

**Dissolution Implementation Plan Public Meeting ( via webcast) /**  
**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 11<sup>st</sup> Day of August, 2020**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald  
DPW Superintendent-John Duvall

**Others Present:**

Steve Weed Productions  
Star Carter-Development Authority of the North Country

**Dissolution Public Hearing for public comments**

Mayor Rust opened the Dissolution Public Hearing at 6 pm. The hearing was held via Webcast by Steve Weed Productions to ensure all who wanted to attend would be able to. COVID restrictions and social distancing were concerns for an in person hearing. Letters were sent to all village residents with instructions on how to attend and an invitation to participate. Comments could be made in writing prior to the meeting, via phone call, or via the webcast. No public comments either in writing or via phone call were received. Star Carter, Develop Authority of the North Country, stated that if the vote for dissolution is to dissolve, the NYS grant application should be applied for in December so as to move forward with implementation as soon as January. Mayor Rust closed the public hearing at 6:30 pm.

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

Mayor Rust opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees August 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Rust requested that the minutes reflect that all members are present this evening.

**Privilege of the Floor**

No one was present for the privilege of the floor.

**DPW Updates**

John reported that there has been major sewer issues. A control panel and transducer had to be replaced at pump station #2. The estimate for the control board is \$500.00 -\$1,000.00. P&T will have to reconfigure when received. The RBC chain broke at the WWTP which required overtime and replacement links. The control panel on the generator on pump station 3 also stopped working. Emergency Management supplied a generator to help during this stressful time. John reiterated how thankful he is for the sewer alarm system in place with STAT.

John reported that the DEC inspection went well. Calibration of the WWTP flow meter will need to be done as soon as possible to be certified. John has requested the OEM manual to the RBC from Koester as it should be on premises.

The DPW is diligently placing the limeoline and magnesium progamate in the sewer pumps at Wise Guys. The super stanker vent was installed last Monday. John stated that all of our pumps are 17

years old and are showing their age. Mayor Rust commented that she has contacted local municipalities to inquire if they are experiencing odor problems at their pump stations. Municipalities with newer pumps don't seem to have as much odor as the older pumps. Mayor Rust stated that consideration of replacing one pump annually would be a prudent idea.

Mayor Rust asked John to inspect the Sawmill Bay Boatyard water and sewer set up. Mr. Norton mentioned that water is available at the shop but not at the marina, whereas, the marina has a sewer pump but it is not available at the shop.

John asked the trustees to consider a policy be put in place regarding the large amount of shrink wrap that the marinas put out as trash in the spring. He recommended that the marinas be required to discard it themselves rather than leave it for the trash haulers.

Karen asked the trustees for approval to have the water turned on at the guard shack in Memorial Park to help the Lyme Garden club with watering of the flowers at the Post Office. Approval granted.

## **Dissolution Implementation Plan Approval**

### VILLAGE OF CHAUMONT

Jefferson County

#### **RESOLUTION # 30 - 2020**

To Approve the Village of Chaumont Dissolution Implementation Plan

**Whereas**, the Village of Chaumont established a Dissolution Study Committee in 2019 and applied for and was successful in obtaining funds from a Local Government Citizens' Re-organization Empowerment Grant to complete a Dissolution Study and develop a plan, and

**Whereas**, the Dissolution Study Committee members are Valerie Rust (Village of Chaumont Mayor), Scott Aubertine (Town of Lyme Supervisor), Ed Demattia, Robin Grovesteen, Fred Jackson, Bill Johnson, Jim Morrow, Scott Radley, Marcie Travers-Barth, and Pat Weston, and

**Whereas**, the Village's Dissolution Committee has been conducting a study since June 2019 with assistance from the study consultants, the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), and

**Whereas**, the Village board of Chaumont accepted the final Dissolution Study Report and Dissolution Implementation Plan from the Dissolution Study Committee and held a Public Hearing on August 11, 2020 to consider the final Dissolution Implementation Plan, and

**Now, Therefore be it resolved** the Village of Chaumont does hereby approve the final Village Dissolution Study Report and Dissolution Implementation Plan and will proceed with a Referendum Date of November 3, 2020 for the Village of Chaumont legally registered voters to place their vote and decide if the Village of Chaumont remains as is or dissolves into the Town of Lyme. Absentee ballots to be included in the vote.

Motion by Trustee Morrow and seconded by Trustee Reome. All in favor via roll call vote. In witness thereof I have unto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Village of Chaumont, Jefferson County, NY this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

#### **River Crossing Legal expense**

As discussed in the July meeting, Jim Burrows' expenses for easement legal work for the River Crossing project has exceeded the agreement of \$8,000. Currently, the Village has paid \$223.89, \$337.00 and now another invoice was received for \$888.30. These expenses are not reimbursable through EFC funding. Mayor Rust commented that no additional payment for easement work should be paid since it would be over the agreed amount of \$8,000. Mayor Rust will review the new invoices to determine in what capacity Jim was acting: either for easement work or regarding Water Street contracts. Current invoices were tabled until a determination can be made regarding what work was performed.

## **Standard Workday Resolution & Elected Official Reporting Resolution**

Karen read a letter from the NYS Retirement System regarding review of the Standard Workday resolution. The letter indicated that there were discrepancies regarding the number of days worked on the Record of Activities. An adjustment to the resolution will need to be completed and posted for a minimum of 30 days. The discrepancy is in regards to Karen's ROA result and days reported. The report states that Karen's ROA is 21.22. The letter from the NYSLRS indicates that the number of days reported each month since 2014 should be 19.59 for a 2 pay month and 29.39 for a 3 pay month. An adjustment report must be posted for 30 days and filed within 15 days. A record of activities for both Karen & Dori was kept and submitted to NYSLRS in 2018 and Claude from the retirement system stated that ROA report will be sufficient for 8 years.

Also received was a letter regarding the terms of Trustee Dori-Ann Froelich and Village Clerk, Karen Fitzgerald. A new resolution is necessary due to new appointments on 12/1/19 updating the terms of office for each. Trustee Froelich's term will expire 11/30/21 and Karen Fitzgerald's term will expire at the same time as Mayor Rust (11/30/21) since her position is an appointed position. Motion by Trustee Reome, seconded by Trustee Froelich, and all in favor to pass both Standard Workday resolution and term of office resolution.

### **July 2020 Accounts Receivables**

#### **General Fund**

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$	18,370.87
Lieu of Taxes	A1081:	\$	-0-
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$	26,473.78
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$	108.68
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$	49.60
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	-0-
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	-0-
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	-0-
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	-0-
Unclassified	A2770:	\$	163.74
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	-0-
Chips	A3501	\$	-0-
State Aid: Aid & Incentives	A3001	\$	-0-
Total:		\$	45,166.67

#### **Water Fund**

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$	7,385.75
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$	4,132.63
Unmetered Water:	F2142:	\$	0.00
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$	132.38
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$	0.00
Relevied water bills:	F2145:	\$	0.00
Total:		\$	11,650.76

#### **Sewer Fund**

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$	3,322.58
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$	6,324.21
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$	132.40
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$	1,498.49
		\$	11,277.68

### **Motion to Approve Minutes of the July 21, 2020 board meeting:**

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

### **Motion to Approve Payment of Abstract #3 of the August 11, 2020 Board Meeting:**

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Nichols, and unanimously passed, It was **"Resolved"** to Approve Payment for Abstract #3 of the August 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting in

the amounts of \$4,057.89 General Fund Vouchers 1282-1290, \$730.79 Water Fund, Vouchers 372-375, \$4,661.44 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 612-621 Trust & Agency: \$4,348.79 Voucher #70, River Crossing Project \$99.00, voucher 17.

### **Code Enforcement**

The fence between A-Plus Store and Brian Cuppernell is in the process of being repaired. Jim will be sending a letter to Robert Trainham siting property infractions and a date that it must be completed.

### **Water/ Sewer Report**

#### **Morris Tract water leak**

Bach & Co. will be repairing the leak near the hydrant on Morris Tract Rd on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost of the repair is the responsibility of the outside users: Chapman, Garcia & Walker.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Rust reported that there has been 43 new cases of COVID in Jefferson County.

### **Committee Reports**

**Trustee Nichols:** The program will be starting with a focus on soccer. Smaller groups of 6-7 kids working primarily on skills.

**Trustee Reome:** The Planning Board held a public hearing to hear comments regarding Marty Mathieu's request to subdivide his property on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The PB approved the subdivision of the parcel to include one new lot. The PB is considering an update of the zoning map.

**Trustee Froelich:** Nothing to report

**Trustee Morrow:** Nothing to report

### **New Business**

Karen read an email from Rachel Bernat regarding payment to JL Excavation for stored materials purchased. Tim Maloney has verified that the material is on site at the sewer plant and is more than the contractor is billing for. The total amount is approximately \$80,000. The job meeting is this Thursday and after our board meeting therefore approval by the BOT is required. Approval granted and Mayor Rust will sign the voucher at the meeting. Rachel will also prepare an EFC withdrawal request.

### **Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

### **Correspondence:**

**Fourth Coast:** Introduction to their company and services provided.

### **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 August 11, 2020 meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Fitzgerald, Village Clerk/Treas.

