Village Of Chaumont Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees April 18, 2023

Location of Meeting:

Village Office 12175 State Route 12E Chaumont, New York 13622

Present at Meeting: James Morrow, Jose Sosa, Michael Nichols, Dori-Ann Froelich, Karen Fitzgerald, Erin Fulton, Fred Wendell, Linda Wendell, Ralph Eastman, Alec Wendell, and Lynn Wendell

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont was called to order at 6:32 PM on April 18, 2023.

I. Privilege of the Floor

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Lois Wendell introduced herself as a former summer resident (now full-time resident) of Hart Road in the Town of Lyme. She is a volunteer with the New York Citizens Audit, and thanked the Board of Trustees for hearing her concern. She explained that the New York Citizens Audit is a group of citizens that have organized for the purpose of performing an open-source audit of the New York State Board of Elections. She provided a "Study in Deficits" report to the Board of Trustees ahead of the meeting, and asked for board support in passing a resolution calling upon representatives including Town Board members, County Legislators, State Legislators, Federal Legislators, Law enforcement, State and Federal prosecutors, and judges to help enact legislation defining a mutually agreed upon process by which an end-to-end audit would take place for the New York State 2022 General Election, all future elections, accuracy in state and county voter roll databases, and anonymous vote verification and tracking. The anticipated legislation by the New York Citizens Audit would also criminalize election misconduct explicitly with regard to state election law, and increase penalties for offenses.

Deputy Mayor Morrow questioned what this may have to do with the Village of Chaumont, as all current trustees have run the past several years unopposed, and the amount of votes cast that have put them in office defies "voter fraud" accusations in their limited numbers.

Mrs. Wendell explained that her group is not accusing the Village of Chaumont of voter fraud, but rather is trying to get the support of many legislative bodies to demand an audit of the state's Board of Elections. They believe the fraud is not necessarily on a local level, but statewide. She read the pre-written resolution her group provided and expressed her hope that the VBT would vote on it at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting in May.

II. DPW Update

Deputy Mayor Morrow and Trustee Nichols both shared their thanks (to be passed on to the DPW staff) for the work in repairing and replacing the street signs around the Village. The team has been doing a great job now that the ground is thawing of ensuring the signs are straight and visible.

Clerk Fulton presented the registration form for the 2023 Highway School through Cornell Local Roads Program/NYS LTAP Center at Ithaca College June $5^{th} - 7^{th}$, 2023. The Highway Superintendent for the Town of Lyme will be attending with some other Town DPW members,

and Village of Chaumont DPW Supervisor Greg Ingerson believes it will be a great learning opportunity for our DPW crew, and as a result, a great benefit to the village. The Village of Chaumont would cover an early registration fee of \$125.00 and pay for half of the lodging (to be split with the Town of Lyme). Mileage reimbursement would not be necessary as our crew would carpool with Town of Lyme staff. Laborer Trevor Weston has expressed interest, while laborer Al Netto has declined. The VBT unanimously agreed to send Trevor to training, covering his enrollment fee and half of his lodging.

Clerk Fulton presented a model of the new Village of Chaumont playground rules from Stewart Signs in Cape Vincent. It will be a 24" X 24" white sign with blue and red lettering laying out new rules as suggested by our liability insurance agent with NYMIR. The Board was all in favor of moving forward with Mark Stewart creating the sign.

III. Motion to Approve Abstract #11 of 2022/2023

Trustee Nichols made a motion to approve Abstract #11 of 2022/2023 and Trustee Froelich seconded the motion.

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes of March 14, 2023 and April 4, 2023

Trustee Sosa made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Board Meeting and Budget Work Session, and April 4, 2023 Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing, and Trustee Froelich seconded.

V. Water/Sewer Report

Clerk Fulton presented the Town of Lyme's Water & Sewer Application for Veteran's Park next to Wise Guys. The Board unanimously agreed to waive the \$150.00 application fees for both, but the Town must either pay for or provide their own MXU and meter.

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MARCH RE	CEIPTS														
YR ENDING		May 31, 2023													
	REAL PROP TAXES	LIEU OF TAXES	PEN/INTEREST	SALES TAX CO.	GROSS UTILITY TAX	FRANCHISE FEE	CLERK FEES	REGISTRAR FEES	BLDG/PERMIT	UNCLASSIFIED	BEACH	STATE AID	STATE AID MORT	CHIPS	TOTAL
	A1001	A1081	A1090	A1120	A1130	A1170	A1255	A1603	A2555	A2770	A7140	A3001	A3005	A3501	
					28.55	1472.05	10.00			484.00					1994.60
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BUDGET															
						National Grid				Liability Ins.					
					Township					Reimbursmt					
					Google Voice										
					TWC										

VI. Treasurer's Report

METERED WATER	O&M AND DCC	INT AND PEN	METER FEES	SERV CONNECTION	RET CK	TOTAL	USAGE FEE SEWER RENT	DEBT SER	INT AND PENALTY	O&m AND CONNECTION	TOTAL
F2140	F2142	F2148	F2144	F2145	FEES	WATER	G2120	G2122	G2128	G2770	WASTE
165.00	60.00	15.00				240.00	42.00	102.67	15.00	45.00	204.67
360.00	92.64	32.85				485.49	72.00	445.70	32.85	225.00	775.55
506.63	85.86	12.50				604.99	291.49	585.16	12.50	201.67	1090.82
5,024.89	1,518.54	42.85				6586.28	3,002.61	4,705.13	42.85	2,784.71	10535.30
235.00	40.00	10.00				285.00	234.00	105.42	10.00	90.00	439.42
1,092.86	340.11	30.05				1463.02	445.06	829.94	15.00	596.55	1886.55
2,917.66	1,252.72	30.20				4200.58	1,647.67	2,853.19	30.21	2,358.34	6889.41
121.49	30.00	5.00				156.49	24.00	174.51	5.00	90.00	293.51
190.00	60.00	10.00				260.00	156.00	158.01	10.00	135.00	459.01
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WEBPAY											
LIHWAP (transfer from General Fund)											

VII. Old Business

Clerk Fulton presented the Village of Chaumont's new Vendor License Application as created by Mayor Rust for Dawn Williams of Willy's Hot Diggity. Dawn has filled out the application and paid the \$25.00 fee to conduct business with her mobile food unit on Memorial Drive. The Village is waiting on insurance information from her with our municipality listed as "additionally insured," and she will be good to start on or around May 11, 2023.

VIII. New Business

The Village Clerk received an advisement from Jefferson County Department of Human Resources that the New York State Civil Service Commission has approved amendments to the Civil Service Rules effective October 26, 2022. These amendments included the addition of Enforcement Officer (Part-Time) in the Non-Competitive Class. The County is asking for a report of Personnel Change notice to permanently appoint James Millington to this position. The Board tabled this appointment, asking Clerk Fulton to get more information from the Director of Human Resources about what a "permanent" appointment entails and how this amendment affects everyone involved.

IX. Correspondence

Clerk Fulton presented monthly correspondence.

- Peter Kimpton, the Director of Business Development at GrantMatch Corp. wrote regarding a grant match opportunity called Safe Streets and Roads For All Fund
- Todd Caufield has assigned NYS Anti-Harassment training and Workplace Violence Prevention / Active Shooter Response training to all current Village of Chaumont employees and board members. He will assign these modules to our seasonal employees (lifeguards) in July

- IT Support sales presentation invitation from Lisa Brown, CEO of CST Group, Inc.
- Notification that the Village of Chaumont's ZOOM account has been downgraded to the Basic Plan
- Notice from Excellus BlueCross BlueShield that although a correspondence sent to members in February listed names and/or addresses incorrectly, personal information was not compromised with this error
- Greg Ingerson signed the annual Scheduled Preventative Maintenance Agreement (PMA) with Emergency Power Systems, LLC of Stark Tech
- Our liability representative with Glatfelter Claims Management, Inc. who is handling the Susan Roof claim #NYPF22080861 has been reassigned to Phyllis Ross
- Email from NYCOM thanking Mayor Rust for signing the letter in support of a dedicated funding stream for water and sewer systems (known as SWAP). The letter, which garnered the signatures of 311 mayors, was shared with every legislator and the Governor's office
- The Department of Health sent the 2023 monitoring requirements for the community, direction to distribute updated Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR) prior to May 31st, and instruction that all community water systems must develop and submit a lead service line inventory to their local health department by October 16, 2024
- Confirmation from ESA Insurance that they deleted the 2008 Ford F150 from our policy effective 10/15/2022 and reimbursement check of \$484.00 the difference in the premium
- Letter from Kathy Saville, NYCLASS Investment Director, inviting our municipality to consider enrolling in their program
- Email from Jim Burrows, Village of Chaumont counsel, encouraging municipalities to look into investing with NYCLASS as an alternative banking institution for reserve accounts
- A letter from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights conducting a research project to identify best practices for the Title VI program. The Village of Chaumont was requested to respond as a sub recipient of NYSDOT. The Village of Chaumont did not perform any Title VI self-reviews/self-assessments from FY 2019 – FY 2022
- Notification from the Department of the Treasury that our mailing address has been changed to PO Box 297, Chaumont, NY 13622

X. Resolutions #23 and #24 of the 2022-2023 Organizational Year

RESOLUTION NO. 23

RESOLVED, By the **Village Board of the Village of Chaumont** to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 as filed in the Village Clerk's office and on the public website. The Total Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 6/1/23-5/31/24 is \$180,104, which is under the Tax Cap of \$180,196. The Tax Rate for 2023-2024 will be \$4.58, which is \$.01 lower than 2022-2023 Tax Rate of \$4.59

VOTING:	Ayes 4	Nays 0	
The roll call vote was:	Valerie Rust, Mayor James Morrow, Depu Michael Nichols, Tru Dori-Ann Froelich, T Jose Sosa, Trustee	stee	ABSENT YES YES YES YES

RESOLUTION NO. 23 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 24

RESOLVED, By the **Village Board of Trustees** in the Village of Chaumont to accept the recommendations of the Village Planning Board to amend the Land Development Code to include section 660; Short Term Rentals. Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont that this local law is adopted pursuant to Article 6 of the Village Law, the New York State Executive Law, §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and Section IX of the New York State Constitution. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont has determined that the current Land Development Code of the Village of Chaumont does not adequately address the operation of Short Term Rentals and it is the purpose of this new amendment to establish regulations for the operation of these entities

VOTING:	Ayes 4 Nays ()
The roll call vote was:	Valerie Rust, Mayor	ABSENT
	James Morrow, Deputy Mayor	· YES
	Michael Nichols, Trustee	YES
	Dori-Ann Froelich, Trustee	YES
	Jose Sosa, Trustee	YES

RESOLUTION NO. 24 ADOPTED.

XI. Mayor's Report/Committee Reports

Trustee Nichols gave a report on the Village Beach. There is a table near the water, possibly brought down by fishermen, along with some junk and garbage. There is considerable erosion. The fence at the beach is in poor shape; while a tree that had fallen on it has been removed, the fence damage is unrepaired. The section between the cemetery and beach is also dilapidated. Town of Lyme tables at Bicentennial Park have been left out all season. He also brought up the Water Shed – while the Village DPW continues to clean this area as a shared service with the Town, there are raised flower beds, limbs everywhere, and landscaping issues. There are also branches inside the tennis court that should be removed. Memorial Park next to the Post Office could use some landscaping work, such as weeding between bricks, etc.

Trustee Sosa gave the Youth Commission report. There are currently two potential candidates to fill Stephanie Doney's former position as Summer Recreation Director. Basketball season is over,

with baseball coming up. Someone has been hired to mow the sports fields, but no one to draw the lines yet.

Trustee Froelich told the trustees that the Village Planning Board meeting for April had been canceled.

Deputy Mayor Morrow gave a recap on the recent Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) meetings he has been attending. Currently DANC is looking into a fair way to charge municipalities for water usage. The Village of Chaumont shouldn't change much – especially considering our municipality has nowhere to expand or build new water infrastructure. There will be a vote in June, and he is anticipating a decrease is what the village owes DANC quarterly.

Deputy Clerk Karen Fitzgerald informed the Board that she had been approached by Julie Gosier on behalf of the Hamilton family, requesting recognition (maybe some sort of memorial stone or plaque) at the Village Beach, formerly "Hamilton's Beach." Ms. Gosier was unsure if the beach had been donated by the Hamilton family or purchased by the Village of Chaumont. After some research, Karen found that the beach was "leased with option to purchase" by the village in 1962, under a contract of \$1600.00 to be paid annually (paid in \$800.00 increments every six months) to Lyle and Evelyn Hamilton.

Deputy Clerk Fitzgerald also informed the Board that there will be a meeting on May 4th, 2023 of concerned citizens who are hoping to form a committee to raise money for repair and revitalization of tennis courts.

XII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Trustee Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 PM, which was seconded by Trustee Froelich.

Respectfully Submitted

Erin Fulton

Erin Fulton Village Clerk/Treasurer