

Regular Meeting of the Chaumont Board of Trustees
Incorporated Village of Chaumont: May 15, 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 15th Day of May, 2018

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Village Clerk: Karen Fitzgerald
DPW Superintendent: Greg Ingerson

Mayor Rust opened the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees May 15, 2018, Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Rust asked that the minutes reflect that all trustees are present this evening

Privilege of the Floor

No one was present for privilege of the floor.

DPW Updates:

Greg reported that Koester has ordered necessary parts to make repairs to the WWTP. Greg stated that it will take approximately 3 weeks and is expected to start in mid-late August.

Greg reported that spring cleanup went OK and was picked up in a timely manner. Mayor Rust stated that she walked the Village to investigate some of the outrageous piles of trash at some homes. She stated it is evident that some of the trash is being trucked in. Mayor Rust instructed Greg to tag any item that was not put out within the time frame and not to pick it up. Mayor Rust proposed not to hold spring cleanup anymore. There was a short discussion, but no decision was made until Trustee Nichols and Trustee Froelich comment.

Morris Tract ballfield will be mowed on Thursdays.

Greg requested that we order 5 flag poles.

The beach lawn repairs have not been done because it has been too wet.

The 4th of July is on Wednesday this year so it was decided to pick up recyclables on Tuesday of that week. Karen will contact Mark Jessman to verify what day they would prefer to pick up the trash. Karen will make a flyer to leave at all residences to inform them of the day change and also a notice will be placed in the Lyme Light.

Resolution to change Organizational meeting date

NYS Village law states that an organizational meeting should be held in the next month following election of Trustees. Since Village elections of trustees is done in November of each year, it was determined that the organizational meeting should be changed from May of each year to December.

Resolution 24 2017-2018

At their regular monthly Village Board meeting of May 15, 2018 the following members of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees were present.

Mayor: Valerie Rust
Trustee: Patricia Reome.
Trustee: James Morrow

AT said meeting, Mayor Valerie Rust forwarded the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Reome:

RESOLUTION NO. 24 2017-2018

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Chaumont Annual Organizational meeting be held in December of each year pursuant to Village Law of the State of New York. This change, due to elections held in November, will begin in December 2018 for fiscal year 2018/2019 and continue to remain in December of each fiscal year thereafter.

**VOTING: AYES: 3
NAYES: 0**

The roll call vote was: Valerie Rust, Mayor Yes
James Morrow, Trustee Yes
Patricia Reome , Trustee Yes

RESOLUTION NO: 24 2017-2018 ADOPTED

WWTP Insurance Claim

Our insurance company has sent an initial payment of \$100,000.00 towards repairs to the WWTP and RBC. On April 3, 2018, the WWTP experienced major damage when the RBC bucket broke off and was thrown through the roof. The quote to repair the plant \$189,570.50. Koester will make the repairs and has ordered necessary parts to repair the RBC. It is expected the repairs will be done in mid-August and will take approximately 3 weeks. The plant has been operating using the sand to filter and is operating normally. The Village’s liability will be \$1,000.00 as this is the policy deductible.

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

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Reome, 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 #12 of the May 15, 2018 Board Meeting:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Nichols, and unanimously passed, It was **“Resolved”** to Approve for Payment Abstract #12 of the May 15, 2018 Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting in the amounts of \$ General Fund Vouchers 861-8, \$ Water Fund, Vouchers 255- 2, \$ Waste Water Fund, Vouchers 381-3, Trust & Agency: \$ Voucher #34.

Grinder Pump Installation and Maintenance Agreement

The grinder pump installation and maintenance agreement was tabled. Mayor Rust will continue to work on the wording. This agreement will be added to the Village’s Sewer Use Law and filed with the Dept. of State.

April 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:	\$	
Franchise Fees:	A1170:	\$	
Clerk Fees: -	A1255:	\$	
Registrar Fees:	A1603:	\$	
Building Permits:	A2555:	\$	-0-
Unclassified	A2770:	\$	-0-
Beach fees:	A7140:	\$	-0-
State Aid:	A3001	\$	-0-
Total:		\$	

Water Fund

Metered Water Sales	F2140-1:	\$	
O&M/DCC FEES:	F2140-2:	\$	
Interest & Penalty Fee:	F2148:	\$	
Water Meter Fees	F2144:	\$	-0-
Service Connection:	F2145:	\$	-0-
Total:		\$	

Sewer Fund

Debt Service:	G2122:	\$	
Usage Fee Sewer Rent:	G2120:	\$	
Interest & Penalty Fees:	G2128:	\$	
O&M Fees:	G2770:	\$	
Total:		\$	

Planning Board

Mayor Rust requested that the Planning Board be asked to attend the June Village Board meeting to discuss options the lack of members. Ideally, the Planning Board should consist of at least five members but currently has only three members. She also requested Karen to gather information

on options available. It was thought that advertisements placed in the Lymelight may generate some interested residents to serve on the board. Mark Morina has expressed some interest in serving on the planning board.

Water/Sewer Report

Karen reported that there is no water & sewer accounts at risk for shut off since all delinquent accounts were recently relieved to Village taxes.

Mayor Rust requested approval from the Trustees to allow Chad & Stephanie Doney to fill their pool from the Village hydrant. A portable meter can be used to meter water usage and will be charged at the current rate. Approval was granted.

Village Dissolution

Mayor Rust contacted the Department of State regarding the procedure to pursue Village Dissolution initiated by the Board of Trustees. The DOS shared detailed procedures. DANC can also assist us. There is 50% funding available that the Village can apply for. Previous studies regarding dissolution can be used.

New Business

Major Angel Tompo of the 2nd Brigade contacted Karen to arrange a meet and greet with the new 2nd Brigade Commander at Fort Drum, Paul Larson. It was decided that Karen will contact Major Tompo to set a date and time and invite Town officials to attend also.

Mayor Rust reported that Legislation has been passed to amend the General Municipal Law to allow educational institutions to pay for all or a portion of the salary for crossing guards. If the Village dissolves, crossing guards would not be provided by the Village any longer.

The Safe Water Action Program was also passed. This program is similar to the CHIPS Highway program which provides annual money for water infrastructure repairs. It is unknown at this time how the funding is determined.

Old Business

Mayor Rust reported

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rust reported that she was waiting for a call back from Alice Kim of Charter Communications. Our current agreement will expire in 2027. After examining the proposed agreement to increase the utility tax to 5%, there is concern that other changes within the agreement could ultimately result in less revenue. Attorney Burrows also advised that the new agreement only benefits Charter Communications. It was decided to table pursuing a new agreement to increase utility tax at this time.

Mayor Rust stated that an Asset Management Plan needs to be completed before the annual report is completed this year.

Committee Reports

Trustee Reome: The Fireman's banquet went well.

Trustee Morrow: Nothing to report.

Correspondance:

Homeland Security: Request for contact person for IT related issues in the case of unforeseen network failure. The Board appointed the Village Clerk to be the contact person.

AECOM: The NY Power Authority has developed a Communications Backbone Plan to ensure the continued security of its telecommunications. This letter was to inform affected parties that it was determined that the Plan will not result in any moderate to large environmental impact.

NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting: Regarding Galloo Island Wind LLC ruling on request for confidential treatment of information.

Troy & Banks-Utility Consultants: Invitation to attend a lunch and learn session on the benefits of LED lighting to be held June 19, 2018 in Syracuse.

BC&A invoice: Most recent invoice: \$89,443.00. Mayor Rust will be meeting Gregor Smith of BC&A on Thursday to discuss the project.

Motion to Adjourn:

Upon a Motion by Trustee Morrow, Seconded by Trustee Reome, and unanimously passed, It was “ **Resolved** to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees May 15, 2018 meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Fitzgerald
Village Clerk/Treasurer