

Village of Champlain Village Board Meeting January 14, 2019

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, January 14th, 2019 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York. Present were Mayor Martin, Trustees Gehrig, McFetridge, Thomas Trombley and Kim Trombley, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz, Supt. Jolicoeur and Secretary Sousa. Paul Gehrig was also present. Codes Officer Tetreault was excused this evening.

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve the minutes of the Dec. 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to approve the minutes of the Dec. 20, 2018 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Kim Trombley abstained. All other members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Gehrig to approve the minutes of the Dec. 29, 2018 Special Board meeting. Trustee McFetridge abstained. All other members present voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Gehrig was present this evening representing the Champlain Memorial Library and updating the Village Board on library events in the past year.

- Snow Days were held during February Break last year with many activities and games.
- Cleanup Days were held to clean up the outside of the facility.
- Story Hours are held monthly with regular attendees
- The Library was in attendance at the annual Village Fest this year.
- The Library also participated in the Trunk or Treat event in October.
- Two “Sip and Paint” events were held at the Library as fundraisers
- The Library survey was completed with the most responses requesting later hours during the week, better technology and more events.
- The library will be purchasing tablets and giving classes on their use.
- They plan on doing some more painting, both inside and out.
- They are looking at replacing some computers and revamping an adult reading area.
- The library has a new children’s section with new furniture, carpet, toys and lighting.

Mr. Gehrig thanked the board for the increase in funding last year and welcomed anything we can offer in the budget this year. Trustee McFetridge thanked Mr. Gehrig and the library board for all that they have done.

REPORT FROM CODES OFFICER TETREULT

Codes Officer Tetreault was not present this evening.

REPORT FROM MAYOR MARTIN

There are several major projects that will be completed this year: the water project, new blowers at the wastewater plant, water main replacement, sidewalk repair/replacement, street paving and an EV charging station.

Home Town Cable (HTC) is no longer being carried on local cable channel 24. There is now little or no local television station coverage of the North Country communities unless you are affected by an event in Bradford VT or Bradford NH. Local happenings matter in the HTC viewing area, which includes the six northern-most communities in NYS. Over the past 30 years, we have been able to watch local sporting events, church activities, government meetings and community events, both present and past, from the HTC extensive library of local events. Please support the reinstatement of HTC to local programming by calling your local Charter/Spectrum/Time Warner offices and expressing your displeasure over not having channel 24 included in your cable package. Call your local political representative and express your concerns about local coverage, as they too have a stake in this situation.

Report from Trustee Kim Trombley

Trustee Kim Trombley and Trustee Thomas Trombley met with two Town Board members last week (on the water project repayment plan). It was an amicable meeting and they are looking forward to resolving this issue.

Report from Trustee Thomas Trombley

Trustee Thomas Trombley and Kim Trombley met with Rick Hunter and Jason Borrie from the Town Board to go over data and figure out what percentage of the loan is owed by the village. Further discussion followed.

Report from Trustee McFetridge

The first sewing class will be held on Jan. 16th at 6:30 pm at the Meeting House.

Author Mark Barie will be at the Meeting House on January 26th at 6:30 pm

Kids Cooking Class held on Feb. 3rd at 11:00 a.m. at the Meeting House: Healthy Snacks

She thanked the DPW for their work in getting the ice skating rink ready.

Report from Trustee Gehrig

Trustee Amy Gehrig announced the winners of the house decorating contest: Gary & Jan Boulerice of 114 South Street, Kerri Bean of 19 Moore Street and Peter Racine of 703 Prospect Street. She said that the Stewarts Grant is due. Based on the board’s suggestion, she will look into getting sidewalk stencils with that grant. Further discussion followed.

Report from Clerk/Treasurer Munoz

The board has been copied with the Expense/Revenue report for December.

Jan. 1st water/sewer billing totals are \$64,245.77 for water and \$66,786.03 for sewer.

A transfer is needed to cover the costs of copper & lead and wet testing at the water treatment plant.

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| To: | F8310.4 | \$5,000 |
| From: | F8389.4 | \$5,000 |

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to make this transfer. Roll Call vote as follows:

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| Trustee Kim Trombley | Aye |
| Trustee McFetridge | Aye |
| Trustee Thomas Trombley | Aye |
| Trustee Gehrig | Aye |
| Mayor Martin | Aye |

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

There are additional invoice to be added to the warrant

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| CLARKS TRUCK CENTER | BRAKE PARTS/INTNTL | A5110.4 | \$154.51 |
| MURNANE | TOWN/WATER PROJECT | A1420.1 | \$206.25 |
| MURNANE | TOWN/WATER PROJECT | F1420.1 | \$82.50 |
| MURNANE | TOWN/WATER PROJECT | G1420.1 | \$123.75 |
| MURNANE | TOWN/WATER PROJECT | A1420.1 | \$137.50 |
| MURNANE | TOWN/WATER PROJECT | F1420.1 | \$55.00 |
| MURNANE | TOWN/WATER PROJECT | G1420.1 | \$82.50 |
| Total Additional Items | | | \$842.01 |

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve the warrant with additional invoices of \$842.01 for a total of \$27,523.40.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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| Trustee Kim Trombley | Aye |
| Trustee McFetridge | Aye |
| Trustee Thomas Trombley | Aye |
| Trustee Gehrig | Aye |
| Mayor Martin | Aye |

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM SUPT. JOLICOEUR

- The skating rink is almost ready
- Christmas decorations are down and put away
- There was some trouble with the blowers but has been fixed
- Pipeline Mechanical will be here to remove one blower that doesn't work to make room for the new one.
- We are expecting the new blowers towards the end of January
- Salt was ordered and will be mixed with sand.
- Some work was done on the trucks.
- Supt Jolicoeur has been recertified for excavation. All municipal employees and contractors must now be trained and certified by this April. Supt. Jolicoeur and Jimmy Ondras are certified for 5 years and he would like the other employees to be able to do that online at \$25 per person.
- Mike King has his permit and sanded this morning, but without the plow and wing. He has been on the sidewalk machine up until now. Trustee Thomas Trombley offered to help him with that and his pretest.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Corresp. with EV Connect regarding chargers
- 2. JCEO monthly report for December 2018

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Elections Polling Place and Time

WHEREAS, the next Village Election for offices of the Village of Champlain, New York, will be held on March 19, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of said Village must designate, by resolution, the polling place and hours which the polls shall be open, per Section 15-104-3b of the State of New York Election Law; then be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain has determined the polling place shall be at the Village of Champlain Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York, with the polls being open from 12 noon to 9 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as required by Section 15-104-3b of the State Election Law, notice of said Village polling place and time the poles will be open be given at least sixty (60) days prior to said Election date.

THIS RESOLUTION shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Amy Gehrig to accept the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows:

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| Trustee Kim Trombley | Aye |
| Trustee McFetridge | Aye |
| Trustee Thomas Trombley | Aye |
| Trustee Gehrig | Aye |
| Mayor Martin | Aye |

Motion Carried

Joint Youth Program Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee McFetridge and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to approve the 2019 Joint Youth Program Agreement with the Town of Champlain and Village of Rouses Point. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Capitalization Invoice

NYMIR is publicly owned by municipalities. This invoice is for \$460.60/year for 5 years, after which we are paid in full. A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve payment of \$430.60 to NYMIR. Roll Call vote as follows:

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| Trustee Kim Trombley | Aye |
| Trustee McFetridge | Aye |
| Trustee Thomas Trombley | Aye |
| Trustee Gehrig | Aye |
| Mayor Martin | Aye |

Motion carried.

Mayor Martin said that he would like to have the board's permission to sign the Reciprocal Agreement with NYMIR to participate.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to participate. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Clinton County Land Bank Program

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded that Trustee Thomas Trombley that the Village of Champlain be an active participant in the Clinton County Land Bank program.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

WWTP Blowers

We expect the blower to up and running mid-February

Patterson Fence

The fence around the Patterson property (11158 Rt. 9) will remain there.

Change of Term for Elected Officials

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to change the term of office from two to four years.

Trustee McFetridge was not in favor of a four year term. If someone is not working out in that role, we would still be stuck with that person for four years.

Trustee Thomas Trombley felt that was a valid point.

Trustee Gehrig feels that it takes two years to just get comfortable in your role on the board of trustees.

Mayor Martin feels that, as an elected official, it is important to knock on doors and talk to residents when asking for signatures and that four years is too long.

Trustee Kim Trombley felt that it took a while to get used to that position for anyone who is new.

Both Trustee McFetridge and Thomas Trombley felt that it would be easier to get people to run if the term is two years instead of four.

This matter was tabled.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, at 8:21 pm, a motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.