

Village of Champlain Village Board Meeting March 11, 2019

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York. Present were Mayor Martin, Trustees Thomas Trombley, Kim Trombley, Gehrig and McFetridge, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz, Superintendent Jolicoeur, Codes Officer Tetreault and Secretary Sousa. Nicci Molinski was also present.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve the minutes of the February 25th Budget workshop meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to approve the minutes of the February 11th Regular board meeting. Trustee Gehrig abstained. All other board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicci Molinski was present this evening to report on events at the Champlain Memorial Library

March 14 th	Pi Day from 6-7:30 pm
March 16 th	Story hour from 10:15-11:15 am
March 30 th	Women's History Tea 3-4:30 pm

REPORT FROM CODES OFFICER TETREULT

Codes Officer Tetreault reported the following:

- He has been in Lake Placid for schooling for the past week. There are some code changes in regards to accessibility that need to be addressed at the Village Office.
- He is working with designers getting St. Mary's project to the Planning Board
- He has sent several compliance letters.

REPORT FROM MAYOR MARTIN

- We will approve a tentative budget for 2019-2020 at this meeting. This budget includes a small tax increase of \$.08/thousand to stay within the 2% tax cap and use some funds from fund balance. We have been able to maintain a stable rate of \$3.88/thousand for a number of years. This small increase will make sure we are able to offer water/wastewater, sidewalk plowing, lighting districts, recreational activities and other Village-organized events.
- The long anticipated wastewater blower replacement project is scheduled to begin before the end of the month. We have been able to keep one functioning blower, it it need replacing.
- We are looking for available options to replace some water mains that have been the source of many breaks and boil water orders, which have resulted in overtime, wear and tear of equipment and exposure to the elements. Potential funding sources are difficult to secure, timing of funding is difficult to plan for and roadblocks are frequent and confusing.
- The contamination cleanup project by DEC is on hold until spring arrives.

- The streetlight aggregation project is still in the works. This program promises improved street lighting with a short payback time, better lighting and decreased expenses for the Village.
- Registered voters are encouraged to cast their ballot at the March 19th elections. Polls are open from noon until 9 pm at the Village Office.
- Mayor Martin stated that he has chosen not to seek reelection for another term as mayor, but has great confidence that this board will remain a strong advocate for its residents. Over the past 15 years, we have faced some very difficult situations, including infrastructure concerns, equipment issues, residential concerns and an attempt to dissolve the Village, which was defeated by an overwhelming margin. It has been a pleasure to speak with residents, hearing their concerns and helping whenever possible. This is a board of action, as well as reaction, to the needs of all Village residents. He has enjoyed working with this board, the office staff, Supt. Jolicoeur and his very capable DPW crew, (who do an excellent job of maintaining Village streets, water/wastewater services and other essentials. And Codes Officer Tetreault and his efforts to keep Village Code enforced and maintain a safe environment for our residents.
- To the Village board, he hopes they will continue to work together to make this village a great place to live and raise a family.

Report from Trustee Gehrig

Trustee Gehrig is working on two grants due at the end of the month:
 Music in the Park and Kayak launch (in combination with grant from DOH).

Report from Trustee Thomas Trombley

Trustee Thomas Trombley is working with Supt. Jolicoeur on getting equipment ready for Mike King's road test at the end of March. He is waiting to hear back from the Town regarding the water.

Report from Trustee McFetridge

Trustee McFetridge reported the following events at the Champlain Meeting House:

March 28th Champlain Book Club 7:00 pm

March 31st Line Dancing 3:00-4:00 pm

April is busy with International Slow Art Day, Arbor Day celebration and music at the Meeting House with Tracy, Jeff and Ron. Trustee McFetridge is looking for volunteers for the Tree Committee.

Report from Trustee Kim Trombley

Trustee Kim Trombley is looking further into questions she has on the kayak grant. She is also looking into an AARP grant that might fit in well with the kayak launch grant. She, along with Trustee Thomas Trombley, are waiting for a proposal from the Town regarding the water.

Report from Clerk/Treasurer Munoz

Two transfers are needed.

To:	A5142.1	Snow Removal/Personnel	\$4,000
From:	A1910.4	Unalloc. Insur.	\$4,000
To:	F8340.1	Transm & Distrib/Personnel	\$15,000
From:	F8389.4	Other Water Exp.	\$15,000

Transfers are to cover 6 more payrolls.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve these transfers. Roll Call vote as follows:

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 invoices of \$750.80 to be added to the warrant for total amount of \$21,659.19.

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Gehrig to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$42,979.23. 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 SUPT. JOLICOEUR

- DPW crew removed snow and ice and cleared drains
- Salt and sand are extremely low but there is a backup plan if we run out.
- Lake Placid Water Dept. helped find 3 water leaks between the Telephone Co. and Labarge's.
- They will be digging one water break tomorrow and another later in the week.
- Blowers scheduled to be unloading Wednesday and Thursday this week.
- They will start doing some patching of potholes.
- The lighting problems on the truck (snowplow) are not yet fixed but will be working on that.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Corresp. from CC Treasurer regarding relevy on Patterson property
2. Corresp. from Luc Caron (Caron Fine Woods) asking for wastewater credit
3. Corresp. from NYS DEC regarding assistant wastewater plant operator
4. Notice of Violation to Sandra Barber at 11137 Rt. 9
5. JCEO Monthly Report
6. Water Plant Inspection Report
7. Charter Franchise Fees for 10/01/18-12/31/18.
8. Corresp. from Charter Communications regarding Home Town Cable programming.

Item #2 This matter was tabled until our next water/sewer billing.

Item #3 We were out of compliance and have Robert Pulsifer working towards this certificate. He should have several hours a day set aside for computer/bookwork and for time at the Wastewater Plant.

Our aim is to have someone certified by the end of the year. We will keep Mr. Streeter informed of our progress. Discussion followed on documenting hours at the WWTP.

#8 Charter Communication and PEG Program: This situation should be handled by Calvin Castine and Spectrum at this point. The Village shouldn't be accountable here.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Date changed

A motion was made by Trustee McFetridge and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to change the April meeting from April 8th to April 1st. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Annual Budget

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to hold a Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Annual Budget at 7:00 p.m. on April 1st, 2019. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Tentative Budget

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve the tentative budget.

Trustee Gehrig noted that there was not an increase in the Mayor's salary. Raises should be consistent and across the board. This can be changed before the Budget is approved on April 1st.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Probation Extension

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to approve the extension of Michael King's probationary period from March 10th to April 10th with the stipulation that it be in writing that the union is okay with this extension. Discussion followed.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Return to Work

Jimmy Ondras would like to return to work on a part-time basis for a few weeks before returning to full-time duty. Discussion followed. The board agreed that he could return to work for 4 hours/day for a few weeks with a doctor's notice. He and his doctor can decide when he is ready to go back to 8 hours/day and his doctor can put that in writing as well.

Resignation

Mayor Martin received a letter of resignation from Clarke Herdic as chairperson of the ZBAs.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to accept Mr. Herdic's resignation. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 7:26 pm, a motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.