

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
June 13, 2022**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Kim Trombley, Nicci Molinski, and Charles Conner & Clerk/Treasurer Munoz. Trustee Joel Herzog was not present this evening.

Also present were Monique Lepage, David Lepage, Holly Visconti, Jennifer Jewett and Talia Perrea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve the minutes of the May 9th Regular Board Meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Conner to approve the minutes of the May 26th Special Board meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

David Lepage had several ideas including adding soccer nets and a volley ball net behind the playground. The Village does have a volleyball net that we plan to put in at Bill Earl Park.

Monique Lepage suggested that we have a food truck in the village in conjunction with kid's activities. She felt that the previous food truck was not well advertised.

Mayor McFetridge noted that the Town was in charge of the food truck, but would talk to the Town Supervisor about better communication. We could try to get a food truck in for the Music in the Park events.

David Lepage asked about available grants.

We did receive a grant for the Outdoor Classroom instruction. We have raised beds for gardening and stump seating area. That could be a good community service project for youth.

Holly Visconti suggested that we host some activities, such as a soccer tournament or water gun fights.

Jennifer Jewett suggested a Youth Center in the Village.

Mayor McFetridge said that the business at the old American Legion on Elm Street is looking to host events. There is a calendar of activities on Facebook. She would get the owner in contact with Monique Lepage.

It was also suggested that the Village have a message board that advertises local events. Discussion followed.

Jennifer Jewett spoke about her experiences walking her dogs in the Village and being attacked. She would like to feel safe in her neighborhood and proposed several changes to dog control laws in the Village:

- Making it illegal to tie or chain a dog outside for more than 3 hours.
- Dogs confined by electronic fence, collar or tether should not be closer than 10 feet from sidewalks and property lines.
- Small warning signs that there is an invisible fence on the property should be required.
- Dogs that are deemed as "dangerous" or with a history of escaping their invisible fence, should not be allowed to be contained by an invisible fence. A physical fence or tether must be used.
- These laws should be used to prosecute dog owners when their dog attacks people or their animals. A fine should be imposed by the Animal Control Office.

Mayor McFetridge noted that the Dog Control Officer is hired and handled by the Town of Champlain. She also stated that this matter is on our agenda and will be discussed later in tonight's meeting. Jennifer Jewett said that she would like to see a dog park where animals and people can socialize. We do not have any property in the Village for that purpose, but the Village of Rouses Point now has a dog park off of their Recreational Fields.

REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McFetridge reported the following:

Our Codes Officer has received many complaints and is aware of the problems with grass length on properties in the Village.

The Community Garden is tilled and ready for planting.

There is a kayak storage rack at the boat launch on River Street. You can sign up for a spot at the Village Office. You will need to supply your own lock.

We have received bids for the WWTP Disinfection project and work will be starting this summer.

We are working with our engineers on the water line replacement project.

The Farmers Market will start in mid-July. Applications are available at the Village Office.

We have two concerts scheduled this summer: July 31st and August 19th.

The Village Fest will take place on August 13th from noon until 3 p.m. There will be children's events and an Ice Cream Social.

A reminder to residents that taxes are due by the end of the month (July 1st without penalty).

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Conner

The Community Garden is ready with the fence back up and the garden tilled.

We will need to get equipment in at the playground.

Mayor McFetridge stated that it is on the DPW agenda. We have the timber and wood chips ready and if we can find someone to do the work, we have funds to use for that.

Trustee Nicci Molinski

We have received the grant for the Outdoor Classroom, and she has plenty of ideas for that program.

The "Garden Series" will start on July 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at the community garden. It will be a planning session where ideas can be shared. They will be putting together a garden sign and will do a rock painting.

"Fun Run's" will start up again. Dates are Sundays, July 10th & 24th, August 7th & 21st at 5:00 p.m.

Those attending 3 of the 4 sessions will receive a t-shirt. Applications are available at the Village Office.

She will be leading a Geocaching event at the Rouses Point Pier on July 5th.

Trustee Molinski will be adding two Kid's Days at the Farmers Market: July 16th and August 6th.

At the Village Fest, there will be a 5K run in the morning and kid's games during the Ice Cream Social.

She will be looking for volunteers to put up the volleyball net in Bill Earl Park.

Trustee Kim Trombley

Trustee Trombley spoke with our Insurance agent, regarding the cost of adding glass coverage for the DPW vehicles. We currently have a \$500 deductible. If we increased that to \$1,000, we would save \$218. If we increased it to \$2,000, we would save \$436. She will ask for an insurance quote for our next board meeting.

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

The board has been provided the Expense and Revenue Report for May, the end of our fiscal year.

The General Fund was down by \$9,000.00.
The Water Fund was down by \$24,000.
The Sewer Fund was up by \$36,000.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

The warrant of \$11,001.92 with additional invoices of \$2,867.75 was presented to the board. A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$13,869.67. Roll Call vote:

Trustee Trombley	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Trustee Conner	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

Water Line Replacement Project

Motion by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve payment to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$9,854.75. Roll call vote:

Trustee Trombley	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Trustee Conner	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection and Capital Improvements

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve payment to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$14,551.78. Roll call vote:

Trustee Trombley	Aye
Trustee Molinski	Aye
Trustee Conner	Aye
Mayor McFetridge	Aye

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

Supt Jolicoeur provided the Board with a report for May

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Corresp. from Jennifer Jewett regarding dog laws in the village

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution # 4-2022 Endorsement for Comprehensive Planning Grant

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

Resolution approved.

2. Resolution #5-2022 Authorizing the Award of Contract No. 1A, 1B & 1C for the VOC Wastewater Treatment Facility Disinfection Upgrade and Capital Improvements

Motion to approve Authorizing the Award of Contracts by Trustee Charles Conner, seconded by Trustee Nicci Molinski. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

3. Subdivision of Village land

A business owner in the Village asked if we would subdivide a strip of land near the playground to be used as a driveway for his tenants and for the store in the front of the building. Currently they exit onto Rt. 9, which can be dangerous.

Mayor McFetridge is in contact with our attorney regarding this matter.

4. Dog Control

Mayor McFetridge noted that our laws are pretty strict. She will talk with our own lawyer first. Jennifer Jewett is presenting to the Town of Champlain tomorrow and she will follow up with the Town Supervisor, as the Town is in charge of the Dog Control Officer.

5. Resolution #6-2022 Commendation to Eagle Scout Richard McGrath

Motion to approve by Trustee Nicci Molinski, seconded by Trustee Conner. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

6. Water Tank Maintenance Contract

The board was provided a copy of the Water Tank Maintenance Contract presented by the Town. We would split the cost of insurance and routine maintenance 50/50 with the Town.

This will go to our lawyer first before any approval.

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 7:33 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

Codes Officer Report

- NYSERDA training in Potsdam
- NY Flood training in Schenectady
- Trailer issue/ neighbor dispute on Moore St. Not a Codes issue.
- Spoke with owner of 27 Willow St. Advised he cannot live there in the house until he has a C.O. and cannot build unless he has a permit.
- Issued permit for stairs and porch roof on Route 9.
- Spoke with Courtney Monahan regarding current court case. Advised by judge that she missed her court date.
- Drainage issue on Willow Street from adjoining property. No issue found when I went there.
- Issued permit for addition to garage on Route 9.
- Updated neighbor on 188 and 192 South St. after complaints were made.
- Trash complaint on 11195 Route 9. Cannot find tenants to speak with them. Info has been left.
- Fire permit checks and issuances.
- Grass checks throughout the village. Letters sent.
- Trailer and car issue on Moore St. Advised owner to contact State Police as this is not a Code issue.
- Foundation check on Main St. for issued permit.
- Unpermitted pool replacement on Prospect St. Spoke with owner and permit applied/issued.
- 192 South St. purchased and cleaned. Court case dropped.
- 188 South St. court case still active.

Superintendents Report

WATER:

- Water leak at 11088 Rt. 9 excavated and repaired
- Cleaned chlorine injection points at Water Plant
- Changed 2 PRV cartridges that failed.

SEWER

- Homeowner with sewer line backed up. Homeowner excavated lateral & installed cleanouts

EQUIPMENT

- Serviced the 2016 Ford truck
- Replaced idler bracket and pulley on bucket truck
- Scheduled install of windshields for loader and pickup tomorrow.

STREETS

- Installed flags and banners
- Completed street sweeping
- Patched some potholes
- Completed brush pickup
- Cleaned drains and some ditches
- Started trimming trees along streets

PARKS

- Started mowing and trimming
- Installed new bench on bike path
- Put up markers for disc golf
- Tilled garden and installed fence and water tank

MISC

- Our temp worker has started
- Will be starting on culvert replacement/repair & road prep for paving
- Will be flushing hydrants in early July (11th)