

Village of Champlain

Village Board Meeting

July 9, 2018

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, July 9, 2018 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York. Present were Mayor Martin, Trustees Kim Trombley, McFetridge, Thomas Trombley and Gehrig, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz, Secretary Sousa and Superintendent Jolicoeur. Codes Officer Tetreault was excused this evening. Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018 board meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

No one was present from the community this evening.

REPORT FROM CODES OFFICER

Mayor Martin mentioned several outstanding issues with Codes Enforcement:

- 1) There has been a request for a trial on the Oak Street property maintenance issue.
- 2) The sidewalk replacement project “prevailing wages” issue continues to be investigated by the Dept. of Labor. Discussion followed.

Mayor Martin said that we need to decide on whether we want to continue with sidewalk replacement or focus on repairs on Maple Street and Oak Street. He said that if we continue on Prospect Street and add 4’ wide sidewalks, they will go into people’s front yards. Supt Jolicoeur asked the board to prioritize what they would like to have done first. The sidewalk committee (Trustees Kim Trombley and McFetridge) will get together to look at sidewalks in the Village.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Martin reported the following:

Water/wastewater bills are due by the end of this month. Please be prompt with your payment to avoid penalties. Beginning with the October 1st billing, the new rates will go in to effect as reported. The increase of 15.5% for both Town and Village residents is necessary to ensure that we have enough funds to make our water project payment in January 2019.

Restoration has begun on a limited basis. We have been promised that restoration for those affected will occur and property repair needs will be addressed. Property owners in the Village that require restoration should call the Town Office to check that their property is on the list for restoration and included on a timetable for work to be completed.

There will be reclamation work around the Village Office beginning later this month and into August, as contaminated soil is removed and replaced. This is an old problem that needs attention. DEC and NYS are going to do the cleanup at no cost to Village residents. This is an issue that concerns the health and welfare of our staff and others using the Village Office building. We will attempt to remain open during the lengthy process, but in the event we have to move our business location, that information will be listed on our website and in the local newspaper.

The Elm Street Bridge will be getting some much-needed attention in late August and/or early September. The bridge will be sandblasted and painted as well as undergoing a structural inspection. Traffic will most likely have to be rerouted for a 3-4 week period while this work is completed.

We would like to thank our water users that have experienced loss of water and boil water orders that go along with the numerous water line breaks we have experienced in the past 9 months. We have had 30 line disruptions between October-June of this year. This has kept the DPW crew very busy as many of these breaks occur late Friday afternoons, weekends, early mornings or late at night. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated crew. They deserve our thanks and appreciation for the work they do, often under less than desirable conditions that takes them away from their families and friends.

The annual Village Fest will be held on August 11th at the Bill Earl Park on River Street from noon to 4 p.m. All are invited to enjoy ice cream and the many activities that make this day such an enjoyable experience. More information will be reported on the Village web pages. Please join us for a great day here in the Village.

REPORT FROM THE TRUSTEES

Trustee Kim Trombley said that she has followed up with Sierra at the CC Health Dept. but haven't heard back from her yet.

Trustee Janet McFetridge reported the following events:

Hip Hop Dance was well attended with 12-13 kids in the 10 a.m. session and none at the 11 a.m. session. Some of the older kids joined in the younger group.

The two long boats are here. She thanked Mike and the DPW crew for getting the docks in.

Community rowing will be on Friday at 6 p.m. Youth rowing will take place on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Farmers Market will begin this Saturday from 9-noon at Paquette Park.

Kids Story hour will take place on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Champlain Meeting House

Our first Concert in the Park will be on Sunday at 6 p.m. with Mary McCaffrey at Bill Earl Park

The next Kids Cooking Class will be held at the end of July, date and time to be announced.

Trustee McFetridge asked that residents who live near the flower barrels water and weed them once in a while, as they need water daily in this heat.

Celine Paquette is planning a Champlain History Day on October 13th from 1-3 p.m. She would like local children to learn the history of the Village through various sources.

St. Mary's will be holding a "Junk your Trunk" event on the same day as Village Fest. That will take place in the old St. Mary's school parking lot.

Trustee Thomas Trombley reported that the Champlain Catholic Men's Club will hold a Blood Drive on July 30th from 3-7 p.m.

Trustee Amy Gehrig reported that we would qualify for a planting opportunity which provides for trees and shrubbery planted along the river's edge. The minimum amount of this grant is \$11,000. The board was concerned with ice jams or flooding taking these trees/shrubbery out if they are close to the river's edge. Trustee Gehrig she would check into how they would have to be placed. Discussion followed.

REPORT FROM THE CLERK/TREASURER

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz said that the board has been copied with the Expense and Revenue report for June.

The July 1st water/sewer billing totals: \$59,141.78 for water and \$72,856.29 for sewer.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz said there are additional invoices of \$5,718.92 to add to the warrant for a total of \$31,869.40.

The following transfer needs to be made to cover engineering costs for the I & I study and the Blower project.

To: G1440.1	Engineering/Sewer	\$12,162.00
From: G599	Fund Balance	\$12,162.00

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

Mayor Martin said that we have a Project manager for the I&I Study and can now submit bills for reimbursement.

Regarding the blowers, we have not been officially awarded the \$50,000 grant. We have spoken with Jamie Rogers from ANCA, who is checking with NYSERDA regarding that grant. Once a project manager is appointed, we can begin to submit bills for reimbursement.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$31,869.40.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Supt. Jolicoeur reported that they have been dealing with water breaks, have been doing some ditching and will need to get ready for paving.

Mayor Martin said that we are looking at Spruce & Pine Street. Supt. Jolicoeur added that Ashline Drive is in need of paving as well. He will need to get streets ready for paving first. Discussion followed.

Purchase Requisition

Supt. Jolicoeur requested a tamper for road crossings for proper compaction. We have used the backhoe to roll over these places, but it doesn't have the same effect. He asked the board to approve the purchase of a new Jumping Jack tamper up to the amount of \$2,450.00. There are limited quantities of the least expensive ones and may be sold before we can purchase them.

Wacker Jumping Jack Packer BS50-4AS

Contractors Direct	\$2,574.94
E-bay	\$2,449.97
E-bay	\$2,350.00

Wacker Stamper/Rammer BS60-4AS

Contractors Direct	\$3,140.00
E-bay	2,860.00 + freight
E-bay	2,149.99

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to approve the expenditure of up to \$2,450.00 for the purchase of Wacker Jumping Jack tamper #BS60-4AS or BS50-4AS.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Training Request

Supt Jolicoeur requested that he be allowed take the Backflow Prevention Device Recertification class on July 30 & July 31, 2018 at the Town of Plattsburgh. The cost of recertification is \$435.00 and will last 3 years. His backflow certification runs out in August.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve Supt. Jolicoeur attending the Backflow Prevention Device Recertification course at a cost of \$435.00.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. JCEO Monthly Report for May
2. Corresp. from Don Fletcher regarding blowers

NEW BUSINESS

Village Fest

This has already been discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Generator

This matter is on hold.

110 Church Street

Aubin Contracting will start boarding up windows and doors next week.

Blowers

The board was copied with email from Don Fletcher:

“We are working thru the contract documents and plans right now. The goal is to have them ready for internal review the middle of July so we can provide them before the end of July to the

Village. I would expect we will want to pass an August board meeting resolution to go to public bid. “

I & I Study

Mayor Martin said that we are waiting for the final report.

Contamination Cleanup

Mayor Martin reported that once the state contractor and DEC has agreed on equipment and it has been ordered and received, the contractor will return to install it. They will install a larger fan and 8” pipe to vent the basement. They will also be doing soil probes to determine the extent of contamination. Russ Mulvey from DEC is insistent that this take place quickly.

LED Light Conversion

Mayor Martin said that we have had conversations with ANCA and Energy Savings regarding changing out our street lights with LED lights. We may be able to buy just the light itself instead of the entire pole. There is a consortium of local towns/villages/cities working together. LED lights will cost about 1/3 of what we now pay. ANCA representatives will be here at our August board meeting.

Trustee Kim Trombley asked about the boarding up of 110 Church Street and if we need to pay prevailing wages. Trustee Thomas Trombley said that it depends on the cost of the project and this is project is below that threshold.

Trustee Kim Trombley reported that she and Trustee Thomas Trombley will not be present at the August Board Meeting.

Trustee Gehrig asked if we can paint/decorate the Elm Street Bridge as a gateway bridge once it has been done. Trustee McFetridge said that we can choose the color we want it to be painted. We may be able to start our flower bridge after it has been completed. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before this board, at 7:38 pm a motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.