

Village Of Chaumont
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 21, 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, Dori Froelich, Erin Fulton, and Davi Harris

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont was called to order by Mayor Morrow at 6:33 PM on January 21, 2025.

I. Privilege of the Floor

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no Privilege of the Floor.

II. Operations Report

Clerk Fulton reported DPW operations. She brought up a concern on behalf of Mark Jessman, Village of Chaumont's trash vendor, regarding excessive boat plastic (shrink wrap) disposed of at the marinas in the spring and summer months. There are a few months to decide how to move forward with this, and Mayor Morrow believes it can be rectified by talking with the marina owners. Clerk Fulton also confirmed the receipt of the village's deprecation permit for the beach's Canada Geese, effective April 1 – August 31, 2025.

Clerk Fulton also addressed Zoning and Code Enforcement activities – specifically a local business within the village's RES zone that didn't apply for Site Plan Review with the Planning Board. Trustee McIntosh brought up other violations at the same address. Mayor Morrow admitted the board's hands are tied with Zoning and Code enforcement until ZEO Jim Millington returns from medical leave, and it will be addressed at that time.

III. Motion to Approve Abstract #8 of 2024/2025

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to approve Abstract #8 of 2024/2025, with Deputy Mayor ~~Morrow~~ Nichols (*corrected 3/12/25*) making a motion to approve and Trustee Sosa seconding. All in favor.

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes

Mayor Morrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Trustee Sosa. All in favor. He said he'd accept a motion to approve the December 17, 2024 regular Village Board meeting minutes. Deputy Mayor Nichols made a motion to approve and Trustee Sosa seconded the motion. All in favor.

VII. Old Business

Deputy Mayor Nichols acquired information from Clerk Fulton for various NYS DOT contacts and intends to reach out to them for data and guidance regarding parking near intersections on NYS Route 12E, specifically at Madison and Mill Streets. A discussion was had regarding the dangers and hazards of pulling on to the main road from these streets when vehicles are parked along the curb, in current “No Parking” zones. Mayor Morrow reiterated that this problem is an enforcement issue. The board has previously looked into Village Police and the cost to keep them certified alone is more than the village can afford, the mayor said.

Mayor Morrow tabled discussion on the Land Development Code until a later date.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business to report.

IX. Correspondence

Clerk Fulton presented monthly correspondence:

- Letter from NYS DOT introducing Robert A. Haynes as the new Regional Director for Region 7
- CHIPS apportionment and cumulative rollover balance from the NYS DOT
- Letter of Interest for a grant application by Karen Fitzgerald to the Northern New York Community Foundation for the tennis court project was received
- North Star Health Alliance, Inc. submitted application to the North Country Regional EMS Council, Inc. for approval to operate an ambulance service, with public hearing at Gouverneur High School on February 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM
- An email from Mark Zegarelli regarding the Village of Chaumont’s DPW plowing the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department parking lot and his concerns
 - Mayor Morrow responded to this email on December 24, 2024

X. Mayor’s Report/Committee Reports

Mayor Morrow reported that he has 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.

Deputy Mayor Nichols visited the Village Beach to assess the conditions since ice fishing has begun. It appears that vehicles are not driving on the property, which is good. The DPW crew did not move the picnic tables at Bicentennial Park up against the fence at the end of the season, as usual, but Mayor Morrow said this is because they will be taking them to cold storage one at a time for painting and repairs over the winter season during slower times.

Trustee McIntosh said there was not a Fire Department meeting in December, but that she was able to attend January’s meeting. She was discouraged about the hostile work environment among the volunteers and shared her concerns with the Board of Trustees regarding meeting dysfunction and lack of direction.

Trustee Sosa had no report on Youth Commission, as they did not have a meeting.

Trustee Froelich had no report on Village Planning Board, as they did not have a meeting.

Clerk Fulton presented the Village of Chaumont's 2025-2026 budget schedule, with work sessions, public hearings, and meetings. These will be advertised in the Watertown Daily Times, as required. She had the mayor sign her reappointment as the Registrar or Vital Statistics for the Department of Health and Jefferson County Clerk.

XI. Resolution(s)

WHEREAS, the Village Board is responsible for performing governmental functions as authorized by the NYS Constitution and applicable laws

WHEREAS, the Village of Chaumont needs an emergency procurement of a 30k BTU hanging propane heater for the sewer plant storage barn, as the current unit is non-operational and out of warranty

WHEREAS, the Village of Chaumont received a quote for a new unit heater, propane conversion, and new venting with manufacturer's recommended installation and commissioning procedures to be followed. Warranty registration will also be performed prior to completion of the project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Chaumont, New York hereby approves the purchase and installation of the new 30k BTU hanging propane heater

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Trustee McIntosh, and seconded by Trustee Sosa. Upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Mayor, Jim Morrow	YES
Deputy Mayor, Mike Nichols	YES
Trustee, Jose Sosa	YES
Trustee, Dori-Ann Froelich	YES
Trustee, Tammy McIntosh	YES

RESOLUTION NO. 21 ADOPTED

XII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Trustee Sosa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Froelich. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Erin Fulton

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Village Clerk/Treasurer