

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
March 10, 2025 6:30 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Trombley, Molinski, Herzog & Conner and Clerk/Treasurer Munoz. Also present, Renee McFarland and Danielle King from TDC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve minutes of the Feb. 10th board meeting. Trustee Herzog abstained. All other members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Conner to approve minutes of the Feb. 17th Special Board meeting. Trustee Herzog abstained. All other members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: LOCAL LAW #1-2025: TAX CAP OVERRIDE

At 6:35 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Trombley to close the regular meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Molinski,, seconded by Trustee Trombley to go into Public Hearing. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No one was present this evening to comment.

At 6:36 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Molinski, seconded by Trustee Herzog to close the Public Hearing. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Herzog to return to the Regular Meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: TDC Presentation

Danielle King and Renee McFarland were here representing TDC.

TDC is a private, not-for-profit organization with no state, county or local government involvement. TDC owns 700,000 square feet of space for jobs, investments and opportunities. They are also involved in workforce development. TDC offers grant programs for their tenants for employee retention with training and upscaling. They are run by a board of 26 directors from varied backgrounds around the county. She cited a number of examples of their properties that have created successful companies in the county. Also that one of the biggest workforce issues they have is childcare for workers.

Mayor McFetridge asked about those without transportation. Danielle suggested ride sharing programs. Renee McFarland added the CC Public Transit is driven by demand. If there were a large number of people needing transportation, employers should reach out to them.

REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT

Tesla charging stations at 860 Rt. 11 passed inspection

Tesla charging stations at 860 Rt. 11 passed electrical inspection

Building Permit for 3 Moore St. issued.

Noise complaint at 111284 Rt. 9

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McFetridge thanked the DPW for their work keeping our streets and sidewalks safe.

There is a survey from the Clinton County Health Dept. regarding food waste. The Village is considering offering a collection site if enough residents would participate in this practice. Please complete the survey on the Village Facebook page, or pick up a paper copy at the Village Office.

The Mayor is aware that many have been receiving high bills from NYSEG which are quite simply not affordable. People are afraid that their power will be cut off and will be in the dark with no heat.

Mayor McFetridge has written to NYSEG demanding that they address this problem. There is a public meeting scheduled for Wed., March 19th from 5-7 p.m. at the Beekmantown Town Hall on the Spellman Rd. Also, call NYSEG to see if there are mistakes on your bill and ask for another reading.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Village Elections: March 18th from noon-9 p.m. at the Village Office

There will be a virtual showing of underwater archeology of Lake Champlain in partnership with the County Historical Society at the Red Canoe on March 25th. This is free and open to all.

International Slow Art Day: April 5th at the Champlain Meeting House.

Mayor McFetridge also reported on the events she has attended recently:

- NC Chamber of Commerce State of the County on March 4th.
- NC Chamber Breakfast with State Legislators on March 6th.
- State of the State address in Albany
- NYCOM and Towns Association Lobby Day in Albany

She reported “I work very closely with many agencies, county and state offices to improve lives in our area. As a small business owner, elected official and citizen, I strive to make a positive difference in this community. Whatever hat I am wearing, I will be looking out for our residents”.

In closing, she asked for all to support all local businesses whose livelihood depend on our support.

Check on your neighbors, some are struggling. And let’s be less quick to criticize and quicker to compliment and offer solutions.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Trombley

Trustee Trombley reported that she has met with Tim Surpitski regarding the tax rolls and show to make it easier to go through them for the Water Board report.

Trustee Molinski

Trustee Molinski encouraged residents to check out the Champlain Memorial Library Facebook page.

There are many things going on through the library, with plans for summer programs as well.

She congratulated the NCCS athletes on the basketball, rifle, wrestling and cheer teams. They have done very well this year. Congratulations on the Model UN, which is always impressive.

Trustee Conner

Trustee Conner had nothing to report

Trustee Herzog

Trustee Herzog had nothing to report

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

The board was provided the Expense and Revenue report for Feb. 2025.

Water/Sewer Billing:

Water- \$71,911.25 Sewer - \$71,613.67

Transfers:				
TO:	A1420.1	LAW: PERSONAL SERVICES		\$1,751.00
FROM:	A9010.8	RETIREMENT	\$1,751.00	
TO:	A4010.4	PUBLIC HEALTH: CONTRCT		\$33.00
FROM:	A9010.8	RETIREMENT	\$33.00	
TO:	A8010.1	CODES OFFICER: PERSONAL		\$526.00
FROM:	A9010.8	RETIREMENT	\$526.00	
TO:	A8020.4	PLANNING: CONTRCT		\$28.00
FROM:	A9010.8	RETIREMENT	\$28.00	
TO:	F1420.1	LAW: PERSONAL SERVICES		\$701.00
FROM:	F9010.8	RETIREMENT	\$701.00	
TO:	F8320.4	SOURCE OF SUPPLY		\$4,000.00
FROM:	F9340.2	TRANS & DISTRIB	\$4,000.00	
TO:	G1420.1	LAW: PERSONAL SERVICES		\$1,051.00
FROM:	G9010.8	RETIREMENT	\$1,051.00	

Motion to approve these transfers as written by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Herzog
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

The warrant was presented with additional invoices of \$6,986.02 for a total of \$33,102.06.

Motion by Trustee Molinski, seconded by Trustee Herzog to approve the warrant with additional invoices.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Water Main Line Replacement Project

02/24/2025	Barton & Loguidice	\$1,154.50
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Motion to approve this payment made by Trustee Herzog, seconded by Trustee Trombley.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection & Improvements

02/24/2025 Barton & Loguidice \$332.00

Motion to approve this payment made by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Trombley.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

WATER:

- Water service line froze under Rt. 9. DPW dug and changed curb stop. Line was thawed and water restored. We will have a new service line bored deeper this spring to avoid this issue in the future.
- Meters read for billing, with some high water usage.

STREETS:

- DPW worked on snow removal after the storm, cleaning hydrants and moving snow.
- Ordered 1 load of salt. This should be enough to finish out the winter and will try to get the balance this spring to fill the shed for next winter.
- DPW busy trying to clear blocked ditches and culverts, which are causing water issues.
- Cold patching done on potholes.

SEWER

- There was an issue with a pump station; a tech was brought in to help get it going. It was an over-voltage issue in the incoming power. We have a voltage regulator in our new panel that tripped and avoided damage to our pumps.
- There is an issue with the relay at the WWTP. It trips out the Huber screen every 5 days. Robert Pulsifer has spoken multiple times with the engineers to get his corrected.
- One blower is down at the sewer plant. We are working with tech support to try to resolve this some time this week. Otherwise, we will have to get a tech to come here.

MISC.

- Christmas decorations were taken down and put away.
- The 1-Ton had to have a complete 4 wheel brake job, axle seals and radiator replaced.
- Hydraulic main line failed on the 2021 Peterbilt and was sent to the dealer for repair.
- We will be changing the mapping to Subsurface mapping to map underground utilities with the new locator. Subsurface mapping will match the price we currently pay Diamond Maps. Mayor McFetridge will speak with Supt. Jolicoeur to get more information on this.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence to Champlain Fire District regarding purchase of fire station
2. Correspondence to Robert Pulsifer regarding longevity pay and Health Insurance Premiums
3. Correspondence from Champlain Fire District regarding the sale of fire station to the village.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Danielle King from TDC

OLD BUSINESS

1. Purchase of Fire Station

This matter was tabled until we have new information

2. Local Law #1-2025 : Tax Cap Override

Motion made by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve Local Law #1-2025 Tax Cap Override. Roll Call vote:

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

Motion carried.

2025-2026 Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz reviewed the amount of appropriated fund balance that will be needed to balance the 2025-26 budget. There is very little we can cut. Electric rates are going up, as are salaries. We used to process sludge for haulers, which was a good revenue source, and should work on getting those customers back. We may have to increase water and sewer rates. The board asked how much rates would need to change to raise \$10,000.00. Deputy Clerk Spring will work on that.

A special budget workshop was scheduled for March 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 7:29, p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Molinski to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Spring, Secretary