

Village of Champlain Village Board Meeting August 9, 2021

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, August 9, 2021 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 Molinski and Conner, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz and Calvin Castine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Molinski and seconded by Trustee Conner to approve the minutes of the July 12th Board Meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the minutes of the July 15th Special Board Meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Legislator Calvin Castine reported on the few things regarding Clinton County:

- Legislator Castine and both the Town of Champlain and Senator Dan Stec are concerned with the entrance/exit to Hudson Headwaters on Route 11. They have requested a 3rd turning lane, which may take a while. In the meantime, they have requested a continuation of the 45 mph speed limit in that area.
- We are now able to go into Canada, but it requires a COVID test, which can be quite expensive.
- Clinton County has 19 new COVID cases, compared to 4 active cases in the County a year ago. Most are in family groups. Those who are vaccinated can still give COVID to others, but will have less severe symptoms.
- Sales Tax revenues are up this quarter and better than expected.
- There are plans for the Northern Tier Rec Trail to be named in honor of Harry McManus. Further plans are being made.

REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Codes Enforcement Officer Matott provided the board with a report for July 2021.

- Emails with Doug Ferris for engineering report
- 2020-2021 permit checks
- Burn permit inspections and issuance
- Grass checks
- Issued CC for Permit #1630, 1628, 1625, 1627, 1613
- Pool Regulations for website
- Letter to 14 Spruce St. regarding refuse in yard.
- Letter to 188 South St. for trash in yard
- Meeting at 11163 Main St. for building plans
- DMU zoning checks
- Landlord complaint at 16 Cedar St. in regards to unsafe conditions, in contact with CCSD
- Letter to landlord of Cedar St. apartments regarding violation. Forwarded to CCSD.
- Fencing question on Pine St.
- Scheduled safety inspection of 16 Cedar St. apartments. Owner did not show up.
- Unscheduled inspection of complaint at 11145 Rt. 9
- Check of stairwell at 11145 Main St.
- Check of fire at 11145 Main St.
- Conversation with Ryan Burns about engineering plans for building downtown.
- Building check on Locust St. for newly bought business.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Good evening.

What a relief it is to finally have Route 9 paved. I thank you all for your patience with the bumpy surface, cones everywhere and raised edges from adjoining streets. The final result is certainly welcome and well done. Our own DPW crew has been working to prepare a couple of our streets for paving as well. Please slow down when you pass them in the streets. This is extremely hard work, especially in this heat, cleaning ditches, clearing edges and removing large rocks. Thanks to them for this effort.

I recognize that the river is a popular place to cool off during the summer heat, but it is dangerous and we do not have any public beach to swim safely. We have posted signs in Bill Earl Park prohibiting swimming. Please do not swim at the boat launch and in particular do not jump off the dock and the kayak launch.

The new basketball hoop is up and lines were painted on the court yesterday. Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help. It is good to see that many people are enjoying shooting some hoops. We also have two pieces of playground equipment to install and hope to get that done soon.

There will be another concert with the Taylor Lavalley Band on August 26 at 6 pm in the park on River Street.

Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy the music. I hope to see many of you there.

Remember to support the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings from 9 until noon. There is always a great selection of local produce as well as craft items for sale.

May you all enjoy the last month of summer. Stay healthy. Be kind. Thank you

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Conner

Trustee Conner reported

- Farmers Market is doing very well
- He would like to have a senior game night and will work on getting that set up.
- He will have the Resolution for the Playground dedication ready for next month.

Trustee Nicci Molinski

- There has been a great turnout for the Fun Runs. They will have their final run in August with a picnic.
- Geocaching went well with 3 families attending.
- The Kids Farmers Market was well attended with 8 kids participating. The next one will be on August 14th.
- The basketball courts look great and they will finish the 3 point line soon.
- She would like to do a fall festival with games etc. in the park

At 6:48 p.m. Trustees Thomas Trombley and Kim Trombley joined the meeting via Zoom.

BOND RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to adopt the following Bond Resolution dated August 9th, 2021:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, IN AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF CHAMPLAIN, CLINTON COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,600,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSURANCE OF \$1,600,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID VILLAGE TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Trustee Kim Trombley	Aye
Trustee Thomas Trombley	Aye
Trustee Charles Conner	Aye
Trustee Nicci Molinski	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

At 6:51 pm Trustees Kim Trombley and Thomas Trombley left the meeting.

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

The board has been provided the Expense and Revenue Report for July 2021.

TO: F1440.1	ENGINEERING-PERSONAL SERVICES	\$3,144.75
FROM: F8340.2	TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EQUIP.	\$3,144.75
TO: G1420.1	LAW: PERSONAL SERVICES	\$785.00
FROM: G8130.2	SEWAGE TREATMENT & DISPOSAL EQUIP.	\$785.00
TO: G1440.1	ENGINEERING: PERSONAL SERVICES	\$65.00
FROM: G8130.2	SEWAGE TREATMENT & DISPOSAL EQUIP.	\$65.00

No account can have a negative balance. General journal entries necessary to fund account in need.

A motion was made by Trustee Molinski and seconded by Trustee Conner to approve the transfers as written.

Roll Call vote as follows:

- Trustee Conner Aye
- Trustee Molinski Aye
- Mayor McFetridge Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

There are additional invoices of \$4,645.20 to be added to the warrant for a total warrant of \$47,666.96.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$47,666.96. Roll Call vote as follows:

- Trustee Molinski Aye
- Trustee Conner Aye
- Mayor McFetridge Aye

Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz reported that we have opened a new Sewer Capital Project account. We have an invoice for \$20,607.90 and have used \$15,736.74 of our funds to pay for Sewer engineering cost. The Village needs to be reimbursed and the invoice needs to be paid out of the Sewer Capital Project account.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to pay these two items out of the Capital Project account. Roll Call vote as follows:

- Trustee Conner Aye
- Trustee Molinski Aye
- Mayor McFetridge Aye

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

WATER

- We had one water line leaking on Rt. 9 that was excavated and repaired.
- The new chlorine tank has been ordered and we are waiting for delivery

SEWER

- We had to dig and repair a sewer main line.
- The sludge pump at the sewer plant stopped working and was taken apart and is back in service. We need to order a few small parts for it.
- Supt. Jolicoeur called and left another message with contractor for quote on tank wall repair

EQUIPMENT

- The new plow truck should be here the first week of September
- The bucket truck is apart and we are trying to locate parts so it can be fixed.

STREETS

- We will continue to work on getting streets ready for paving. (Late August, early September). We will also have some milling done closer to when paving starts. We are still waiting on delivery of sewer risers that were ordered.
- Willow St. and Oak St. are ready. We are currently working on South St. and had to cut and excavate some large stones that were pushing up thru the road. We still have some drainage work to .WORK ON OUR SCHEDULE
- Hydrant flushing will be in late September
- When the new chlorine tank for the water plant arrives, we will use up the chlorine in the existing tank and then change over to a drum. We will have to cut up the old tank to remove it, possibly removing the cement containment also. Once removed, we can pipe in the new tank.
- We must build a retaining wall, run conduit for bigger wire, remove the old generator, pour a 12” concrete pad and install the new generator at the water plant. This needs to be completed before winter.
- We have more culvert work, tree trimming and sidewalk replacement that needs to be done.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CHIPS Funding from NYS Dept. of Transportation
2. Letter of Resignation from Jim Robbins for the Planning Board
3. Grant request letter from Mayor McFetridge for solar phone charger bench
4. 2nd Quarter sales tax distribution from Clinton county treasurer.

The grant request for the solar phone charger bench was denied. We are looking for “green” ideas for this grant.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Close and transfer C2RP Funds to Water Debt account

A motion was made by Trustee Molinski and seconded by Trustee Conner to dissolve the C2RP shared services account and transfer the balance of \$742.06 to F8389.4 Water Debt. Roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Conner	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

2. Capital Water Project account & Transfer of ARPA funds

The first half of ARPA funds in the amount of \$53,627.50 have been awarded.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to transfer these funds to the Capital Water Project account.

Trustee Conner	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to close the regular board meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 7:09 pm a motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to come out of Executive Session. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Molinski and seconded by Trustee Conner to reopen the Regular Meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. Land Donation

A motion was made by Trustee Molinski and seconded by Trustee Conner to accept a land donation from Manny & Sheila Coupal to the Village of Champlain. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sidewalks

We are moving forward on bids for sidewalk replacements. The notice was in the newspaper on Saturday and bid opening will be on August 23rd.

2. Training

Last month we approved up to 3 people going to training, but that is not happening. There is an online learning program through AWWA. The cost is \$320/year for 3 members and there are enough classes to get the credits needed for the year.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the expenditure of \$320 to AWWA for membership in the online learning program.

Roll call vote:	Trustee Conner	Aye
	Trustee Molinski	Aye
	Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 7:16 pm, a motion was made by Trustee Molinski and seconded by Trustee Conner to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

M. Spring, Secretary