

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
December 9, 2024 6:30 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, Dec. 9, 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, Conner and Herzog, Supt. Jolicoeur and Clerk/Treasurer Munoz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve minutes of the Nov. 4, 2024 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

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McFetridge reported:

The WWTP upgrades continue. Water main replacement continues with sidewalks going in.

We have several new small businesses downtown. The Town and Village Comprehensive Plan aims to increase marketing in our area. Mayor McFetridge thanked the Town Board for their collaboration with the Village.

She thanked the Champlain Fire Dept. for the Parade of Lights, which was enjoyed by many.

The Holiday Fest will be held on Dec. 14th with the Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m. Santa will be there with hot cocoa.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Herzog

Trustee Herzog had nothing to report this evening.

Trustee Conner

Trustee Conner had nothing to report this evening.

Trustee Molinski

Trustee Molinski reported that the cooking class had 15 people and there is a February class planned.

Saturday, Dec. 14th Christmas Crafts at 1:00 p.m. and candy cane hunt at the playground at 2:30.

The library is having its annual Christmas sale.

Trustee Trombley

Trustee Trombley had nothing to report this evening.

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

Water Billing: \$70,209.50 water & \$69,847.35 sewer

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

Transfers:

To: A5110.2 Street Maintenance/Equipment \$16,777.33
From: A599 Fund Balance \$16,777.33
For Shared Services purchase of roller with Village of Rouses Point and Town of Champlain

To: A5110.2 Street Maintenance/Equipment \$4,000.00
From: A5110.4 Street Maintenance/Contractual \$4,000.00
For electric equipment purchases made that will be reimbursed with NYSERDA grant

GENERAL JOURNAL ENTRIES NECESSARY TO FUND ACCOUNT IN NEED

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the transfers as written.

Roll Call vote:

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

The warrant was presented with additional invoices of \$11,356.97 for a total of \$225,347.52.

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Herzog to approve the warrant with additional invoices.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried

Main Water Line Replacement Project

11/7/2024	Barton & Loguidice	\$81,581.15
11/22/2024	Winterbottom Trucking LLC	9,354.40
11/25/2024	NEWS of New York	20,111.96
12/03/2024	TJ Fiacco Construction LLC	<u>239,316.12</u>
Total		\$350,363.63

Motion to approve by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Herzog. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried

Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection & Improvements

11/07/2024	Barton & Loguidice	\$41,735.40
12/04/2024	Barton & Loguidice	<u>2,270.00</u>
Total		\$44,005.40

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

Trustee Trombley Aye

Trustee Molinski	Aye
Trustee Conner	Aye
Trustee Herzog	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

WATER

- Rt. 9 section on new water main completed from North end of Willow to vault near 11222 Rt. 9. This section was pressure tested, disinfected and all services have been connected & are in service. The connection was made from South end of Willow to new Rt. 9 valve. Old line was shut down.
- Nov. 27th water main break at the south end of Willow St. The Water plant and main line were shut down to repair the leak. The BWO was extended due to not being able to sample until Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st.
- Some sidewalk replacement was done between the Village office and Cedar St. They started setting forms to pour more and will have blankets over them. In order to prevent cracking, they will need a week to cure before being driven on.
- The last section of new mains will be installed along Rt. 9 from Mill St. to the vault near 11222 Rt.. That will not be done until spring.

STREETS

- Delineators and reflectors will be put up along roads where needed to aid in snow removal.
- Installation of Christmas decorations has begun.

SEWER

- Sewer plant construction should be wrapped up very soon.

MISC: Purchase Requisition

- Supt. Jolicoeur is requesting a new metal detector as you can no longer hear the tone on this one. It would be the same model and he would like to return the current one to see if it can be fixed. It is no longer under warranty. The cost of a new metal detector is \$1,200.00 + freight.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Herzog to approve up to \$1,300.00 for the purchase of a new metal detector plus freight. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from Town Supervisor Trombley regarding the new sidewalks
Mayor McFetridge says she has also received many comments from residents about the new sidewalks.
2. Corresp to Clean Energy Communities committing to purchase of electric equipment.
Mayor McFetridge said that we have been a Clean Energy Community for several years and have received funding from NYSERDA. for the charging station, blower, solar charger bench and the electric equipment purchased on this warrant.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sewer Credit: Chris Garand
The property at 11166B Rt. 9 had high water usage and the owner was contacted; the hot water tank had ruptured and been repaired. Supt. Jolicoeur confirmed that the water did not enter the wastewater system.

The average usage for this property is 3K/quarter. This quarter, usage was 59K. Wastewater credit would be 56K x \$6.00/K gal.= \$336.00.

Motion by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve wastewater credit of \$336.00 on account A0340 at 11166B Route 9. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

2. Resolution 09-2024: Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments

Motion to approve by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Molinski. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. Fire Station

Mayor McFetridge stated that the Fire District is building a new station to replace one built in 1986. She asked the board if we should consider purchasing the old building; would it be useful, necessary and affordable? What would our residents want?

Trustee Conner feels that we have a need, but the cost is the biggest issue.

Mayor McFetridge stated that the property is zoned R-1, but since both the Fire Dept. and the Village are essential services, there would be no problems with variances or transferring the property.

There are 4 bays in front and 1 on the side. We could have an engineer look at it to see if our equipment and vehicles would fit. Supt. Jolicoeur said that we would fill it up; the loader and plow trucks are sitting outside as they don't fit in the current garage.

Trustee Trombley asked if we would keep our current property and purchase the fire station in addition?

Mayor McFetridge said that we could do it in phases, purchasing the garage first and add to the building with office space. Supt. Jolicoeur suggested adding a salt shed behind the garage.

Trustee Trombley asked about a price.

Mayor McFetridge said that there is nothing official right now. We would need a bond but might have other sources of funding. We would work with a facility manager to see what would need to be done to the building to make it usable for the Village.

Supt. Jolicoeur said that there is no other place in the community to go for anything like this. A new build would be very expensive.

The board was in support of pursuing the purchase of the Fire Dept. building. Mayor McFetridge will contact a facilities planner to attend our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. UpAhead Gov.

The board discussed the program that was presented at our last meeting.

Trustee Herzog said that it would be good at getting the word out.

Mayor McFetridge said that many people don't have cell phones and that this program does do robo-calls.

Trustees Conner and Trombley didn't think it would be utilized.

Supt. Jolicoeur suggested that we get email addresses and phone # from residents to contact them ourselves. Further discussion followed. The board did not feel that the cost would be worth it.

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Trombley to subscribe to UpAhead.gov.

All members present voted nay. Motion denied.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 7:12 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Conner to adjourn. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Spring, Secretary

Codes Enforcement Report November 2024

Building Permit: Manufactured home to Dylan Gladd at 9 Filion Lane

Demolition Permit to Dylan Gladd at 9 Filion Lane

Violation: Anctils Garage at 11178 Rt. 9

Building Permit: Anctils Garage at 11178 Rt. 9

Building Permit: Art Bachelder at 651 Prospect St.