT is considering this option. A mention was made that the Town has budgeted for training of a backup enforcement officer for the future and the Village may be able to contract with that person as well.

Solar Law Resolution

Resolution 4 2019-2020

At their regular monthly Village Board meeting of November 19, 2019 the following members of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees were present.

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

AT said meeting, Mayor Valerie Rust forwarded the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Morrow:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees hereby amends the existing Land Development Code to include amendments to Article II (Definitions) and Section 325 to include site plan review in Business Residential(BR) and Residential B (RB) of:

- (f) Large Scale Solar Energy System
- (g) Medium Scale Solar Energy System

Be it further enacted that Section 330-(Unclassified Uses) be removed and Section 650 in Article VI of the Land Development Code of the Village of Chaumont shall be added as follows: Section 650-Solar Energy Systems.

VOTING: AYES: 4
NAYES: 0

The roll call vote was: Valerie Rust, Mayor
James Morrow, Trustee
Patricia Reome , Trustee
Dori-Anne Froelich, Trustee

Joint Town & Village Meeting

Legislator Bill Johnson has requested a joint meeting with Town & Village officials to discuss the Norbut Solar Farm proposal and PILOT funding. Mayor Rust suggested that a joint meeting be held directly following the dissolution committee meeting on November 26th.

River Crossing Easements

Atty Burrow's email regarding Parry Paro's unsigned easement was read. This easement will be problematic since it is in an estate. There are still 9 unsigned easements for Water St and 3 unsigned for Co. Rte 179. Mayor Rust directed Karen to contact Jim to ask him not to proceed with any further easement work until notified otherwise due design changes in the River Crossing plans.

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

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$	3,423.35
Lieu of Taxes	A1081:	\$	-0-
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$	36,510.34
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$	274.12
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$	63.52
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	2,480.94
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	0.00
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	50.00
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	2221.00
Unclassified	A2770:	\$	86.74
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	-0-
Chips	A3501	\$	0.00
State Aid: Aid & Incentives	A3001	\$	<u>1,110.11</u>
Total:		\$	43,738.19

Water Fund

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$	11,843.59
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$	8,983.34
Unmetered Water:	F2142:	\$	0.00
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$	169.62
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$	0.00
Service Connection:	F2145:	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total:		\$	20,996.55

Sewer Fund

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$	6,328.66
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$	9,164.77
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$	169.61
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$	<u>3,165.36</u>
Total:		\$	18,828.40

Motion to Approve Minutes of the October 15, 2019 board meeting:

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

Motion to Approve Payment of Abstract #6 of the Nov 19, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Nichols, Seconded by Trustee Morrow, and unanimously passed, It was **“Resolved”** to Approve Payment for Abstract #6 of the November 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$8,056.89 General Fund Vouchers 1152-1165, \$27,574.40 Water Fund, Vouchers 329-335, \$2,703.55 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 525-35 Trust & Agency: \$5,684.40 Voucher #56, River Crossing Project \$0.00, Voucher #.

Water/Sewer Report

Pamela Audo contacted the Village Office to request the removal of the water meter for the apartment at her mother’s house. Authorization by the VBT for the EDU removal was granted in December 2018 with the condition that the water meter be removed. Greg will remove the meter if a shut off valve is in place. If not, one must be installed at the expense of Mrs. Audo.

Water & Sewer EDUs

Karen has manually completed an audit of water & sewer users within the Village’s water district. The spreadsheet indicates the number of water & sewer EDUs per site along with the charges for O&M and DCC fees. Users in the current software program are being billed DCC fees at the same rate as EDUs. Mayor Rust feels this is not correct and that DCC fees should be charged as 1 per parcel regardless of the use of the property. Mayor Rust will examine the spreadsheet for any errors and examine our law to determine if changes to DCC fees should be made.

Mayor’s Report

REDI Program (Resiliency & Economic Dev. Initiative)

Mayor Rust reported that the potential projects submitted by the Village for consideration of REDI funding were not selected. The projects submitted were: Village of Chaumont Municipal Beach, Water Street residential area, Sawmill Bay (Crescent Yacht Club & Magee’s Marina), the Chaumont Bay Marina (Chaumont River) and a joint venture with the Town of Lyme to improve the shore on Sawmill Bay (Town Park). The Town however was fortunate to receive funding for the Park for the amount of \$1.18 Million dollars.

Committee Reports

- Trustee Reome:** Nothing to report.
- Trustee Froelich:** Nothing to report.
- Trustee Morrow:** Nothing to Report.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Correspondence:

NYSDOH: Email notification that Gov. Cuomo signed legislation to now allow adoptees to receive original birth certificates.

Assemblyman Mark Walczyk: Copy of letter sent to NYS DOT requesting that municipalities be allowed to set speed limits in their communities. Current statute only allows Towns with a population greater than 50,000 to set speed limits within their town.

Regional Waterline (DANC): email from Brian Nutting announcing the preliminary budget meeting for Jan 8th and a list of current allocations. The Village of Chaumont has been allocated at a rate of 80k/gal per day. Mayor Rust stated that this is sufficient and no change is necessary.

ANCA (Adirondack North Country Assoc): Letter of request to become a member of the organization. No motion was received.

NYSDEC: Letter of reminder that reconstruction, repairs or change to the floodplain requires a local floodplain permit. Also, repairs to affected buildings should be done in accordance with the NFIP regulations, NYS building codes and the local Flood Damage Prevention Law.

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 November 19, 2019 meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fitzgerald
Village Clerk/Treasurer