

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
February 14, 2022**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Mon., February 14, 2022 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 Trombley, Molinski, Conner and Herzog & Clerk/Treasurer Munoz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Board Meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2022 Special 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 public to comment this evening.

PUBLIC HEARING: OVERRIDE OF TAX CAP

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to close the regular meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to open the public hearing. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

There was no one present to comment or ask questions about the tax cap override.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Trombley to close the public hearing. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Herzog to open the regular meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Codes Officer Matott provided the board with a report for January 2022.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McFetridge reported the following:

She reminded residents to remove garbage cans from the road and sidewalks after they have been emptied.

She reminded residents not to park their vehicles on Village streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Mayor McFetridge acknowledged that some people are unhappy with their lawns being scraped by machinery, but that the Village does have a Right of Way and our prime concern is the safety of our residents. Snow and ice need to be removed as much as possible, but many sidewalks are narrow and it is impossible to avoid hitting the frozen dirt on the sides.

We have a number of water line breaks at night and during weekends. Our DPW employees are working through the night to repair these breaks. We are waiting to hear if we have been awarded grants for the water line replacements. It is not a good plan financially to continue to make these repairs. The problem lines will be replaced in the near future.

Future Events in the Village:

- Frosty February Fun on Feb. 24th, at 1 p.m. at the Champlain Meeting House
- Arbor Day & Earth Day
- Slow Art Day

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Herzog

Trustee Herzog had nothing to report this evening.

Trustee Conner

Trustee Conner reported that game day went well with 10 people in attendance. He would like to plan another one sometime in March. Also that we need to be thinking about the playground and work that needs to be done there in the spring.

Trustee Molinski

Trustee Molinski reported that the Valentine’s Day event went well and thanked Julia Renda for putting that together.

The Children’s Book Club will meet at the library on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.

There will be a PBS event at the library on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 10 am..

The Frosty February Fun event will be held at the playground/Meeting House on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.

An Earth Day/ Arbor Day event is being planned.

A basketball tournament is being planned as a fundraiser for the playground.

Fun Run’s will be starting up in June.

Trustee Kim Trombley

The Board was provided with the letter from Rick Hunter from the Town regarding the Water Board Report.

Trustee Trombley referred to

Bullet #3: *The Town recommends that a shared document between the Town and Village to be used to keep a log of all hydrant flushing and all water testing results for both reporting purposes and to ensure efficient use of Village and Town personnel.*

Trustee Trombley said that there has been some lack in communication and duplication of work.

Bullet #4: The Town wishes to share the insurance costs for the West Service Rd Water Tower and Prospect St. Water Tower as part of the annual O&M for 2022.

Trustee Trombley said that this is not an O&M expense and that a contract needs to be drawn up for this.

Village of Champlain Bullet #2: Recommend that both the Village and Town evaluate and update their local laws to communicate consequences of water theft (hydrants) with the public.

Mayor McFetridge replied that we have local laws requiring that notice being given to the Supt. before a hydrant is opened & used, any misuse of the water system and fines for violations.

Trustee Trombley will make a copy of this and provide it to the water board.

Mayor McFetridge asked who would be writing the contract regarding insurance for the water tanks?

Trustee Trombley said that it should be a collaborative effort between the Town Supervisor and the Village Mayor before going to an attorney.

Mayor McFetridge asked about consequences if the 30 day timeline to respond to the Water Board was not followed?

Trustee Trombley agreed that there should be consequences. Perhaps if either the Town or Village did not respond within the 30 days, it would be considered accepted and they could move forward.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

The board has been provided the Expense and Revenue Report for January 2022.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

There are additional invoices of \$4,236.94 to be added to the warrant for a total warrant of \$29,985.96.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$29,985.96. Roll call vote:

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| Trustee Trombley | Aye |
| Trustee Nicci Molinski | Aye |
| Trustee Charles Conner | Aye |
| Trustee Herzog | Aye |
| Mayor McFetridge | Aye |

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Herzog and seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve payment of \$21,038.00 to Barton & Loguidice for Engineering and Design for the Water Line Replacement project. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve payment of \$38,059.12 to Barton & Loguidice for Engineering and Design for the Wastewater Plant Disinfection project. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

Supt. Jolicoeur provided the board with a report for January 2022.

Purchase Requisition

Tenco parts for 2010 plow truck

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| 1. #620 Wing Shoe | 2@ \$50 | \$100.00 |
| 2. Floating Rear Wing Adapter | \$1,060.95 | \$1,060.95 |
| 3. Wing Arm Top | 1 @ \$1,636.79 | \$1,636.79 |
| 4. Wing Arm Bottom | 1@ \$1,344.38 | \$1,344.38 |
| 5. 1 set carbide with cover blade and curb shoe | | <u>\$1,072.00</u> |
| TOTAL | | \$5,214.12 |

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the purchase of these items for the 2010 snow plow in the amount of \$5,214.12 plus the cost of freight. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CHIPS funding reimbursement information
2. Corresp from NY Home & Community Renewal regarding CDBG funding application.
3. Corresp from Codes Officer regarding stove at 28 Locust St.
4. Corresp from Codes Officer regarding garbage at 19 Locust St.
5. Corresp from Codes Officer regarding trash at 102 Church St.
6. Corresp from Attorney Murnane regarding People vs. Douglas Powers

NEW BUSINESS

1. Local Law to Override Tax Cap

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve Local Law #1 of 2022 “Override of Tax Cap”. Roll Call vote:

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

Motion carried.

2. Arbor Day Proclamation

A motion was made by Trustee Molinski and seconded by Trustee Conner to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation as written. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

3. Deeming Unsafe Building at 11191 Route 9

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve the Board Resolution Ordering Notice of Unsafe Building to #11191 Route 9, Champlain NY.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sale of Village Property at Perry Mills Rd

Trustee Kim Trombley reported that several people interested in the Village property were in contact with the Town Supervisor, Thomas Trombley. They had heard that this location was used as a dump for previous businesses and were questioning whether the Village would be liable for the condition of the property. Mayor McFetridge will contact DEC to see how we should proceed. We will table the sale of this property until we hear from DEC.

2. Water Plant Platform.

The Town will purchase the platform and the Village will pay for our portion of the costs.

A budget workshop is scheduled for February 28th, 2022 at 5 p.m. at the Village Office.

ADJOURNMENT

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

M. Spring, Secretary

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

- Doug Powers court hearing adjourned again until February
- Garbage complaint on Church St./ Cedar St. Tenant will get cans today.
- Sign questions for Elm Street.
- Monthly Census for permits
- Letter to landlord of 102 Church Street regarding ongoing trash problem.
- Permit list to tax assessor.
- Annual NYS Code Enforcement Report completed and submitted to state.
- Commercial business mapping for inspection letters and schedule.
- Fire notification at 752 Prospect St. Power shut off to building.
- Fire notification at 102 Church St., Total loss.
- Spoke with owner of 102 Church St. Awaiting Insurance outcome. Will be boarded up.
- Regulation for sign changeover at Fedex.
- Pictures of 102 Church St. for reference if case needs to be started.
- Spoke with rep. for 102 Church St. who stated it will be demolished in the spring.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

WATER:

- had 2 pressure reducers that failed and were repaired.
- had 5 water main breaks this month:
 - 1) Prospect Street: 12" main on lodge
 - 2) Filion Lane: 6" main
 - 3) Rt. 9/Willow St. 8" main
 - 4) Willow St. 6" main
 - 5) Pine/Rt. 9
- Changed out 3 frozen, broken water meters
- Unoccupied residence had 2nd floor pipe burst. Ceiling fell in.
- Woody is working with WIGAN to find out if NANO filters can be cleaned or will need replacing.
- Had our first frozen water lateral under Rt. 9. We thawed it and resident will run water to keep from freezing.

SEWER

- We have had a few residents with frozen and plugged sewer lines.
- Meeting with engineers to finalize plans on upgrades.

EQUIPMENT

- Our new plow truck sander stopped working. It was repaired under warranty in Malone.
- Sidewalk plow had tire replaced.
- Flat tire on the loader to be sent away and vulcanized.
- Kubota back in service
- Hydraulic line ruptured on Fisher plow and new hoses were purchased.
- Pickup truck was serviced
- The one-ton will be sent to shop to install power steering and transmission cooler lines that are leaking.
- Backhoe was serviced.
- Old plow truck needs wing parts to keep in service.

STREETS

- Plowing and sanding
- Snow hauled away
- Christmas decorations taken down
- Assisted with house fire on Church St.

MISC.: We are still having issues with people leaving trash cans on edge of the road or sidewalk. These cans can be put out the night before pickup but need to be pulled back out of the Village right-of-way once pickup is complete.

Reminder: do not park on sidewalks, near crosswalk or near stop signs.

With the warm temps last week, the frost pushed deeper in the ground. We have not had any frozen laterals in the past 2 years. We had our first one last week. Residents that live on Rt. 9 in the village that have had issues with laterals freezing under the road in the past should contact the village DPW for instructions.