

Village of Champlain Village Board Meeting December 13, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Mon., December 13, 2021 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York. Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Molinski, Conner, Kim Trombley & Thomas Trombley and Clerk/Treasurer Munoz. Supt. Jolicoeur was excused this evening. Also present were Jennifer Watson, Richard Watson and Evan Watson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the minutes of the November 8th Board Meeting. Trustee Kim Trombley abstained. All other members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Richard and Evan Watson were here this evening to work on their Boy Scout Community Merit badges.

Richard had an idea for a mirror in the area of the Route 9 Bridge and Church Street intersection. It is hard to see cars coming down the hill there and there could be an accident there in the future.

Evan suggested that the Village add more trash receptacles as there is a lot of trash around the village.

REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McFetridge reported the following:

Thank you to the DPW for decorating the park, to Juanita and Mary for organizing the tree lighting event, to Greg Martin for helping set things up, to Nicci Molinski for putting together the children's craft activity, to Dunkin for the hot chocolate & treats, to the Champlain Fire Dept. for organizing the parade of lighted vehicles, to Ben and Jen Hough for brightening spirits with their decorated truck and trailer, and especially to Santa for coming to Champlain to spend some time with us.

The judges for the House Decorating Contest will be driving around this week to select winners, so leave your lights on.

Mayor McFetridge sent sincere wishes for a happy and safe holiday: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Kim Trombley

The water board is going strong and has a new member, Jack Dawson. The Town and Village have copies of the water board's report to look over and respond within 30 days.

Trustee Thomas Trombley

There will be a Blood Drive on Dec. 27th at the EMS Station from 3-7 p.m.

Trustee Trombley thanked the DPW crew for the work done during the recent snowstorms.

Trustee Trombley thanked the village board for being able to serve the village for the past 13 years. The current and past trustees that he has served with have always been professional and he thanked them for the experience of working with them. He has also served under 3 Mayors: Mayor Jeff Moore, Mayor Greg Martin and current Mayor Janet McFetridge.

Trustee Charles Conner

Trustee Conner is looking forward to accomplishing goals for next year. Another Game Day will be planned in January.

Trustee Nicci Molinski

The first Library Book Club meeting was held with 3 in attendance. They will meet again at the end of December.

The Christmas Crafts and Candy Cane Hunt went well on Saturday.

There are some events planned at the Library for February Break and more in March and April.

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

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

We need to make 2 transfers:

To: G1420.1	Law: Personal Services		\$1,000
From: G8130.4	Transmission and Distrib. Contractual	\$1,000	

(For Bond Counsel Costs)

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Conner to approve this transfer.

Roll call vote:	Trustee Kim Trombley	Aye
	Trustee Molinski	Aye
	Trustee Conner	Aye
	Trustee Thomas Trombley	Aye
	Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

To: F8340.4	Transmission & Distrib. Contractual		\$1,000
From: F8340.2	Transmission & Distrib. Equipment	\$1,000	

(For fuel for the new generator)

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to approve this transfer.

Roll call vote:	Trustee Kim Trombley	Aye
	Trustee Molinski	Aye
	Trustee Conner	Aye
	Trustee Thomas Trombley	Aye
	Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

There are additional invoices of \$5,521.38 to be added to the warrant for a total warrant of \$119,849.86

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$119,849.86. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

There are two bills to be paid from Water & Sewer Capitol Project funds.

1) \$1,133.25 to Barton & Loguidice for the water line project.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve payment of \$1,133.25 to Barton & Loguidice from Capitol Water project funds. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

2) \$68,898.48 to Barton & Loguidice for the Wastewater Treatment Disinfection Project

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve payment of \$68,898.48 to Barton & Loguidice from Capital Wastewater Project funds. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

Supt. Jolicoeur provided the board with a report for November.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Court appearance notice for Doug Powers case
2. Corresp from Codes Officer Matott to Village Board regarding building at 11191 Rt. 9
3. NYS Police Report of damage to radar sign on Prospect St.
4. Corresp from Clinton County Office for the Aging regarding mini-grant received.
5. Letter of Resignation from Thomas Trombley
6. Corresp from C.O. Matott to Steve Dumesnil regarding trash
7. Corresp from C.O. Matott to James Labelle regarding building permit
8. Corresp from C.O. Matott to Daniel Labarge regarding cleanup of fuel leak
9. Corresp from C.O. Matott to Donald Patterson regarding roof repair.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution of Mill Street Extension

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve Resolution #7 for Mill Street Extension. Roll call vote:

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

Motion Carried.

2. Resolution of 2022 Election Polling Time and Place

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to approve Resolution of Polling Time and Place for 2022 Elections. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

3) Water Board Report

The Village Board was provided a copy of the Water Board Annual Report. Trustee Thomas Trombley said that the debt service will continue on schedule. They recommended rates remain the same, but suggested that the Village raise rates at some point to increase fund balance.

Mayor McFetridge asked about the installation of the remote meter at the WWTP.

Trustee Thomas Trombley wasn't sure if this could be part of the current upgrade or done separately. Mayor McFetridge will bring that to the attention of the engineers.

A letter needs to be written to the Fire District, asking them to let us know when they have used a hydrant: our water operator can compare the usage during that time with average use to get an idea of the amount of water used.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to accept the Water Board Report. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

4) Water Line: Elm Street

Supt. Jolicoeur prepared a list of pro's and con's for repairing the Elm Street water line section now, outside of the project.

CONS:

- Extra cost for engineers (will have to be done again for the rest of the water line replacement)
- Extra attorney costs (will have to be done again for the rest of the water line replacement)
- Construction costs would generally be higher because scope of work is smaller.
- Potentially few bidders during the winter months.
- Construction costs go up in the winter because things take longer to do.

- Cost of advertising for bids (will have to be done again for the rest of the water line replacement)
- Asphalt plants are closed until spring, so any asphalt areas would be stone.
- Cold temperatures make it very difficult to run temporary lines and keep them thawed in order to feed residents while construction is going on.
- Funding issues: If we miss a deadline or don't follow exactly what funding company wants, we may no longer be eligible for reimbursement of funds.

PROS:

- Could possibly be finished a few months earlier than original plan
- Less chance of breaks in the new section being installed, resulting in lower overtime costs for repairs.

There are currently 4-5 bands in a row in the section from Kevin Triller's to Walnut Street.

Trustee Thomas Trombley asked if there is a timeline for the current water line project.

Supt. Jolicoeur thought they would beginning probably in May.

Trustee Trombley suggested that we ask that this section be given priority.

Mayor McFetridge said that this project would be done outside of the current water line project and would cost about \$70,000, which would have to come out of our water fund. It would not be funded with grants and loans.

Trustee Thomas Trombley felt that we should wait and leave this in the project. For the additional costs, the amount of time gained is not merited.

Trustee Conner felt it should stay with the project and be paid for with funding over time.

The board agreed that we should wait and keep this a part of the water line project.

5) Radar Sign Replacement

The radar sign that was damaged on Prospect Street needs to be replaced. It is covered under our insurance but we haven't heard back from them yet.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to approve the purchase of a new Radar Sign for Prospect Street at a cost of \$4,000.00.

Roll Call vote:

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

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:27 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to close the regular board meeting. All members present voted aye.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Conner to go into Executive Session.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board of Trustees returned. No votes were taken and no decisions were made.

At 7:55 p.m. motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Conner to come out of Executive Session. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to return to Regular Meeting.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Sale of Village Property at Perry Mills Rd.

Mayor McFetridge reported that EBay doesn't have a real estate section; it is a different division that we should probably not get involved in.

We could advertise in the Press Republic and The Sun. Possibly Facebook Marketplace and Kijiji, which is out of Canada. The asking price will be \$38,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 8:00 pm, a motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

M. Spring, Secretary

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

- Spoke with owner of old church on Oak Street about cross falling and permit
- Tenant complaint of landlord issues at 19 Locust Street
- Letter to 19 Locust Street about old furniture in yard
- Letter to 28 Locust Street about refrigerator by roadway (removed)
- Attempted to reach contractor on Route 9 renovation project for permit renewal
- Letter to 16 Locust Street regarding building without permit
- Conversation with neighbor of burned property on Main Street regarding status
- 2nd letter and violation notice to Steve Dumensil regarding old furniture (19 Locust St.)
- Meeting with owner of 17 Oak Street to discuss renovations and building possibilities
- Renewal of Permit #1558
- Issued permit for shed at 16 Locust Street
- Fireplace inspection on Perry Mills Road
- Subdivision questions for property on Willow Street and property on Elm Street
- Complaint of rats on Main Street near 11191 Rt. 9
- Monthly census survey
- Status conference for Powers case at Town Court
- Met with attorney for Powers case and Trombley case.
- Letter to board regarding 11191 Rt. 9
- Questions about placing storage trailer or building shed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

WATER:

- We had 4 water main breaks in the past month
 - 1) 11/9 Route 9 near Ashline Drive
 - 2) 11/21 46 Elm Street
 - 3) 12/01 Pine Street near intersection of Route 9
 - 4) 12/12 12 Pine Street
- We had 3 pressure reducers fail: were repaired
- We did a meter install for a new service line
- We had some seasonal water shutoff requests
- Hydrant flushing is finished until spring flushing
- The old chlorine tank was removed and new one set in place. We are waiting for a few fittings to finish plumbing.
- The new generator is installed and wired. We are waiting on Kinsley for a startup date.

SEWER

We have had issues at the WWTP with blowers tripping form low voltage. They are VFD and very sensitive.

EQUIPMENT

- The plow for the new truck has arrived and is in use.
- We are having some plow light issues and are waiting to hear back from Peterbilt about a fix.
- We are waiting to hear from Allison on transmission programming for plow truck
- Equipment was washed and desalted today.

STREETS

- Plowing and sanding
- Brush pickup
- Hometown Hero banners taken down.
- Christmas decorations installed and Park decorated