

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 21st Day of January, 2020

Board Members Present:

Deputy Mayor: Michael Nichols
Trustee: Patricia Reome
Trustee: Dori-anne Froelich

Also Present:

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald
John Duvall, DPW Superintendent

Regular Board meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees

Deputy Mayor Nichols opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees January 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Mayor Nichols requested that the minutes reflect that Trustee Morrow and Mayor Rust are absent this evening.

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

DPW Updates

Joan O'Brien has requested that the refuse and recycling trucks do not turn around in the marina driveway at the base of Mill St. John stated that in the future, the DPW will pickup the trash and recycling from the LaFontaine's residence to avoid the need to turn around at the base of the hill.

Potholes on Park Dr. have been temporarily filled with sand for the time being and will be repaired later this spring.

John reported that the DPW has purchased three ceramic milk house heaters instead of regular milk house heaters for the sewer pumps. Although they are more expensive, they are supposed to have a longer operating life.

Jessman Trash & Recycling- Quote for Dissolution Committee

The Dissolution committee had requested Karen to ask Mark Jessman for a quote to pick up trash and recycling for the Village in the event of dissolution. His quote was for \$42,900.00 for both services to serve the village limits only.

DPW Resignation/Salary Adjustments

Karen read Greg Ingerson's resignation letter effective January 19, 2020. The Board of Trustees accepted his resignation with many comments regarding the wonderful job he has done for the Village. Greg has accrued 127 hours of vacation time, however our personnel policy entitles him to only 80 hours of paid vacation time to be paid at the next payroll period. At this time the Board of Trustees have decided not to hire additional help to fill Greg's position

In light of Greg's departure, the Board of Trustees hereby appoints John Duvall the new DPW Superintendent. The trustees offered two options to John for salary and benefits. John opted for Option #2 which includes an annual salary of \$50,000.00 with paid overtime at a rate of \$36.06 per hour. Benefits include family health insurance, mileage for sewer rounds and a cell phone. This option will be reviewed at the end of the fiscal year on May 31st to determine the effects of overtime on the budget.

Greg Ingerson was appointed to contract with the Village as the second Sewer certificate. His stipend will be \$500.00 per month plus a call-in rate of \$28.00 per hour. (one hour minimum)

Al Netto, DPW laborer, will receive an increase of \$1,000.00 increasing his hourly wage from \$14.90 to \$15.38.

Upon a motion by Trustee Reome, seconded by Trustee Froelich and unanimously passed, all above salary adjustments were approved.

Jefferson County Recycling

The Board of Trustees approved retaining the recycling bins through Jefferson County at a rate of \$50.00 per pickup. The trustees agreed that with Greg leaving, retaining the bins would lessen the additional burden of being shorthanded. It is estimated that the monthly fee will average about \$200.00 per month.

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

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$	-0-
Lieu of Taxes	A1081:	\$	-0-
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$	-0-
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$	-0-
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$	56.20
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	2,488.05
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	-0-
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	-0-
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	452.00
Unclassified	A2770:	\$	269.10
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	-0-
Chips	A3501	\$	375.00
State Aid: Aid & Incentives	A3001	\$	-0-
Total:		\$	23,640.35

Water Fund

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$	11,972.47
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$	9,566.36
Unmetered Water:	F2142:	\$	0.00
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$	81.76
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$	0.00
Relevied water bills:	F2145:	\$	0.00
Total:		\$	21,620.59

Sewer Fund

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$	5,938.16
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$	6,826.76
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$	81.75
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$	3,109.07
Relevied Sewer bills:			-0-
		\$	17,955.74

Motion to Approve Minutes of the December 15, 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 December 15, 2019 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

Motion to Approve Payment of Abstract #8 of the January 21, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, It was “**Resolved**” to Approve Payment for Abstract #8 of the January 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$26,042.77 General Fund Vouchers 1183-1194, \$20,832.59 Water Fund, Vouchers 343-3348, \$2,628.94 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 545-553 Trust & Agency: \$6,015.39 Voucher #58, River Crossing Project \$37,032.97, Voucher #11.

Water/Sewer Report

During the December VBT meeting, the trustees agreed to allow the fees for the meter & saddle expenses to Wise Guys be charged over two billing cycles. Mrs. Williams is requesting that we consider a longer time to pay these additional fees. The trustees agreed that the expense for the meter & saddle (\$815.44) can be charged over 6 billing cycles starting in March 2020 billing.

Audits of EDUs in the water & sewer software program is continuing. Adjustments to the DCC fees on commercial properties was discussed. Discussion was tabled awaiting review of the 2020-2021 proposed water & sewer budget.

Mayor’s Report

No Mayor’s report was given this evening.

Committee Reports

Trustee Reome: The Village Planning Board has cancelled their February meeting and will hold a public hearing for the Norbut Solar project on March 3rd at 6 pm. Lead Agency letters for the SEQR process will need to be mailed to interested agencies.

Trustee Nichols: Nothing to report.

Trustee Froelich: Nothing to report

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Correspondence:

NYS Tug Hill Commission: Notification of Conference sessions at Jefferson Community College on March 26, 2020.

Federal Trade Commission: Letter of explanation and check in the amount of \$75.68. The check is in payment of a class action lawsuit against A-1 Janitorial Supply Corp for charging customers for free samples of cleaning supplies. The Village received the product, but after it was returned to A-1, the company continued to bill and harass the Village for payment. The Village suffered no financial loss in the original transaction.

Geico: a letter in regards to the accident on Dec. 6, 2019 in which Kimberly & Noah Lopez swerved off the road to avoid hitting the Village plow truck. The letter was sent on to the Village's insurance agent for their review.

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 January 21, 2020 meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fitzgerald
Village Clerk/Treasurer