

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
June 17, 2024 5:30 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, June 17, 2024 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Trombley, Molinski, Herzog and Conner.

NEW BUSINESS

Dog Control Law

We have approved the new Dog Control Law with a few changes and addition of Tethering. The Law must be renumbered as well and that must be approved before the Public Hearing.

Trustee Trombley said that she had sent a copy of Jennifer Jewett's tethering laws to Town Supervisor Trombley and to the county about a month ago. It is one of 4-5 laws stuck in committee at this time.

Mayor McFetridge confirmed that the same language is in our law that went to our lawyers and that AG & Markets is referenced also. Trustee Trombley said that the Tethering Law that Jennifer Jewett forwarded to the county includes "No tethering between the hours of 11 pm and 6 am." She suggested that we add this to our Dog Control Law. Discussion followed. The board did not feel that we needed to add that language.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Herzog to adopt the Dog Control Law with renumbering. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Herzog, seconded by Trustee Molinski, to set the Public Hearing for July 8th, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Supt Jolicoeur/Water Line Project

At the May 13th 2024 Board Meeting, the board had motioned and approved that Supt. Jolicoeur be allowed to work 20 hrs/week as inspector on the water line project. Our Attorney advised us against this.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Conner that, after legal advice, Supt. Jolicoeur will not be allowed to serve as inspector for the water line project. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Text My Gov

We were approached by TextMyGov about their program allowing us to send and receive texts from residents. Mayor McFetridge and Mary Spring attended a ZOOM meeting for more information. We can send informational or emergency information out to our residents. That would include boil water orders & lifts, hydrant flushing and others. Residents would also be able to text questions and be redirected to the right person or dept. for an answer.

The startup costs are \$3,000. \$2,000/year after that. This includes 25,000 texts/year.

The board had concerns about text costs on cell phone plans. There was a question of how many residents will use this service. Mayor McFetridge and Mary Spring will contact the other municipalities to see what their experience has been with this program and how many residents use it.

Trustee Trombley asked that, when people speak at Public Comment, they not bash others. That is not what public comment is for. Mayor McFetridge said that she will read the Rules of Order for Public Comment at each meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 5:50 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Molinski, seconded by Trustee Trombley to adjourn. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Spring, Secretary