

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
Sept. 12, 2022**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Kim Trombley, Nicci Molinski, Charles Conner & Joel Herzog and Clerk/Treasurer Munoz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve the minutes of the August 8th Regular Board Meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Herzog, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve the minutes of the Aug. 19th Special Board Meeting. Trustee Trombley abstained. All other 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

There was no report from the Codes Enforcement Officer this month.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McFetridge reported the following:

We were busy this summer with 3 concerts, the Farmers Market, Village Fest, the Children's Garden Club and senior classes. Thank you to Stewarts for the ice cream for our Ice Cream Social. Thanks to the community groups attending Village Fest; the Champlain Fire Dept. & EMS, Champlain Memorial Library, Clinton County Health Dept., and the Living Water Baptist Church. Thank you to Nicci Molinski for the many Children's activities. Thank you to John Downs, Sue Lefebvre, and Jim Rabideau for running the Farmers Market. Thanks to our DPW crew and Office staff for their hard work.

Upgrades and Disinfection Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will begin soon and will go into next spring.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Herzog

Trustee Herzog had nothing to report this evening

Trustee Conner

Trustee Conner reported that the issue with water in the Town has been resolved. Also that there have been people getting water from a hydrant, which we will discuss later in the meeting.

Trustee Molinski

Trustee Molinski reported:

- The Kid's Garden Club had a late start but the garden boxes worked well and they made a salad with what they had grown. They will be meeting throughout the winter to make plans for next spring. The next meeting will be Oct. 10th at 10 a.m. at the Garden or Meeting House, weather depending.
- Weekly Library Hour starting Saturday, Oct. 1st from 10-11 a.m.
- We did not get the pollinator grant this year. Trustee Herzog volunteered to help write the next grant.
- Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 2 p.m. at the playground.

Trustee Trombley

Trustee Trombley said that the water board is waiting for information on hydrant flushing. The Town's EDU report has been received. A signing is planned for Sept. 28th for the Oct. 1st deadline for the Water Board report.

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

The board has been provided the Expense and Revenue Report for August 2022.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

The warrant was presented to the board.

TRANSFERS

TO:	A1325.2	Clerk-Contractual	\$100.00
FROM:	A1325.11	Clerk-Schooling	\$100.00
TO:	A1420.1	Law-Personal Services	\$1,000.00
FROM:	A7110.4	Parks-Contractual	\$1,000.00
TO:	F1420.1	Law-Personal Services	\$400.00
FROM:	F8389.4	Water-Other Expenses	\$400.00
TO:	G1420.1	Law-Personal Services	\$600.00
FROM:	G8130.4	Sewage & Treatment – Contractual	\$600.00

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

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Herzog to approve the warrant with additional invoices of \$4,190.85 for a total of \$26,920.12.

Roll Call vote:

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

Motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection and Capital Improvements

Motion by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve payment of \$10,422.50 from the WWTP Disinfection and Capital Improvements account to Barton & Loguidice. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDANT

Supt Jolicoeur did not provide a report for August.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Corresp. from Stafford & Owens regarding Doug Powers case.
2. Corresp from Mayor McFetridge to AARP regarding Age-Friendly Communities
3. Offer of land Donation for 102 Church St. (addressed at our last meeting)
4. Request from Universal Interiors on the cost to hook up to the water supply.
5. Corresp from Town Supervisor Trombley regarding water theft at hydrants
6. Generator in exchange for Rec. Trail Paving Agreement

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Theft from Hydrants

A local business needing water for hydro-seeding has been taking water from our hydrants for some time.

This is against Village Code and Town Code. The Town Supervisor is recommending several options:

- 1) Allow the removal of water from the river by individuals who have pumping capabilities. This could be done at the public boat launch. According to DEC this is acceptable with limitations of no more than 100,000 gallons per day, must not cause visible turbidity, and must not cause discharge of pollutant into waterway.
- 2) The Village personnel controls the filling of tanks using the fill line at the Village's wastewater plant. This fill line currently has a back flow device, but does not have a meter. This option would require personnel and would be billed to users. Users would need to make an appointment to get water.

The Board agreed that the second option would work best with the following requirements:

- Must be metered
- Users will be billed
- Village personnel will be required
- There will have to be a minimum charge

Trustee Conner asked about fines for continued use of water at the hydrants.

Trustee Trombley said that the Town is waiting for advice from the court on setting a fine.

The Village Code currently has a fine of up to \$200 for this violation.

Trustee Trombley said that we should wait to hear what the court says and get in line with that advice.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Dog Control

The Dog Control Officer has a website link where residents can report any animal issues. This can be accessed from the Town Website and the Village Website.

2. DEC Cleanup update

Our current insurance agent contacted the Attorney General's Office. Our current insurance does not cover a past incident, but we did file a claim with the previous insurance company. The Attorney General has our lawyer's contact information and our lawyer is updated on this situation

3. Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:53 p.m., motion by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Conner to close the regular meeting.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Trombley to go into Executive Session. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 7:08 pm, motion by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Conner to come out of Executive Session.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Herzog to go back into regular meeting.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No decisions were made at Executive Session.

4. Subdivision of Village Property

It was discovered that FEMA buyout land, which includes the property that was to be subdivided, cannot be sold. This was confirmed with Glen Cutter at the Clinton County Planning Dept. Mr. Thibodeau has been informed of this information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 7:17 pm, a motion was made by Trustee Trombley and seconded by Trustee Molinski to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

M. Spring