

**Dog Control Public Hearing**  
**Land Use Code Amendment Public Hearing**  
**Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees**  
**Incorporated Village of Chaumont: April 17, 2018**  
**Held at the Village of Chaumont/Town of Lyme Municipal Office**  
**Located at 12175 NYS Route 12E**  
**Chaumont, New York 13622**

**Held on the 17th Day of April, 2018**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald

**Public Hearing –2018-2019 Budget Hearing---6:00 P.M**

Mayor Rust opened the Public Hearing for the proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget at 6:00 pm.. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018/2019.

Mayor Rust closed the Public Hearing for the proposed 2018/2019 Annual Budget at 6:30 p.m. The Village Board of Trustees received no comments on the proposed budget.

**Regular Board meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees**

Mayor Rust opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees April 17, 2018, Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Rust asked that the minutes reflect that all trustees are present this evening

**Privilege of the Floor**

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

**DPW Updates:**

No DPW update was given this evening.

**Property Tax Cap**

Mayor Rust was pleased to announce that the proposed Village budget will remain under the Property Tax Cap for fiscal year 2018/2019. The property tax rate will increase from \$4.199 to \$4.320.

### **WWTP Insurance Claim**

On April 3, 2018, the WWTP experienced major damage when RBC bucket broke off and was thrown through the roof. Our insurance company was called and a claim placed. The quote to repair the plant \$189,570.50. This quote was received from Koester Co. who was the original installer of the plant. The insurance adjuster has inspected the plant and the claim has been approved. The Village's liability will be \$1,000.00 as this is the policy deductible.

### **Time Warner Franchise Agreement**

A new agreement written to increase the franchise fee to 5% was received by the Village from Time Warner. Mayor Rust reviewed the agreement, highlighted questionable areas of the agreement and requested guidance from Atty Burrows.

Wording within the agreement provides protection for Time Warner and restricts the Village from revising the agreement for a term of 15 years. Atty. Burrows responded that he is not a fan of either the old or new agreement. He explained that NYS is proposing new legislation pertaining to franchises. He stated that there is no way of knowing to extent the laws will change, however he recommended that we wait to see what legislative changes are adopted.

### **Organizational Meeting**

The Village's organizational meeting generally is held in May, prior to the new fiscal year which starts in June. It was discovered however, that pursuant to Village law, the official year of a village begins at noon on the first Monday of the month immediately following the Village election.

Since the Village election for Mayor or Trustee is held in November each year, it was determined that the Village should hold their organizational meeting in December instead of June. Upon a motion by Trustee Nichols and seconded by Trustee Froelich, it was decided to change the annual organizational meeting month from May to December. The next organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

### **Budget Approval for fiscal year 2018-2019**

Upon a motion by Trustee Nichols, Seconded by Trustee Morrow and unanimously passed, it was Resolved to approve the proposed budget for 2018-2019. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$160,688.00.

### **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2018 Board Meeting:**

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, it was **"Resolved** to Approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2018 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

### **Motion to Approve for Payment Abstract #11 of the April 17, 2018 Board Meeting:**

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Nichols, and unanimously passed, It was **"Resolved"** to Approve for Payment Abstract #11 of the April 17, 2018 Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$4,295.25 General Fund Vouchers 849-860, \$22,480.91 Water Fund, Vouchers 251- 254, \$ 3,580.35 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 376-380, Trust & Agency: \$5,635.00 Voucher #33.

### **Grinder Pump Installation and Maintenance Agreement**

The grinder pump installation and maintenance agreement is being reviewed by Mayor Rust and will be addressed at the May 2018 meeting.

**March 2018 Accounts Receivable: General/Water/Sewer Fund Updates:**

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$ -0-
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$ 27,798.11
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$ -0-
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$ 55.67
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$ 2,924.92
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$ 10.00
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$ 40.00
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$ -0-
Unclassified	A2770:	\$ -0-
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$ -0-
State Aid:	A3001	\$ -0-
Total:		\$ 40,828.70

**Water Fund**

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$ 5,901.20
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$ 2,543.95
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$ 170.09
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$ -0-
Service Connection:	F2145:	\$ -0-
Total:		\$ 8,615.25

**Sewer Fund**

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$ 2,609.57
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$ 5,234.91
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$ 170.06
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$ <u>1,201.10</u>
Total:		\$ 9,215.64

**Planning Board**

Temporary chairperson, Christine Bourquin has submitted her resignation from the Planning Board effective immediately following the April meeting. Remaining members are Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer, Robin Grovesteen and Cathy Munger. It was decided to cancel the April Planning Board meeting as there were no pending project requests.

Mayor Rust stated that she would like to table the discussion regarding the Planning Board until the May meeting. It was thought that advertisements placed in the Lymelight may generate some interested residents to serve on the board. Mark Morina has expressed some interest in serving on the planning board. Ideally, the board would consist of 5 members.

**Water/Sewer Report**

Karen reported the water & sewer relevies sent to Jefferson County totaled \$8,313.57. These amounts will be added to the property's 2018 Village tax bill in June.

Charlie Richardson has requested that the Board consider waiving \$60.00 in late fees for his rental property. He feels he is not responsible for these charges since it was due to tenant's refusal to pay his water/sewer bill on time and he is a third party in all of this. The Board discussed the circumstances and agreed to waive the late fees with the condition that all future water billing will be solely Mr. Richardson's responsibility to pay. No longer will the Village maintain tenant records for him.

### **New Business**

Trustee Reome stated that she has received a complaint regarding an unregistered vehicle parking on the sidewalk near Robert Tefft's home. She requested that CEO Millington address it with owner of the vehicle.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Rust stated she had nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports**

Deputy Mayor Nichols: Nothing to report

Trustee Reome: Nothing to report

Trustee Froelich: Nothing to report

Trustee Morrow: Nothing to report.

### **Correspondance:**

Addie Jenne: Thank you letter for sharing our support for the Safe Water Infrastructure Action Program. This program will provide annual funding to municipalities much like the CHIPS program does for roads.

NYSDEC: Notice of Public Hearing regarding proposed changes in water quality standards for enterococci and E coli of surface waters in New York Harbor.

NYSDOH: Letter regarding the 2018 monitoring requirements of our municipal water supply with location and schedule for water samples in the Village of Chaumont. This letter is to be kept on record within the office and available to the public.

### **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 17, 2018 meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Fitzgerald  
Village Clerk/Treasurer