

**Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees**  
**Incorporated Village of Chaumont: June 19, 2018**  
**Held at the Village of Chaumont/Town of Lyme Municipal Office**  
**Located at 12175 NYS Route 12E**  
**Chaumont, New York 13622**

**Held on the 19th Day of June, 2018**

**Amendments highlighted in yellow**

**Board Members Present:**

Mayor: Valerie Rust  
Trustee: James Morrow  
Trustee: Patricia Reome  
Trustee: Doriann Froelich

**Also Present:**

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald  
DPW Superintendent: Greg Ingerson  
Planning Board: Robin Grovesteen  
Planning Board: Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer

Mayor Rust opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees June 19, 2018, Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Rust asked that the minutes reflect that Trustee Nichols is absent this evening.

**Privilege of the Floor**

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

**DPW Updates:**

Greg reported that the beach is shaping up and will be ready for the new season. The sand is in and the repairs to the lawn are complete. All three grills are fixed. One picnic table needs to be repaired. The stakes of the horseshoe pits will be pulled. The swing set will be painted and the swings replaced. The rocking horse spring was broken and so it has been removed.

Charges for top soil and 3 hours of labor at \$21.15 will be charged to Greg Netto for damages incurred to the beach in March 2018.

The playground boat was delivered yesterday to the beach.

Two sewer tanks were pumped at a cost of \$4,050.00.

Greg will deliver the grinder pump owner's manual to Bob Trainham for his records.

The DPW will paint the gazebo, walkway bridge and swings prior to the Bicentennial celebration. The lattice work and steps will also be repaired.

The Bicentennial committee has decided not to install electricity to the beach shed and gazebo for the concerts at the beach.

### **Sewer Alarms**

Greg explained that the Village currently has six sewer pump stations that do not have sewer pump alarm systems. Pump station #3 has an automatic dialer in place through TDS. The stations without an alarm has an audible alarm and flashing light to indicate when an overflow occurs. The Village DPW must rely on residents to hear the alarm or see the light to report trouble at the stations. Greg proposes that the board consider installing sewer alarms at all the pump stations using a cellular system. Each station would then be equipped with an automatic dialer that would contact DPW directly when trouble occurs. Sewer alarms could be installed to all the stations at an initial cost of \$700.00. The monthly charge is then \$20.00 per station. Once installed, pump station #3 would be able to disconnect the TDS dialer at a savings of \$93.00 per month. Mayor Rust requested that Greg get additional information to report at next month's meeting.

### **Planning Board**

Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer and Robin Grovesteen, attended tonight's meeting at the request of the Village Board to discuss the future of the Planning Board and the need to actively pursue new members. Our Planning Board should consist of 5 members. Due to recent resignations, there are currently three members serving on the board. Hartley offered to ask Steve Hunt and Mike Netto if they would have an interest in serving on the board. Trustee Morrow also offered to ask Jose Sosa if he would be interested also.

Jefferson County Planning advised that there are a few options to consider regarding the Village's Planning Board. They advised that some communities who are experiencing difficulty finding members, are combining their Planning boards with the Town's planning board. They also advised that the Village Board of Trustees could take over zoning and site plan review. Another option could include repeal of the Zoning Law. It was decided that a concerted effort would be made for the next month to recruit new members and reassess the situation at next month's meeting.

Hartley requested a status report of her written complaint submitted on June 12<sup>th</sup> regarding residential property located on Main St. In her complaint, she cited property law infractions that need to be addressed. Hartley asked that CEO Millington follow up with a written notice to the owner so that the 14 day requirement is adhered to. Karen reported that CEO Officer Millington has contacted the owner to request cleanup of the front lawn and removal of unregistered vehicles. Mayor Rust stated that she will contact Jim to discuss this situation also.

### **Planning Board Appointment**

Upon a motion by Trustee Reome, seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, it was "Resolved" to appoint Mark Morina to the Village of Chaumont Planning Board. This appointment will bring the Planning Board members to four.

### **School Resource Police Officer**

Mayor Rust shared an email with the trustees from Supervisor Aubertine informing her of the school's intention to hire a School Resource Police Officer (SRPO). Supr. Aubertine explained in the email that the School can not legally form a certified police department on it's own. Since the Village stills has a certified NYS police department, an agreement between the Village and School could be formed to allow the Village to hire the SRPO with all expenses of wages and miscellaneous costs reimbursed to the Village from the School. A special tri-board meeting between the School, Village and Town has been scheduled for June 27, 2018 to discuss the hiring of a SRPO.

**Village Beach**

The Village beach will open on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ryan Palmer from the Dept. of Health will be the new NYS Health officer in charge of the beach this year. The beach permit has been approved and lifeguard certifications have been submitted. Beach fees for 2018 are \$1.00 for adults-children are free and must be accompanied by an adult. Rental of the picnic area is \$25.00. Free beach passes are offered to Village residents and are available at the Village office.

**Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Board Meeting:**

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Froelich, and unanimously passed, it was **“Resolved** to Approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Village of Chaumont Regular Board Meeting.

**Motion to Approve for Payment Abstract #1 of the June 19, 2018 Board Meeting:**

Upon a Motion by Trustee Reome, Seconded by Trustee Morrow, and unanimously passed, it was **“Resolved”** to Approve for Payment Abstract #1 of the June 19, 2018 Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$8,146.36 General Fund Vouchers 873-892, \$132.61 Water Fund, Vouchers 260- 261, \$7,206.77 Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 387-396, Trust & Agency: \$5,635.00 Voucher #35.

**May 2018 Accounts Receivable: General/Water/Sewer Fund Updates:**

Real Property Tax	A1001:	\$	-0-
Jeff. County Sales Tax	A1120:	\$	-0-
Penalty/Interest:	A1090:	\$	-0-
Gross Utility Tax:	A1130:	\$	57.62
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	-0-
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	10.00
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	-0-
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	-0-
Unclassified	A2770:	\$	-0-
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	-0--
State Aid:	A3001	\$	1,252.56
Total:		\$	1,320.18

**Water Fund**

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$	9,435.27
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$	4,842.19
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$	134.52
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$	291.74
Service Connection:	F2145:	\$	-0-
Re-levied 2017 water		\$	-0-----
Total:		\$	14,703.72

**Sewer Fund**

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$	3,817.14
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$	9,203.81
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$	134.53
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$	2,190.38
Re-levied 2017 Sewer		\$	-0-----
Total:		\$	15345.86

### **Water/Sewer Report**

Karen reported that there is no water & sewer accounts at risk for shut off at this time. The trustees gave their approval to allow employee Al Netto to get water from the hydrant on Circle Dr for his pool. Al will use the portable meter and report to Karen the amount of gallons he pumps.

### **Village Dissolution**

Mayor Rust opened discussion regarding Village dissolution. Discussion included the inability to find interested residents to sit on the board and financial concerns. Mayor Rust indicated that she will not be running again. Trustees Reome, Nichols and Froelich are not running again. Mayor Rust stated that next month we will entertain a resolution to endorse our dissolution plan. The February 2011 study will be updated with the assistance of DANC. Mayor Rust will be submitting an application for a planning grant and implementation grant.

Mayor Rust entertained a motion to pursue the dissolution study at this time. Upon a motion by Trustee Reome and seconded by Trustee Froelich, it was resolved to move forward to update the Village dissolution study. A roll call vote of trustees were as follows: Mayor Rust: yes, Trustee Morrow: yes, Trustee Reome: yes, and Trustee Froelich: yes.

Mayor Rust will be talking with the DPW employees to inform them of the Trustees intent to pursue dissolution.

### **New Business**

Diane Strader verbally complained that a resident on Water Street is speeding. Mayor Rust stated that the law was enacted to support law enforcement. Village Trustees are not enforcers. Mayor Rust recommended that if Mrs. Strader feels it is warranted, she should get the license plate, make & model of the vehicle and call the authorities.

### **Old Business**

Utility easements: Mayor Rust has been doing research regarding the 2004 sewer easements that have never been filed with Jefferson County. In her research, she found the following information regarding easements and suggests that filing of the easements would not be necessary. “ Under the municipal act of 2001, it is clear that a municipality may enter upon any land to repair and maintain it’s utilities whether the utilities are located in an easement or not” . Karen mentioned that BC & A will be filing easements for the Water St waterline repairs. Karen asked Mayor Rust if she wanted the 2004 sewer easements from Water St. to be filed. She answered no, citing that the above law would protect the ability of the Village to enter onto any properties to repair and maintain any of the Village owned utilities.

### **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Rust had nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports**

Trustee Froelich: Nothing to report.

Trustee Reome: Nothing to report.

Trustee Morrow: Nothing to report.

**Correspondance:**

**Excellus Insurance Co:** Notification that the Excellus is filing a request through NYS DFS to increase the premium rates for the 2019 employee's health insurance. If approved, the percentage change could increase 3.7%.

**BCA Architects & Engineers:** May 2018 bill is now at \$114,309.52.

**FEMA Reimbursement for Flooding:** The Village received their check for flooding reimbursement in the amount of \$2,727.05. This amount is 75% of the claimed expenses. NYS has also declared the 2017 flooding as a disaster which will result in another 12.5% of expense reimbursement. Those funds will come at a later date.

**Softline Data:** Billing statement for annual software maintenance protection in the amount of \$140.00. The Village previously informed Softline Data that we are not interested in purchasing the protection, however Softline Data replied that the maintenance agreement is not optional.

**Neighbors of Watertown:** An informational letter regarding assistance available to qualified homeowners who may be in need of home repairs.

**Eastern Shore Associates Co:** Shawn McLaughlin, a sales representative of Eastern Shore Associates Co, phoned to request an opportunity to do a presentation regarding the NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance). NYMIR is a municipal not for profit insurance company that is owned by the subscribers and is governed by a Board of Directors. It was decided that we are content with our current insurance company and the board is not interested in a presentation at this time.

**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 June 19, 2018 meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Fitzgerald  
Village Clerk/Treasurer