

**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 21<sup>st</sup> Day of July, 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

**Others Present:**

Paul Norton

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

Mayor Rust opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees July 21, 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**

Paul Norton, owner of Sawmill Bay Boat Yard, attended tonight to discuss the marina's water & sewer accounts. Paul explained that the water meter located in the marina shop also provides water to the marina office over ground during the summer season. The marina office is hooked to the sewer via the grinder pump and is where the pump out station is pumped into. Water is shut off in late fall and during the winter, it is necessary for the marina to use the shore well in order to have water. As far as Paul understands, the sewer was never even hooked to the shop. Mayor Rust assured Paul that she would have John inspect the property to determine exactly what utilities are located and where. She also explained the recently approved special reduction to EDUs for the three marinas starting with the next billing (Sept 2020).

Regarding another matter, Paul stated that the June 30<sup>th</sup> meter reading at the marina house (account #2782) indicated a water usage of 87 k/gal. He stated that it was found that the hose between the house and the docks became disconnected. The house in the marina has a meter for water & sewer and is the line that supplies water to the boaters. Karen reported that typical usage for this time period in previous years were 14 k/gal, 23 k/gal, 9 k.gal and 13 k/gal respectively. Paul is requesting that the trustees consider a sewer credit since it is known the water was not processed through the sewer.

The Board discussed a sewer credit for Paul and agreed to credit account #2782 for 72 k/gal of sewer credit (\$360.00) and 20 k/gal (\$100.00) in water credit.

**DPW Updates**

Karen reported that the super deodorizing socks have assisted in keeping sewer odors at the Wise Guys, Wilson Lane and Water St. These purchases however, have been expensive and a recent order from Bluebook indicated extreme shipping costs. In this abstract alone, twelve socks cost \$856.44. We have also recently purchased a blower to help with the Wise Guys pump at a cost of approximately \$600.00.

The transducer (electrical panel) on the Wilson Lane pump has to be replaced at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Karen reported that John's doctor has ordered him to remain off work until August 3<sup>rd</sup> or if necessary, only to perform light duty.

Karen reported that the most recent report indicates our CHIPS funding as follows:

CHIPS-\$33,548.15

PAVE-\$23,721.12

EWR- \$ 7,820.64

Mayor Rust stated that the paving of Water Street after the water improvement project is completed will be the first priority for the use of the CHIPS funding.

### **Vacation & Sick time**

Karen requested the trustee's feedback in regards to the employee's vacation and sick time and the possibility of a buy-out of some of their time. The trustees stated that a buy-out is not an option. They also stated that sick time can only be used for that purpose, not for vacation or personal leave. Mayor Rust requested that Karen prepare a report of COVID hours and actual time worked for the shut down period and sick time paid. Mayor Rust stated that the Personnel Policy clearly sets the policy for remaining time in the event of dissolution.

### **Dissolution Public Hearing**

The trustees discussed the options for holding the public hearing to adopt the Dissolution Implementation Plan. The Chaumont Fire Hall is currently not open to the public. The Three Mile Bay Fire Hall is available however is limited to one-half capacity. Steve Weed Productions can live stream the hearing at a cost of \$250.00. If this option is used, residents will have the ability to call in or use live chat, but not attend the meeting.

After much discussion, it was decided to hold the hearing virtually due to limited allowable in-person attendance and the concern that increased COVID cases could result in a change of allowable attendance.

The hearing has been set for August 11, 2020 at 6 pm. The public hearing will be live streamed. Notices will be sent to all Village residents encouraging their participation either by phone or live chat. The regular board meeting date was changed from August 18<sup>th</sup> and will immediately follow the public hearing.

### **River Crossing Legal expense**

Karen reported that 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. Karen contacted Jim previously to explain that he has reached the maximum amount. Mayor Rust questioned how much more legal work will be necessary. Mayor Rust instructed Karen to contact EFC and Rachel at BC&A to learn what other legal work is expected to need to be completed for the project. It is most likely that an amendment to the legal expense will be necessary to receive any future reimbursements.

### **Shared Service Agreement-Chaumont Vol. Fire Dept**

Mayor Rust reviewed the 2020 shared service agreement with the Chaumont Vol. Fire Dept regarding fire protection services. No changes were made to the agreement. The 2020-2021 budget appropriation to the fire dept is \$16,000.00 and is unchanged from last year.

**June 2020 Accounts Receivables**

**General Fund**

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$	140,766.83	-0-
Lieu of Taxes	A1081:	\$	-0-	
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$	-0-	
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$	-0-	
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$	130.39	
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	2,557.14	
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	20.00	
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	-0-	
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	78.00	
Unclassified	A2770:	\$	-0-	
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	-0-	
Chips	A3501	\$	-0-	
State Aid: Aid & Incentives	A3001	\$	-0-	
Total:		\$	143,552.36	

**Water Fund**

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$	13,858.72	
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$	11,572.68	
Unmetered Water:	F2142:	\$	0.00	
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$	172.53	
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$	0.00	
Relevied water bills:	F2145:	\$	0.00	
Total:		\$	25,602.93	

**Sewer Fund**

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$	5,915.72	
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$	12,157.32	
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$	172.55	
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$	3,905.18	
		\$	22,150.77	

**Motion to Approve Minutes of the June 16, 2020 board meeting:**

Upon a Motion by Trustee Nichols, Seconded by Trustee Morrow, and unanimously passed, it was “**Resolved**” to Approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

**Motion to Approve Payment of Abstract #2 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 Payment for Abstract #2 of the July 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$4,772.65 General Fund Vouchers 1267-1281, \$17,603.94 Water Fund, Vouchers 368-371, \$4,927.69 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 602-611 Trust & Agency: \$4,40.35 Voucher #67-69, River Crossing Project \$888.30, voucher 16.

## **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:** Youth Commission---Phase 4 will lift some of the restrictions and there may be an opportunity to allow some gathering with the kids. There is consideration of alternating nights and age groups to work in smaller groups.

**Trustee Reome:** The Planning Board will hold a public hearing to hear comments regarding Marty Mathieu's request to subdivide his property to add one additional lot on August 4, 2020 at 6 pm. Also, with the resignation of Cathy Munger we are in need of another member. Karen commented that she advertised for another member in the most recent Lymelight.

**Trustee Froelich:** Nothing to report

**Trustee Morrow:** The Youth Commission is surveying parents and kids to determine if there is any interest in playing soccer or baseball if possible.

## **New Business**

Mayor Rust read a letter written by Slater Bushen questioning the reason the tennis/basketball courts have been locked. She also read her response to him explaining that recent complaints of the players' lack of social distancing and concerns for public safety prompted the closing of the courts.

## **Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

## **Correspondence:**

**Charter Communications:** Notice of proposed increases for cable services and enhancements.

**David Moulton, Council for Consolidated Claim:** Notice of Bankruptcy Claim against Purdue Pharma.

**HUD Consortium:** Notice that the Village is a member by virtue of the community's approval by cooperation agreement dated 2011. The Cooperation Agreement allows for the automatic renewal of the agreement for another three year period.

**NYSDEC:** Announcement of the cleanup of contamination at the former manufactured gas plant on Engine St, Watertown.

## **Motion to Adjourn:**

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Morrow, and unanimously passed, It was "**Resolved** to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees July 21, 2020 meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Fitzgerald, Village Clerk/Treas.

