

Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees
Incorporated Village of Chaumont: March 19, 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 19th Day of March, 2019
Amended April 23, 2019

Board Members Present:

Trustee: James Morrow
Trustee: Patricia Reome
Trustee: Doriann Froelich

Also Present:

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald
DPW Superintendent.

Trustee James Morrow opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees March 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Morrow requested that the minutes reflect that Mayor Rust and Deputy Mayor Nichols are absent this evening.

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

DPW Updates

Greg reported that the 2002 Ford Explorer SUV has a serious motor issue and is not worth fixing. He feels that it is an extra vehicle and is not necessary to replace.

The DPW intends to fill pot holes on Church Street during spring break and address other pot holes a needed.

The 2008 Dump truck that was sold through Auctions International has been picked up by the buyer. The Village will receive the sale proceeds within the month in the amount of \$14,100.00.

The DPW is requesting approval to have the new 2019 Ford truck undercoated at a cost of approximately \$1,200.00.

Greg reported that he wants to consider a paving project this summer, but is being cautious since there will be no rollover CHIPS funds this year. He will make his recommendations at the next meeting.

Greg reported that sewer pump stations have had a lot of problems with freezing this winter primarily due to the failure of the milk house heaters. The DPW has had to check all stations daily since there are no alarms in place. DEC has recommended that installation of alarms at all 8 stations be considered as soon as feasible. The cost to install the alarms to all 8 stations is \$1,300.00 as quoted by STAT Communications. Monitoring of the alarms is \$25.00 monthly per alarm. This will eliminate the need for the TDS telephone line attached to pump station #3. Karen informed the trustees that the installation has been included in the 2019-2020 sewer budget.

Spring Cleanup

The date for the spring cleanup has been set for the week of May 6th. Residents will be asked to start putting items to the curb on the weekend of May 3rd and have all items out by May 6th. The board has decided this will be the last year that the Village will offer a spring cleanup week and will inform residents throughout this year that due to the dissolution study and pending dissolution vote, a spring cleanup will not be offered in 2020.

Date Change of April 2019 Regular Board meeting

The date set for April’s regular board meeting has been changed from April 16th to April 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Budget Work Session & Public Hearing

A budget work session will be held at 6 pm on April 23rd with the 2019-2020 Budget Public Hearing immediately following at 6:15 until 6:30 pm. At that time, the monthly board of trustees meeting will commence.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, it was “**Resolved** to Approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

Motion to Approve for Payment Abstract #10 of the March 19, 2019 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, It was “**Resolved**” to Approve for Payment Abstract #10 of the March 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$5,173.50 General Fund Vouchers 1014-1024, \$780.20 Water Fund, Vouchers 298-301, \$192,643.29 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 450-459, Trust & Agency: \$5,684.40 Voucher #48, and River Crossing Project-\$0.00.

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

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$	0.00
Lieu of Taxes	A1081:	\$	0.00
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$	29,741.67
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$	0.00
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$	105.69
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	0.00
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	15.00
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	70.00
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	300.00
Unclassified	A2770:	\$	251.74
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	0.00
State Aid: Aid & Incentives	A3001	\$	0.00
Total:		\$	30,484.10

Water Fund

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$ 12,222.64
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$ 8,176.18
Unmetered Water:	F2142:	\$ -0-
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$ 76.17
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$ -0-
Service Connection:	F2145:	\$ -0-
Total:		\$ 20,474.99

Sewer Fund

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$ 5,377.72
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$ 10,111.23
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$ 76.16
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$ 2,861.98
Total:		\$ 18,427.09

Water/Sewer Report

The list of potential residents in threat of having a delinquent water & sewer balance relevy were reviewed. The last day for payment of delinquent accounts has been set as April 5th. Karen will contact each one to remind them that it is necessary to pay all delinquent balances in full prior to that date or else the balances will be added to their Village tax bill.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Rust sent an email regarding changes she would like to be considered to the proposed budget.

Planning Board (Amended at April 23, 2019 meeting to remove Trustee Froelich)

Solar Law: Trustee Reome & Trustee Froelich reported that the Planning Board’s position regarding a solar law is that they will not work on such a law until a moratorium is issued by the Village Board. Trustee Reome said that a moratorium can be removed at any time.

Trustee Reome stated that there was a discussion regarding the possible fire risk due to on-site battery storage within the project. She stated that she would like to request input from the local fire department regarding this if a law is written. Other concerns raised were noise, glare and that the electricity generated by a solar project will not remain in the Village to benefit the residents.

The trustees decided that they would review the Town of Lyme’s solar law and do some individual research on surrounding municipalities’ law to help them ascertain if a law should be written.

Sipos Subdivision- The Planning Board also reviewed a request by George & Maria Sipos to complete a 3 parcel subdivision of their property. The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing for the subdivision at their April 9th meeting.

Committee Reports

Trustee Morrow: Nothing to report
Trustee Froelich: Nothing to report
Trustee Reome: Nothing more to report regarding the Planning Board.

New Business

Winter clothing allowance: The DPW is in the process of receiving quotes for new winter jackets and coveralls. The personnel policy allows for new winter clothing every two years, however new winter clothing has not been purchased since 2014. Quotes will be available for the next board meeting.

Unsafe Telephone Pole: Cammy Morrison of LCS contacted Ariana regarding an unsafe telephone pole in front of the school. Ariana contacted National Grid and was told it would be addressed ASAP. In the meantime, Todd Froyssell, LCS Grounds Superintendent contacted Nat'l Grid to request the pole be removed entirely and move the light to the telephone pole on the opposite corner as this pole is in poor condition and is in the way of plowing. National Grid responded that the pole is not a safety risk and if it were to be removed, there would be a charge of \$1,300.00. The school agreed to share the cost to have the pole removed and light moved. Mayor Rust responded via email that she is not in favor of paying to have pole removed and light moved.

Trustee Reome stated she has agreed to accept the trustee pay and will begin payment as of June 1, 2019.

Old Business

Karen reminded the board that all employees and board members are required to take the Sexual Harassment training available online. Karen will send everyone the link to do the training. After completing the course, a certificate of completion can be printed. Karen will need the certificate of completion for the each person's personnel file.

Correspondance:

Nothing to report

Motion to Adjourn:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Froelich, Seconded by Trustee Reome, and unanimously passed, It was “ **Resolved** to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees March 19, 2019 meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fitzgerald
Village Clerk/Treasurer