

Village Of Chaumont
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 18, 2025

Location of Meeting:

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

Present at Meeting: Jim Morrow, Mike Nichols, Jose Sosa, Tammy McIntosh, Erin Fulton, and Don Bourquin

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont was called to order by Mayor Morrow at 6:30 PM on February 18, 2025.

I. Privilege of the Floor

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Bourquin exercised Privilege of the Floor on behalf of the Town of Lyme regarding Veteran's Park, in respect to the village water and sewer bill. He presented his case that the park, while only a financial expense to the town, benefits both the Town of Lyme and the Village of Chaumont. He explained that although the \$190 bi-monthly bill isn't out of the town's budget – it's the principle of the village billing the town for water and sewer use. Mr. Bourquin reminded the board that the village had waived the sewer fee for the Lyme Coin Operation (water facility) and questioned what could be done for Veteran's Park, as well. Mayor Morrow said the village lost taxpayer revenue when the Town of Lyme bought that parcel, and the Village Board of Trustees was no involved with the transaction at all. "It was a public meeting where it was decided," said Mr. Bourquin. Clerk Fulton suggested in a decrease in Veteran's Park's EDU classification, as had been done in the past with village marinas to offset their costs during slower winter months. The board thought this was a good idea. Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to adjust Veteran's Park from 1.5 EDUs to 1.0 EDU. Trustee Sosa made a motion to adjust, seconded by Trustee McIntosh. All in favor.

II. Operations Report

Clerk Fulton reported DPW operations. On February 5th, 2025, the WWTP's flow meter was calibrated and determined to be operating per manufacturers' specifications. Plowing protocol has been determined, with Ray McIntosh calling Al Netto in depending on snowfall within the village. The board wants the DPW to remember to keep fire hydrants clear, as well. A curb box repair is needed at Paladino's on Washington Street. The village has received Ray's water license from the DOH, and he will be attending his sewer license certification course at SUNY Morrisville next week. Mayor Morrow made motion to raise Ray McIntosh's rate of pay to \$25.50/hour contingent on sewer license procurement. Deputy Mayor Nichols seconded the motion. All in favor.

The board said they would be glad to approve, as long as the shield is no cost to the village. Clerk Fulton will contact Jennifer Egeberg at National Grid to determine cost, if any, and how to move forward

- Notice to Contractors and Grantees regarding Funding Pause/Temporary Restraining Order in the case of New York et al. v. Trump, No. 25-cv-39-JJM-PAS (D.R.I.), ECF No. 50 (Jan. 31, 2025)
- An invitation to Lyme Central School's Alumni Co-Ed Basketball Game on March 2 from 11:00 – 2:00 PM. Trustee Sosa and Mayor Morrow plan to participate
- Reminder from the NYS Gaming Commission to submit the Municipal Clerk Annual Report on Bingo and Games of Chance Activities
 - This doesn't apply to the Village of Chaumont, and Clerk Fulton never distributed a gaming license, as the Volunteer Fire Department decided not to move forward with their application at this time
- Annual Appeal from the Lyme Community Foundation, Inc.

X. Mayor's Report/Committee Reports

Mayor Morrow reported that he had a meeting with the Town of Lyme on Thursday, January 23rd at 10:00 AM, regarding Hart Road outside water users, and the next steps toward transitioning them back into Town of Lyme's Water District #1. The Town of Lyme Board and Water Board, with guidance from their engineer, have agreed to take over these residents. He shared with the board info from the last DANC meeting – Kgals will be going from \$2.55 to \$2.19 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Trustee McIntosh attended the Fire Department meeting in February. They discussed the fire rescue gear on the trucks, congestion on Three Mile Point Road due to ice fisherman, and looking at Pinsky Law firm taking over their books and accounting. They also will be looking at a business debit or credit card, instead of personal purchase/reimbursement that is currently happening. "This meeting was much smoother," Trustee McIntosh reported.

Trustee Froelich was absent. Deputy Mayor Nichols and Clerk Fulton had no report.

Trustee Sosa was in Kansas City during the last Youth Commission meeting, but he reported that they voted in their new board members, as confirmed by Mayor Morrow.

XI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

The Board of Trustees went into Executive Session at 8:23 PM to discuss a personnel issue. They came out of Executive Session at 9:05 PM.

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM. Trustee Sosa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nichols. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Erin Fulton

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Village Clerk/Treasurer