

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
July 8, 2019**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, July 8 2019 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Thomas Trombley, Kim Trombley, Amy Gehrig and Nicci Molinski, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz, Superintendent Jolicoeur and Secretary Sousa.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Gehrig to approve the minutes of the June 10th Regular Board Meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

No one from the community was present this evening.

REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Codes Office Mike Tetreault was not present this evening.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

I have heard many compliments regarding how beautiful the parks and streets look. Our crew has been hard at work and this diligence certainly pays off.

I am aware that there have been some concerns expressed regarding teens who roam the streets and hang out in the parks. I have gotten to know some of these kids and they understand that we are concerned about their behavior as well as their safety. In addition, I recently met with Sheriff Favro who has agreed to increase patrols in the village. He recommends the establishment of a curfew. The board will begin that discussion tonight.

I had the pleasure of welcoming Assemblyman Billy Jones to the village last week. The focus of his visit was infrastructure, so it was very timely that we explain our need for a waterline replacement on Route 9 which has suffered numerous breaks. Hopefully, we will find a combination of funding sources to get this work done in the near future.

As many of you know, the Northern Tier Rec Trail has had some damage due to erosion after the heavy rains. Harry McManus and Karl Weiss, representatives from Clinton County, spent some time on the path last Monday to determine how to make these repairs. The Village will be responsible for the work on our section with the county supplying the calcium chloride.

The long boat rowing program has begun. Community rowing will take place every Friday at 6 pm. There will also be a youth rowing team. The Farmer's Market will be open on Saturdays from 9 to noon in Paquette Park. We have also organized a Music in the Park Series

on four consecutive Sundays starting July 28. You can find details on our Facebook page or our website.

I look forward to seeing many of you out and about during this beautiful time of year. I am always open to your thoughts and suggestions regarding our village. Call or stop by the office to share your ideas.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Report from Trustee Kim Trombley

Trustee Kim Trombley advised the Board that she will be signing the Memorandum of Understanding with AARP for the Kayak Launch grant. Grant recipients will be officially announced on July 17th.

Trustee Molinski

Trustee Molinski reported that the Longest Day of Play was held on June 28th with yard games and activities. About 20 children participated.

The Fun Runs have begun with about 30 children to start. The next session will be on July 21st.

The first summer camp session will be held this Monday at 11 a.m. with crafts, science activities and games

Trustee Thomas Trombley

Trustee Trombley updated the board on the IMA Committee. The Town was receptive to repayment but would like to have more leverage on the water rates with an equally attended Water Board. He had explained why the water board was designed the way it was and agreed to add wording from both IMA allowing both boards to have input in approving rates. The water board will be doing the bulk of the work in coming up with a recommendation. They will have to analyze expenses and revenues and have a sound reason for their recommendations.

Regarding repayment of the owed O&M costs of \$45K, the Town came up with a schedule to pay \$15K by the end of July. The remainder due for 2019 would be paid by December 31, 2019.

They have another meeting on Tuesday night and hope to come up with more agreeable wording on the IMA.

Trustee Gehrig

Trustee Gehrig had provided the board with pictures of possible sidewalk stencils. The board agreed that they would like to see the basketball stencil and US map stencil.

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

The board has been provided the Expense and Revenue Report for June.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

July 1st billing for water was \$62,542.28 and sewer was \$67,018.44.

There are additional invoices of \$5,449.73 to be added to the warrant for total of \$12,308.39.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Gehrig to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$12,308.39.

Roll Call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

Supt Jolicoeur reported the following:

- The DPW has been doing ditching and extending culverts.
- They have cleared dead trees on Elm Street.
- Ashline Drive, Patricia Lane and Moore Street are ready for paving. They are working on Cherry Street. Karl Weiss from the County said that they will be here the end of July/beginning of August for paving.
- Drainage is needed on far end of Meadow Lane, both ends of Pine Street and Spruce Street.
- Supt. Jolicoeur has information on the special stone needed for the Rec. trail. It will have to be wet and tamped down.
- The water leak on Main Street is getting worse and needs to be dug.
- Concrete needs to be poured for sidewalks.
- Hydrant flushing needs to be done. It may take 2-3 weeks to complete.

Trustee Gehrig asked if a temp would be of help. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley that we research hiring a temp from Westaff to assist for the next two months. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Corresp. from Pierre Patterson regarding Appearance ticket
2. Corresp. from Deborah Priet
3. Corresp. from Anita Bailey requesting wastewater credit
4. Notices of violations/appearance tickets (8)

NEW BUSINESS

NYMEP Municipal Energy Program

Good Energy is a program recommended by NYCOM. It combines Villages, Cities and Towns into large groups for cheaper supply rates. This is for residents, and with the benefit of saving money on the supply portion of their electric bills. Everyone is automatically included unless they opt out.

The board must agree to select Good Energy as supplier for village residents

The board must pass a resolution and local law.

They gather data on energy costs and select an energy supply company.

They do outreach in the village, making sure everyone understands with a public hearing is done.

They select the best deal for our residents. If they can't beat our current price, we won't be put into the program.

There is no contract involved in this program.

The board agreed to invite a representative from Good Energy to our next board meeting for more information.

Curfew Law

It was recommended by Sheriff Favro they we have a curfew law that can be enforced by the Sheriff's Dept. Mayor McFetridge had looked into other local curfew laws which had various ages, times and exceptions to the law. Discussion followed. The board agreed to have Mayor McFetridge contact Attorney Thomas Murnane and put something together for our next board meeting.

Alternate Land Bank

The board was copied with an alternate land bank proposal, which the board thought it looked better. We don't need to do anything at this point as we have already agreed to participate.

NYMIR Requirements and Recommendations

A risk assessment representative was here from NYMIR, our new insurance plan. He made several recommendations:

- 1) Mulch or wood chips under the playground equipment. This is required by NYS playground law. We may not be able to put that down in a flood zone. Mayor McFetridge will contact both FEMA and NYS Playgrounds regarding this requirement.
 - 2) An inventory of signs in the village, to be checked annually. They must also be reflective.
 - 3) Remove our current sidewalk law and use NYS Village law.
 - 4) Put up "No Skating" signs at the boat launch.
 - 5) Park should be closed "from dusk to dawn" and not at specific hours.
 - 6) Put up signs in playground "12 and under" for playground use.
- Mayor McFetridge said that she would share the full list with the board.

Remove sidewalk language from current code.

Per recommendations from NYMIR, we will need a local law to remove sidewalk language from our current code.

Wastewater Credit: Trevor Gamache

The owner, Trevor Gamache, reported a hose leaking outside. The Supt. confirmed that the water did not enter the wastewater system. A water usage readout confirmed that 2K gallons leaked from the hose before it was turned off.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to approve a wastewater credit of \$9.60 to Trevor Gamache of Moore Street. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Contamination cleanup

3 bids were submitted for the paving in the front and sides of the Village Office/Garage. The bid should be awarded next week and paving started in a few weeks.

Water Project Negotiations

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

LED Street Light Conversion

Troy and Banks has been collecting data for the GIS audit. This will be forwarded to Wendell energy, who will prepare the LED selections for us.

Water Line Replacement study

Mayor McFetridge is meeting with Candace Balmer to apply for a search grant.

UV Decontamination system

No new information on this.

NCC Systems Security Cameras

The wires are run and we are waiting for NCC systems to finish up the water plant camera installation.

Village sign

Trustee Thomas Trombley reported that he met with Scott Blow regarding our sign. He should be starting work on that during the end of July/ beginning of August. Since we are using the Long boat image, we will need to pay the artist approximately \$200 for his work.

Paving dates

The county estimated that paving should begin at the end of July/beginning of August.

Hydrant Flushing

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Kayak Launch Grant

We should have an update on that soon.

Fund Balance Policy

Trustee Amy Gehrig has done some work on a fund balance policy, which she shared with the board. She asked that the board look it over and we can discuss it at our next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:33 pm a motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to close the regular meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

At 7:33 pm a motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to go into Executive Session for a personnel issue. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

At 7:44 pm a motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley close Executive Session. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to return to the regular meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 pm a motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to Adjourn. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

At 7:58 pm a motion was made Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to reopen the meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to change the August meeting from August 12th to August 5th. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board, at 7:59 pm, a motion was made by Trustee Kim Trombley and seconded by Trustee Gehrig to adjourn. All members voted aye. Motion carried.