

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
January 10, 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., January 10, 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 Molinski, Conner, Kim Trombley, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz and Joel Herzog.

OATH OF OFFICE

Joel Herzog took the Oath of Office and was sworn in as a member of the Board of Trustees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the minutes of the December 13th Board Meeting. All members 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.

REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

There was no report from the Codes Enforcement Officer this month.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McFetridge reported the following:

Mayor McFetridge reminded residents to wear masks and get vaccinated if they have not already done so. If you know anyone in need who can't get to the store or run other errands, offer to drop things off on their porch or reach out the Mayor McFetridge to deliver food and supplies.

The Village of Champlain was awarded \$864,000 in grant funding for the UV Disinfection Project at the wastewater treatment plant. We are hoping to hear soon about other money available for further upgrades there, as well as waterline replacement money.

We are involved in a grant with the Clinton County Health Dept. to add some items to the Northern Tier Rec. Trail. These include mileage markers and history posts. This grant also supports safe streets and has funded another speed radar sign to be placed on Church St.

The Village was given a number of COVID home test kits and N95 masks. They were quickly distributed to our residents, first come, first served. We have a waiting list of individuals who would like one if we get more. Please call the office if you want to be added to the list, although we cannot guarantee that we will get more.

- Reminders: There is no parking on Village streets during posted hours, Remove your trashcans from the sidewalk after garbage trucks have removed the trash, No outdoor campfires & Please pay your water bills.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Kim Trombley

The water board will be working with information received for their reports. They have not yet heard back from the Town on the Water Board recommendations. They were given 30 days to review and respond.

Trustee Molinski

Trustee Molinski had nothing to report this evening.

Trustee Charles Conner

Trustee Conner is planning another Game Day on January 23rd from 1-3 p.m. at the Meeting House.

Trustee Herzog

Trustee Herzog had nothing to report this evening.

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

Our Jan. 1 water billing totals are: Water: \$59,203.25 and Sewer: \$67,133.27.

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

We need to make the following transfers:

To: A9010.8	State Retirement		\$3,178.00
From: A5410.4	Sidewalks	\$3,178.00	
To: A1910.4	Unallocated Insurance		\$444.72
From: A5410.4	Sidewalks	\$444.72	
To: A9040.8	Workers Comp		\$426.50
From: A5410.4	Sidewalks	\$426.50	
To: F9010.8	State Retirement		\$1,271.20
From: F8389.4	Water Other Expense	\$1,271.20	
To: F1910.4	Unallocated Insurance		\$177.89
From: F8389.4	Water Other Expense	\$177.89	
To: F9040.8	Workers comp		\$170.40
From: F8389.4	Water Other Expense	\$170.40	
To: G9010.8	State Retirement		\$1,906.80
From: G1440.1	Engineering	\$1,906.80	
To: G1910.4	Unallocated Insurance		\$266.84
From: G1440.1	Engineering	\$266.84	
To: G9040.8	Workers Comp		\$256.10
From: G1440.1	Engineering	\$256.10	

No Account can have a Negative Balance. General Journal entries necessary to fund account in need.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve these transfers.

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

Motion carried.

To: A5110.4	Streets		\$10,000
From: A599	Fund Balance	\$10,000	

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

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

There are additional invoices of \$3,528.09 to be added to the warrant for a total warrant of \$68,127.52

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$68,127.52. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Corresp from Mayor McFetridge in support of a grant for Sheridan Ironworks
2. Corresp from Mayor McFetridge to Town Supervisor Barcomb regarding acceptance of water board recommendations
3. Corresp. from Mayor McFetridge to Trustee Thomas Trombley
4. Corresp to Fire Chief Tom Lefebvre regarding use of hydrants for firefighting purposes.
5. Corresp from Attorney Murnane regarding Doug Powers court appearance.
6. Notice of Resignation from Brandon McCauslin for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointments

Cynthia Moran has agreed to join the Planning Board.

Trustee Charles Conner has agreed to finish Thomas Trombley's term as Deputy Mayor.

2. Water Plant Platform

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to table this item. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

3. Complete Streets Grant recommendations

This grant is for community projects. It will be used for mileage markers and history signs along the Rec. Trail and warning signs, a radar speed sign and crosswalk striping in the village.

4. Local Law to Override Tax Cap

We need to pass a local law allowing the village to override the tax cap in case we go over.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, January 17th at 2 p.m. to approve the local law and set a public hearing. (The time was changed from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

5. Barton & Loguidice Updates

We did not get the WQIP grant or the CDBG grant.

Matt Cooper recommends that we proceed with the design phase: \$82,500 for the Preliminary Design and \$41,250 for the Final design. This will come out of the short term loan we have. The design phase can be done during the winter with the construction starting in the spring.

Mayor McFetridge said that, regardless of funding, we need to replace these water lines. We can resubmit for the CDBG grant and if received, it would be retroactive to the beginning of the project. Trustee Conner agreed that we need to proceed. Trustee Trombley said that waiting for the money is a gamble; we would be waiting another year for an answer.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Trombley to proceed with the preliminary design phase. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Sale of Village Property at Perry Mills Rd.

The deadline to submit bids is January 19th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor McFetridge requested an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

At 7:09 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Conner to close the regular board meeting.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

AT 7:40 p.m. The Board of Trustees returned. No votes were taken and no decisions were made.

A motion was made by Trustee Herzog and seconded by Trustee Trombley to come out of Executive Session.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 7:42 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

No report was provided this month.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

WATER:

- We had 2 pressure reducers that failed and were repaired.
- The new chlorine tank was installed at the water plant
- The new generator is in operation at the Water Plant.
- Woody is working with WIGAN to find out if the NANO filters can be cleaned or need replacing.

SEWER

- We have had issues at the WWTP with blowers tripping from low voltage. They are VFD and very sensitive. We are trying to figure it out.
- We had a water leak in between the headworks and press building in the main driveway at the wastewater plant. We had to dig and replace a broken curb box rod to shut the main water line off. We chased the leak for 3 days until it was found and repaired.

EQUIPMENT

- We are having some plow light issues and are waiting to hear back from Peterbilt about a fix.
- Sidewalk plow was OOS due to a thermostat failure. Supt. Jolicoeur was able to take the machine apart and repair it. The machine is now back in service.
- The Kubota is at the shop because a bearing in the front wheel broke and ruined the axle shaft.
- The 1 ton will be sent to the shop to install power steering and transmission cooler lines that are leaking.
- The backhoe needs a 3,000 hour service and the DPF filter will have to be taken to Colchester or will have to have a service call done.

STREETS

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

MISC.

- We had a tree limb touch wires at the water plant, burning off pole. NYSEG installed new pole and wires
- We did some brush pickup after the windstorm.
- We did Christmas Tree pickup and delivered the trees to some goat farms to be recycled into pellets.

Supt. Jolicoeur apologized to the residents for the sidewalk not being done from before Christmas until after New Years due to the sidewalk machine being OOS.

Reminder: Do not park on sidewalks, near crosswalks or near stop signs.

Do not leave garbage on sidewalk or edge of roadway. When trash is picked up, please removed cans from curb.