

Village of Champlain Special Board Meeting November 25, 2019

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, November 25, 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 6:32 p.m. Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Thomas Trombley, Kim Trombley, Nicci Molinski and Amy Gehrig, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz and Secretary Sousa. Present from the public was Clarke Herdic

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

Clarke Herdic, Town Councilperson, reported that the Town of Champlain had approved the new IMA between the Village and the Town. He stated that he appreciated the efforts of the board members who worked very hard on this. He hopes that the Town and Village can move towards transparency and working together. The town has two people ready to be appointed to the water board in December. He hopes that the Town can promote our water to our neighbors to the east and continue to work together with them as well.

The Town is working on the development of Bob Venne Park. Grass is growing very well there and a backstop is in place. They are looking for other ideas of what might be incorporated into the park.

NEW BUSINESS

1. LED Lights: Color Selection

Mayor McFetridge reported that 4K LED lights were recommended but we have the option to have warmer lights (3K LED) in other areas.

Trustee Gehrig would like to see softer lights in residential areas.

Trustee Thomas Trombley would like to know if the softer light is equivalent in brightness to what we currently have. Lots of street lights are far apart and current lighting doesn't cover in between poles. For safety purposes, he thought we should have 4K on all streets.

Mayor McFetridge understands that some people don't want bright lights outside of their windows, but for safety, she would like to see brighter lights.

Trustee Kim Trombley recommended 4K on busy streets and 3K on residential streets.

Trustee Gehrig said understands the safety quotient, but would prefer softer lights on residential areas. She asked what the softer 3K light is compared to what we have now. If it's darker, we should go with brighter 4K lights.

Trustee Kim Trombley commented that brighter lights might help with the curfew issue.

Trustee Thomas Trombley suggested we go with the softer 3K if it's brighter than what we currently have.

Mayor McFetridge thinks that ours are currently in between the 3K and 4K.

Trustee Thomas Trombley suggested that if that is the case, we go with all 4K. The Board agreed.

Mayor McFetridge will get a comparison of the lumens from current lighting to 3K LED and 4K LED lights.

Mayor McFetridge stated that this survey includes nothing on Walnut Street. We will have to address that ourselves. Discussion followed.

2. Land Bank Appointment

Mayor McFetridge is on the Bylaw Committee for the Clinton County Land Bank. She asked that board if they would be willing to appoint her as Village representative on the Land Bank.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to appoint Mayor McFetridge as representative to the Village of Champlain on the Clinton County Land Bank. Mayor McFetridge abstained. All other board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. Water IMA with Town of Champlain

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to approve the signing and submission of the IMA to the Town of Champlain.

Trustee Gehrig thanked Trustees Tom and Kim Trombley for all of their hard work on this.

She said that this is a fair agreement, but not what we told our residents door to door.

Mayor McFetridge also thank Trustees Tom and Kim Trombley for their hard work and persistence. It took a lot of tenacity and compromise to get this done.

Discussion followed.

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

Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz asked if the O&M will change or stay the same.

Mayor McFetridge said that it can change.

Trustee Kim Trombley said that the quarterly reports will keep everyone aware of the costs.

Trustee Thomas Trombley said that 40% town and 60% Village split will give us the O&M fees.

The next part will be more difficult for the water board. They will have to come up with any rate changes. This will be reviewed by the water board each October and will be good for one year.

4. Village Sign

Trustee Thomas Trombley said that it may be 3-4 months before the Village sign can be done with a cost of \$375 for the painter. JP Signs could do this sign in vinyl for probably under \$100. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve JP Signs to complete the Village sign if under \$125.00

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Christmas holiday

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz asked that, if the Village office has to be open on Dec. 27th, could we reduce the hours. The DPW crew is off that day and it is usually during the week of Christmas. Discussion followed. The board agreed with closing the Village office on Friday, Dec. 27th.

6. Fire District: Resolution of Land Donation

The board was copied with a Resolution to donate part of Village land to the fire district as part of the new Fire Station project. This will be addressed at our next regular board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the board, a motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley, seconded by Trustee Molinski. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
Mary Sousa, Secretary