

Village of Chaumont
Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees
Held via virtual zoom meeting (COVID-19 shutdown)
12175 NYS Route 12E
Chaumont, New York 13622

Held on the 21st Day of April, 2020
Via Zoom meeting

Board Members Present:

Mayor: Valerie Rust
Deputy Mayor: Michael Nichols
Trustee: James Morrow
Trustee: Patricia Reome
Trustee: Dori-Ann Froelich

Also Present:

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald

Public Hearing –2020-2021 Budget Hearing---6:00 P.M

Mayor Rust opened the Public Hearing for the proposed 2020/2021 Annual Budget at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Rust informed the Trustees that the final taxable property value total is \$37,125,180.00. The assessment result is \$4.50 per thousand dollar of assessment. This is an increase of \$.10 over the 2019/2020 budget assessment. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$166,900.00 for the 2020/2021 budget.

Reductions to anticipated revenue in the general fund proposed budget were made due to the COVID-19 pandemic which is expected to affect sales tax revenue by at least 20%.

The water & sewer proposed budget reflects the reduction in EDUs for marinas during off season.

Mayor Rust closed the Public Hearing for the proposed 2020/2021 Annual Budget 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 April 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Rust requested that the minutes reflect that all trustees were present via virtual meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

DPW Updates

Karen reported that the spring newsletter had been sent informing residents that spring cleanup has been cancelled. Residents may place items to the road in anticipation of a spring cleanup however Mayor Rust stated that the DPW will need to tag items these items until all are informed.

Brush pickup will begin on the last Thursday of April and continue until the last Thursday in October.

Karen reported that flushable wipes and baby wipes are causing major clogging in the sewer pumps. John has had numerous sewer call-ins due to this problem. Mayor Rust requested Karen

attach a note to future water billings informing residents to discontinue flushing wipes of any kind down the toilet. Mayor Rust also requested that a notice be placed on the Village's website.

Budget Approval for fiscal year 2020-2021

Resolution 28 2019-2020

At their Village Board budget public hearing meeting of April 21, 2020 the following members of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees were present via virtual meeting through Zoom:

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

AT said meeting, Mayor Rust, forwarded the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Nichols,

RESOLUTION NO. 28 2019-2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Chaumont will adopt the 2019-2020 proposed General Fund Budget in the amount of \$ 301,900.00, the Water Fund budget in the amount of \$284,000.00 and Sewer Fund budget in the amount of \$270,000.00 as final. Amount to be raised by taxes is \$166,900.00 which results to a tax rate of \$4.50 per thousand dollars of assessment. Members in favor are as follows:

**VOTING: AYES: 5
NAYES: 0**

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

RESOLUTION NO: 28 2019-2020 ADOPTED

River Crossing Project - Water St. Improvements & Valve Replacement

The bid opening for the Water Street waterline improvements and 9 valve replacements throughout the Village was held on April 9, 2020 at 3pm. JL Excavations submitted the low bid in the amount of \$636,638.00. An alternate bid was also submitted for waterline improvements to Evans Rd (Co. Rte 179) in the amount of \$304,598.50.

Rumors that the DOT's Chaumont bridge replacement project had been postponed until 2027 prompted Mayor Rust to speak to a NYSDOT engineer to learn if this was true. AT the time of the board meeting, it was not clear how this could impact our EFC grant and financing for the River Crossing project. A meeting with Gregor and Rachel of BCA has been scheduled for next week to explore any ramifications. Acceptance of the bid was tabled for the May 2020 BOT meeting.

April 2020 Accounts Receivable: General/Water/Sewer Fund Updates:

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$	10,406.11
Lieu of Taxes	A1081:	\$	0.00
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$	0.00
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$	0.00
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$	59.57
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	0.00
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	10.00
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	0.00
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	0.00
Unclassified Dissolution Reimb.	A2770:	\$	3,230.50
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	0.00
Chips	A3501	\$	0.00
State Aid: Aid & Incentives	A3001	\$	0.00

Total: \$ 13,706.18

Water Fund

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$	11,313.94
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$	9,662.73
Unmetered Water:	F2142:	\$	-0-
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$	117.67
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$	151.20
Service Connection:	F2145:	\$	137.11
Return of Training Fee (NYRWA)		\$	100.00
Total:		\$	21,482.65

Sewer Fund

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$	4,729.89
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$	9,293.80
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$	117.66
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$	3,202.22
Total:		\$	17,343.57

WWTP Final repairs

Repairs to the RBC have been completed at the WWTP. Koester's final invoice is in the amount \$72,317.86 and has been submitted to the insurance company for their approval.

Motion to Approve for Payment Abstract #11 of the April 21, 2020 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Nichols, Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, It was "**Resolved**" to Approve Payment for Abstract #11 of the April 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$4,211.54 General Fund Vouchers 1223-1233, \$18,557.17 Water Fund, Vouchers 355-357, \$4121.87 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 576-583, Trust & Agency: \$4,316.51 Voucher #64, \$454.40 River Crossing Fund, Voucher 13.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2020 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Reome, and unanimously passed, it was “**Resolved** to Approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2020 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

Request for amendment of special meeting minutes (3/10/2020) by Norbut Solar Farms

Original site plan special meeting minutes approval for Norbut Solar Farms included the following wording: “ it was resolved to approve the Norbut Solar Farms site plans for four 5MW solar energy facilities and one 3MW Solar energy facility with battery storage as presented.

The revised minutes were changed to: “ it was resolved to approve the Norbut Solar Farms site plans for four 5MW solar energy facilities with battery storage, and one 3MW Solar energy facility with battery storage as presented”.

Upon a motion by Trustee Nichols, seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, it was resolved to amend the special meeting minutes of 3/10/20 to include the wording regarding battery storage. Approval of the change of wording was also received by Planning Board Chair, Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer.

Water/Sewer Report

Karen reported that delinquent water accounts have been sent to Real Property at Jefferson County for relevy to the Village tax bills. Due to the pandemic, only the most extreme balances were submitted. Five accounts totaling \$5,862.46 were submitted.

Mayor’s Report

Dissolution Study: Mayor Rust reported that the Dissolution Plan has been completed by the Dissolution committee and will be acted upon at May’s BOT meeting. Each board action requires a specific number of days before moving on to the next action. The anticipated timeline is to accept the proposed plan in May, hold a public informational meeting in July, approve the plan in early August and hold the vote on Election Day 2020.

Mayor Rust also made a suggestion that if dissolution does occur, it would be prudent to have a representative of the Village serve on the Town’s Water Board.

Committee Reports

Trustee Morrow: Nothing to report

Trustee Nichols: The Youth Commission have been discussing summer programs and are unsure if any programs will be run this summer.

Trustee Froelich: Nothing to report

Trustee Reome: Nothing to report as the Planning Board did not meet this month.

New Business

A request was made to ask CEO Millington to inspect the excavation of dirt on property behind the 7-11 Store on Morris Tract Rd. Karen will contact Jim to make that request.

Karen reported that the summer concert series has been cancelled for this summer.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Correspondance:

Crescent Yacht Club: Notice that the organization has applied for their Liquor License for the season.

Excellus: Letter informing the Village that due to the COVID-19 crisis, no charges will be imposed for late insurance payments provided an agreement is made in advance.

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 April 21, 2020 meeting at 6.58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fitzgerald
Village Clerk/Treasurer

