

**Village of Champlain  
Village Board Meeting  
August 12, 2024 6:30 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Trombley, Molinski, and Conner, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz. Trustee Herzog was excused this evening.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

No one was present from the community this evening.

**REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Code Enforcement Officer Matott provided the board with July's report. Many of the items have to do with the Vacant Building Registry.

**REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor McFetridge reported that progress on the water line continues and thanked residents for their patience during this time. Also, she asked that drivers please slowdown in work zones.

The basketball court has been resurfaced. There is still a light dip in the center, but it drains quickly. The Champlain-Rouses Point Kiwanis agreed to purchase paint & stencils for striping.

The Ice Cream Social was held at the playground on Saturday. She thanked Stewarts for their generous donation of ice cream. She thanked Mary Spring for organization of this event and Nicci Molinski for serving ice cream.

The DPW crew is doing a great job of mowing and trimming at our parks.

She reported that the Taylor Lavalley concert had a great turnout. The Now & Then concert on Sunday was well attended but was cut short due to bad weather. She thanked Ron & Marie for the great music.

The Busco Bandits will be here on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. along with a food truck.

The Farmers market continues on Saturdays from 9-noon until early September.

**REPORT FROM TRUSTEES**

Trustee Conner

Trustee Conner had nothing to report this evening.

Trustee Molinski

Trustee Molinski reported that we have 2 classes coming up: Summer Boost camp works on academics, math and reading for kids K-5. It is held Monday's at 9:30 am with two more classes to go.

The 3 -Part Art Series is held starting this Tuesdays @ 10 a.m. for ages 8+.

There will be a Clinton County Mental Health event at the Library on Wednesday at 6 p.m. geared towards adults. An elementary age event was held, with stories, activities and resources on how to cope with mental health issues. There was a teen group last week with games to get kids thinking. The county mental health dept. Is collecting this data to offer resources & programs. Those attending receive a \$30 Target gift card.

In October, there will be a month long Library Crawl to allow people to visit a number of libraries. Participants have a passport stamped at each library they visit, with a prize at the end.

Trustee Trombley

Trustee Trombley reported that the water board report is done and has been sent to the Water Board members for review and comment. It will then be forwarded to the Town and Village Boards.

She thanked Supt. Jolicoeur for getting the basketball court paved. Thank you to Kiwanis for their donation.

She reported that a meeting was held between Supt. Jolicoeur, Mayor McFetridge, Town Board member Rick Hunter, Town Supervisor Tom Trombley and herself. Questions about the As-Builts and Diamond mapping system were answered by Supt. Jolicoeur. He also went out into the field with Rick Hunter for a better understanding of why things are the way they are. It was a very informational meeting.

**REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ**

The Board was provided the Expense & Revenue report for July 2024.

**PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT**

The warrant was presented with additional invoices of \$13,604.71 for a total of \$40,569.90. Motion by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the warrant with additional invoices.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Trombley	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Trustee Conner	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

Transfer

To: G9730.6	Bond Anticipation Note		\$34,000.00
From: G898	Reserve for Solid Waste Facility	\$34,000.00	

Motion to approve by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Molinski. Roll call vote:

Trustee Trombley	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Trustee Conner	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

Water Line Replacement Project

08/05/2024	Barton & Loguidice	1,600.00
07/31/2024	TJ Fiacco Construction	\$145,175.01

Motion by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Conner to approve these payments. Roll call vote:

Trustee Trombley	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Trustee Conner	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

## REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

Supt Jolicoeur reported the following for July 2024

### WATER

- The water line replacement project has kept us busy with many dig tickets to locate utilities for the water project, contractors and residents.
- South St. to Ashline Dr. has passed pressure and bacteria sampling. Service laterals will be started in this section. The main line will continue on Rt. 9. The boring company should be here this week. The area from the Village office to Cedar St. will move slowly because of all the existing infrastructure. Cleanup and restoration will continue as the main installation progresses. Please expect delays and avoid the area if possible. There will be single lane road closures and sidewalk closures in work areas during this process. Boil water orders will be issued in affected areas.
- 2 PRV cartridges failed and were changed.

### SEWER

- Perras has not shown up and still has work to complete at the sewer plant
- The tank drain valve broken during construction was hand dug. We will cut out the pipe, broken valve and tee and replace with new materials. This must be done by hand as we cannot get equipment into this area. (Perras quoted this repair at \$24,264.25)
- We are having rainwater backup issues around the wastewater plant from plugged drain lines and elevation. We are correcting drainage and widening the road around the tanks to be able to get vac trucks around them.

### MISC.

- The 1-ton dump truck went to the shop for leaking power steering and oil cooler line. The shifter cable and transmission shifter has broken and needs replacement.
- The sewer jet was repaired.
- The road was patched on Church St. and Walnut intersection where we had breaks.

### WORK TO BE COMPLETED

- Sidewalk replacement from Church St. to Cedar St.
- Pipe and valve replacement on aeration tank.
- Crosswalks painted and ADA plates installed with signs. Crosswalks painted from Church St. to Dollar General on edge of roadway and Sharrows painted on the roadways.
- We are waiting on the piping for the 8 tanks at the wastewater plant. Material to be shipped Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Purchase Requisition

The Control Panel on the Main St. lift station is in need of complete pipe and rail replacement, new control panel with auto dialer, bypass pumping and installation. We cannot get replacement parts at this time.

Supt. Jolicoeur requested quotes for a Triplex Lift Station with piping and install for Main Street Lift Station:

New Panel with no installation and no piping	Fleet	\$18,000.00
New Panel installed with no piping.	Koester	\$42,125.20
New panel, installation and piping.	Peak Motor & Pump	\$65,656.54

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve purchase of new Control Panel, piping and installation from Peak Motor & Pump in the amount of \$65,656.54.

Trustee Conner asked where the funds would come from. Clerk/Treasurer Munoz said it would come out of Sewer Reserves for Repairs. Mayor McFetridge asked how long it would take. Supt. Jolicoeur guessed about 2 months.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Trombley	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Trustee Conner	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Corresp from Roberta Davies regarding vacant building registration
2. Corresp from Franklin County Solid Waste regarding PFA testing.
3. Donation letter from Northern Tier Housing
4. CHIP's balances from NYS DOT.
5. Corresp from Champlain Tech Group regarding end of support for Panasonic telephone systems.
6. Corresp from Skyler Cruz Wolsey regarding Village/Town intersections and traffic lights.
7. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter sales tax revenue of \$73,980.65.
8. Corresp. from Troy & Banks regarding credit for energy audit.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Vacant Building Registry

We have correspondence from two residents regarding the vacant building registration.

- The owner of #11255 Rt. 9 & #11257 Rt. 9 claims that neither property qualifies as vacant. Based on meter records, #11255 is used during the summer when the owner come from Canada to stay. The water is turned on in spring and off in the fall and there is some water usage there. #11257 has not shown water usage since at least 2000.

The board agreed that #11255 can be taken off of the vacant property list, but that #11257 should be considered vacant.

- The owner of 36 Butternut St. property claims that the house was vacant when she purchased it 35 years ago, and has remained vacant ever since. She is wondering if it would be grandfathered. Trustee Trombley lives near this property and confirmed that they did live at that property when it was first purchased. However, they no longer live there.

The board agreed that this property should be considered vacant.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. Removable speed bumps

Supt. Jolicoeur said that he will have to do some more research on them. He said we should probably wait until spring to install as they will need to come out once the snow starts.

The radar sign on Prospect St. will need to come down so he can see why it no longer works. The one on Church St. works well, but may be set on a timer. He will check on that too.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, at 7:13 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Molinski to adjourn. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

*Mary Spring, Secretary*