

# **Village of Champlain Village Board Meeting December 9, 2019**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York.

## **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Thomas Trombley, Kim Trombley, Nicci Molinski and Amy Gehrig, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz and Secretary Sousa. Supt. Jolicoeur was excused. Codes Officer Tetreault was not present. Present from the public was Monique Lepage and David Lepage.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to approve minutes of the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. All members present voted aye.  
A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to approve the minutes of the November 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. All members present voted aye.  
A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to approve the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Trustees Gehrig and Molinski abstained. All other members present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL QUESTION PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

David Lepage was here as a youth liaison to the Village.

David Lepage said that he has had requests to have a skate park. Monique Lepage commented that the Tony Hawk Foundation does a matching grant. Something like this might bring people into the village and can be both a group and an individual sport.

Trustee Gehrig said that it is a huge liability, insurance-wise, for the village. She said she would do some research and look into that again.

Monique Lepage suggested that, with the new kayak launch, it would be nice if families were able to borrow kayaks for use.

Mayor McFetridge said that she would look into local businesses that might want to run a rental program for next year.

## **REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Codes Enforcement Officer Tetreault was not present and did not provide a report:

## **REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

Good evening and welcome to the Village Board meeting. Winter has arrived and although we have warmer temperatures today, we know the next few months will bring snow and ice. Our Village crews do great work to keep the roads and sidewalks sanded and salted; however, there will always be a risk of sliding. Please drive slowly and watch out for pedestrians.

The Village is in the holiday spirit. I thank all the employees who have spent time decorating the office, the streets, and the village park. On Saturday, December 14 from 12-1:30, children are invited to make holiday crafts at the Champlain Meeting House followed by a candy cane hunt at the playground. That evening at 6:30 pm the annual tree lighting and community sing a long will

take place in Paquette Park. Santa will arrive to hand out gifts to all the children and hot chocolate will be served. Dress warmly and come join the fun.

As this year draws to a close, I would like to thank this board, all the Village employees, and each and every resident for their support and patience as I learn this job as mayor. It is through listening and observing that I have come to see the heart and soul of this community. I value your input to making our village a good place to live. In the words of John F. Kennedy, "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." I look forward to a new year of learning from all of you.

## **REPORT FROM TRUSTEES**

### Report from Trustee Kim Trombley

Trustee Kim Trombley had quotes from three different vendors for the kayak launch dock.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
8x10 Alum	AccuDock	\$6,620.00
10x10 Alum flow-thru	EZ Dock of Vermont	\$5,604.34
Alum no-skid paint	Tedford's Ince	\$5,069.00

These quotes did not include the gangway, which is being made by Modern Mechanical.

We will have to pay for materials, but they will donate the labor to build it.

The two lower quotes are very local and we would be able to pick up and install them ourselves. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Nicci Molinski to purchase the floating aluminum dock with Thru-Flow Decking from EZ Dock of Vermont at a cost of \$5,604.34. Roll Call Vote as follows:

Trustee Kim Trombley	Aye
Trustee Nicci Molinski	Aye
Trustee Thomas Trombley	Aye
Trustee Amy Gehrig	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

The dock will be handicap accessible, but Trustee Thomas Trombley will find out the cost for putting a railing around the deck to make it ADA Compliant.

### Trustee Nicci Molinski

Trustee Molinski reported on the Holiday Children's Crafts and Candy Cane Hunt at the Champlain Meeting House from 12-1:30 pm this Saturday.

### Trustee Thomas Trombley

Trustee Trombley picked up the vinyl image for the village sign. The sign itself won't be done until after Christmas.

- The K of C will be hosting a Blood Drive at 3 Oak St on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 pm.
- There will be a Christmas event at 3 Oak Street on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 3 pm with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, munchies, gift bags & children's activities. Adult entertainment will start at 7 pm. The event is presented by the Champlain Catholic Men's Club and K of C 3525.
- The senior dinner was very successful with about 140 people attending. The time was changed to earlier in the day at the request of many seniors.

Trustee Gehrig

The House Decorating contest will be held during the week of Dec. 16-21<sup>st</sup>. Categories this year will be Best New Addition, Brightest Display and Best Overall.

**REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ**

The board has been provided the Expense and Revenue Report for November.

**PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT**

There are additional invoices of \$3,871.27 to be added to the warrant for a total of \$196,130.89.

Transfers:

From:	A599	Fund Balance	\$5045.22	
To:	A1410.4	Clerk/Computer Maint.		\$5045.52
		(for Twinstare computer upgrades)		
From:	A8510.4	Community Beautification	\$81.00	
To:	A7110.4	Parks		\$81.00
		(for EVConnect yearly maintenance fees)		

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to approve these transfers. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Thomas to approve the warrant with addition invoices of \$3,871.27 for a total of \$196,130.89.

Roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Kim Trombley	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Trustee Thomas Trombley	Aye
Trustee Gehrig	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT**

Supt Jolicoeur was excused this evening. Mayor McFetridge reported the following:

- The water line under the road to 11137 Rt. 9 was fixed and they are now getting water.
- the water break near ARC on Patricia Lane was repaired.
- The Hydrant flushing is done
- Decorations are up in the Village
- We don't have quotes for the snow plow yet.
- Robert Pulsifer started his wastewater treatment plant operator training today.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Corresp. From Clinton County Treasurer with Mortgage Tax distribution
2. JCEO Monthly Report for November
3. Update from Inukshuk on Playground Project

**NEW BUSINESS**

Donation of land to the Champlain Fire District

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LAND DONATION AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE ACCESS AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN AFFORDABLE FIRE STATION FOR VILLAGE OF CHAMPLAIN AND TOWN OF CHAMPLAIN RESIDENTS, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Champlain, County of Clinton, State of New York (The Village) is a duly organized and existing municipality created under the provisions of the laws of the State of New York and now operating under the provision of the State of New York Municipal Code, and all the laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefit of residents of the village: and

**WHEREAS**, the Village and the Champlain Fire District desire to enter into a Donation Agreement (the agreement) for purposes of facilitating the redevelopment of the entrance of the Champlain Fire District Fire Station, a parcel of land owned by the Village: the parcel of land located between the east and west boundary lines fronting upon Elm Street located at 152/162 Elm Street, Village of Champlain, County of Clinton, State of New York (as attachment) and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Mayor (the Mayor) and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain (the Village Board, and with the Mayor, the Corporate Authorities) have determined that it is both advisable and in the best interests of the Village and its residents to enter into the agreement: and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BIT IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Village Board, County of Clinton, State of New York, as follows:

**MOTION** to approve “The Agreement” made by Trustee Amy Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley with roll call vote:

Trustee Kim Trombley	Aye
Trustee Nicci Molinski	Aye
Trustee Thomas Trombley	Aye
Trustee Amy Gehrig	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion Carried.

Dated December 9, 2019

**AUTHORIZATION**, The Agreement is hereby accepted and approved. The Village Board hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or her designee to enter into and approve the Agreement in accordance with the terms, or modification thereof, and to ratify any and all previous actions taken to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. The Village Board authorizes and directs the Mayor or her designee to execute the applicable Agreement. No insertions, omissions or changes may be made to the document approved therein without further authorization by the Corporate Authorities. The Village Board further authorizes the Mayor or her designee to execute any and all additional documentation that may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest and to countersign any documentation as may be necessary to carry out and effectuate the purpose of this Resolution. The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village shall take all action necessary to conformity therewith. The Village Clerk is also authorized and directed to affix the seal of the Village to such documentation as is deemed necessary.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**, the Resolution shall be effective and full force upon its passage and approval.

### Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Annual Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Paquette Park. Santa will be there and Tracy Decoste will lead the music and caroling. Dunkin Donuts will be providing hot chocolate and Robbie Roberts will be there with his lighted Christmas truck.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### LED Light Selection

Mayor McFetridge spoke with a representative from NYSERDA regarding the light color. Based on what we currently have and the fact that most people seem happy with that, Mayor McFetridge suggested that we go with the 3K across the board.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley that we go with the 3K LED Lights. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### Contamination Cleanup

Mayor McFetridge reported that things are moving forward. The gas tank and pumps were removed, the piping is in and insulated. We are waiting for the blower.

#### Village Sign

Trustee Thomas Trombley reported on this earlier.

#### Snow Plow

Nothing to report.

#### Fire Alarm System

We received the inspection report on our fire alarm system. There are multiple deficiencies with smoke and heat detectors and wiring needs replacement. We have one price quote and will be looking for 2 others for our January meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:31 pm a motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to adjourn. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

*Mary Sousa, Secretary*

*12/11/2019*