

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
November 8, 2021**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Mon., Nov.8, 2021 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York. Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Molinski, Conner, & Thomas Trombley, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz and Joanne Favreau. Trustee Kim Trombley and Supt. Jolicoeur were excused this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Molinski and seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve the minutes of the Oct. 18th Board Meeting. Trustee Conner asked that cost of the outdoor fitness courts be corrected to read \$165,000. All members voted aye as amended. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND GENERAL QUESTION PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. There was no one present from the community this evening.

REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Codes Enforcement Officer Matott provided the board with a report for October 2021

Code Enforcement Officers Report Nov. 8, 2021

- Monthly census
- Court case prep and delivery to attorney
- Complaint of burning garbage on South Street; unfounded
- Letter to 11067 Rt. 9 for grass; cut
- Email to Canadian owner of Elm Street property for grass
- Follow-up on Oak Street; grass has been cut
- Appearance ticket to Steven Trombley regarding burned building
- Spoke with Sandra Barber about grass and trash after numerous letters; given 24 hours to rectify
- Case prep and submittal to court for 11167 Route 9
- Complaint of cross falling off of old church on Oak Street; attempting to contact owner
- Grass and trash recheck on Rt. 9; taken care of
- Issued permit for roofing on South Street
- Contacted owner of old elementary school regarding more vandalism and unsecured windows
- Info request for 24 Moore Street; issues new owner is noticing. CO on file from 2020
- Issued permit for apartment conversion at 13 Cedar Street
- Expired permit for construction on Rt. 9; message left for a renewal
- Follow up on Kinney Drug propane leak; company unable to locate any issue.
- Attempts to contact owner of freezer 11191 Rt. 9; spoke on 2 prior occasions and was told it would be removed.
- Responded to fire at 11191 Rt. 9; attempts to contact owner unsuccessful.
- Met with owner of 11191 Rt. 9; he is going to fix the building.
- Condemned and tagged 11191 Rt. 9.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McFetridge reported the following:

- The recreational fire pit permits are no longer in effect. This means that no campfires or other kind of burning are allowed in the village per the village code
- A reminder that no parking is allowed on village streets from 2 am until 6 am during the snow season extending from November 1 to April 1. It is essential that roads be completely cleared of snow and parked cars make that impossible.

- Please remove your trash cans as soon as possible after garbage pick-up. We are fortunate to have a sidewalk plow and try our best to keep the sidewalks clear of snow. Trash cans in the middle of the sidewalk make this job very difficult
- I am happy to announce that we have taken possession of a new plow truck. This project was begun over two years ago when I wrote a grant to fund a portion of it. The grant which was awarded, along with a small loan and savings that we had earmarked for this purchase, allowed us to buy this vehicle. I remind you to slow down when you see the plow on the road for the safety of everyone.
- We will be hosting a tree lighting ceremony this year at Paquette Park on December 12 at 5 pm. Hot chocolate will be served and Santa will have gifts for the children. In addition there will be a parade of lighted vehicles beginning at 6 pm.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Nicci Molinski

The Trunk or Treat went well with more than 130 trick or treaters
 The Pumpkin Decorating contest went well with 12 pumpkins and multiple winners
 A Paint and Sip is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13th at 2 p.m. at the Library. The cost is \$30 per person.
 Children’s Christmas in the Village is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11th at 1 p.m. There will also be a Candy Cane hunt at 2:30 p.m. Both events will be held at the Champlain Meeting House.
 Trustee Molinski is working on a Book Club for kids and a Tech Night for seniors.

Trustee Charles Conner

The outdoor fitness court won’t happen due to the high cost to the village. We may try to work with the town in the future to share the cost.
 The Board Game event went well & those in attendance enjoyed themselves. Another one is planned for January.

Trustee Thomas Trombley

The Blood Drive had low attendance with only 10 donors.
 Trustee Trombley thanked the DPW for the great job done with paving and shoulder work.
 The Water Board is close to finishing their report. They need to correct some Town assessment data and they hope to be done soon after that.
 Trustee Trombley was elected Town Supervisor and will soon be leaving the Village with hopes to partner the Town and Village. He said that there are several good candidates to fill in his position and asked that Mayor McFetridge ask for input from the Board on that selection decision.

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

The board has been provided the Expense and Revenue Report for October 2021.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

We need to make a transfer to cover the cost of the snowplow which is included in this warrant.

To:	A5110.2	Street Maintenance Equipment	\$70,000.00
From:	A599	Fund Balance	\$70,000.00

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve this transfer.

Roll Call vote:

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

Motion carried.

There are additional invoices of \$3,029.53 to be added to the warrant for a total warrant of \$98,074.41.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Conner to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$98,074.41.

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz noted that the warrant is high because we are paying off the remainder of the snowplow in this month's warrant.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz said that we need to pay some bills from the Water & Sewer Capitol Project funds.

- 1) \$55,607.50 to Barton & Loguidice for work on the water line replacement.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve payment of \$55,607.50 to Barton & Loguidice from the Capitol project funds. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

- 2) \$1,875.00 to Orrick for Bond Counsel.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Conner to approve payment of \$1,875.00 to Orrick from the Capitol Project funds. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

Supt. Jolicoeur provided the board with a report for October.

WATER

- Water Break repair on 7/27-7/28 on Rt. 9
- Curb Box repair in order to shut off main line for residential water break.
- Main valve needs to be replaced on corner of Pine/Church Street
- Hydrant flushing was started but not completed. Will complete as soon as possible.

SEWER

- New grinder arrived and was installed

EQUIPMENT

- New plow truck has arrived and plow should be here later this week.

STREETS

- Stone shoulders were installed and compacted. Supt. Jolicoeur thanked Alan Racine and his crew at the Town of Champlain for their help in hauling stone and the use of their shoulder machine and small roller.
- Asphalt patching should be finished this week with the warmer weather.

ON SCHEDULE

- Install new chlorine tank at the water plant later this week.
- Blocks and stones were hauled and the wall was started for the new generator installation.
- Brush pickup started and will be finished as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Corresp. to Champlain Fire District regarding Snow Removal Agreement
2. Corresp from Attorney Thomas Murnane regarding pre-trial hearing for Doug Powers
3. Corresp to William Austin regarding refrigerator in yard
4. Corresp to Steve Dumesnil regarding old furniture in yard.
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Election Notice of Offices to be Filled

A motion was made by Trustee Conner and seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the 2022 Election Notice of Offices to be filled. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Certification of Unpaid Taxes

The board was provided with a listing of unpaid property taxes totaling \$5,561.61 to be compared to the original tax roll and found correct.

3. Appointments

Mayor McFetridge announced that Joanne Favreau has been appointed to the Planning Board and that Gregory Martin has been appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

4. The Tree lighting

The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 5:00 p.m. at Paquette Park. The Fire Department will coordinate the Parade of Lights starting at 6:30 p.m.

5. Harry J. McManus Northern Tier Recreation Trail Resolution

This Resolution was approved at the Sept. 13, 2021 Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey of Village Property at Perry Mills Rd.

This property was surveyed in 2013 and the board agreed that there is no reason spending a lot of money to have it surveyed again.

However the property is sold, we need to sell it for a fair and adequate consideration. It is assessed at \$38,000 and was appraised at \$25,000. Discussion followed. The board felt we should ask a minimum of \$38,000.00.

We can advertise locally and through ebay. Mayor McFetridge will investigate what percentage goes to ebay if we use them to sell property.

2. Electric Vehicle

Mayor McFetridge will investigate what new rebates might be available with the new Infrastructure Bill.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 7:06 pm, a motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Conner to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

M. Spring, Secretary