

**Village of Champlain
Village Board Meeting
September 9, 2024 6:30 p.m.**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Trombley, Molinski, Conner and Herzog, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz, Supt Jolicoeur.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve minutes of the August 12th 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

No one was present from the community this evening.

REPORT FROM CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Roofing Permits:

9 Locust St,
100 Walnut St.
40 Pine St.

Grass in Excess of 6”

Church St/Cedar St.	Resolved
30 Pine St.	Resolved
42 Willow St.	In Progress
18 Moore St.	In Progress
10 Moore St.	Resolved
13 Canal St.	In Progress

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor McFetridge wished children and all school personnel a good start to the school year. She asked that residents be aware of school buses and follow rules of the road when picking up/dropping off children.

The water line project continues on Main St. & will go on into fall. She thanked residents for their patience, especially those whose yards and services are affected. Please drive slowly through work zones.

Mayor McFetridge thanked Outside Art & the Samuel de Champlain History center for their work in securing funds for the first piece of public art in the village of Champlain. The mural depicts the boat building industry highlights the rich history in our community. Kudos to artist Greg Badger for his time and talent.

Work on the sidewalk replacement downtown continues.

The grant was awarded for ash tree removal. However, we will have to wait for a contract with the state before work can begin, which will not be until at least next spring.

The Comprehensive Plan with the Town is moving forward. This will guide our future growth in the community.

You should expect a postcard with a QR code to complete a survey or you can access it at the Town website.

EVENTS

Sept. 25 th @ 6:30 p.m.	Red Canoe	Mark Barie on his new book
Sept. 29 th @ 2-4 p.m.	Champlain Meeting House	Reach Out and Play Board Games
Oct. 18 th @ 1-4 p.m.	Champlain Meeting House	Blood Drive
Oct. 26 th @ 1-2:30 p.m.	Playground	Trunk or Treat

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Herzog

Trustee Herzog thank the DPW for their hard work.

Trustee Conner

Trustee Conner reported that the K of C will be participating in the Truck or Treat program. He is also watching the progress made on the sidewalks.

Trustee Molinski

Trustee Molinski reported that the Summer Art Classes, funded by a Stewarts Grant were well attended. The summer Boost program helped with Math & Reading using games. The Library will be at the Trunk or Treat with the new director. She will be holding cooking classes in mid-November. The Library is in need of volunteers for help with cleaning, events and a fundraising group. Trustee Molinski is planning a “walk to connect” sometime in October. The Volleyball Club was held at the court across from the High School and was well-attended.

Trustee Trombley

Trustee Trombley attended a boat trip with Lake Champlain Sea Grant Research Institute. She made connections with people from NYSERDA & Clinton County Water & Soil. She asked about the portable basketball hoop. Supt. Jolicoeur said that is has been selected but not yet ordered. Volunteers will be painting lines on existing court on 9/14/2024.. Trustee Trombley reported that the Water Board report has been sent to both municipalities with 30 days to respond.

REPORT FROM CLERK/TREASURER MUNOZ

The Board was provided the Expense & Revenue report for August 2024. The water/sewer billing for Sept. 1st included \$73,855.75 water & \$71,791.71 sewer.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

The warrant was presented with additional invoices of \$77,905.52 for a total of \$100,952.03. Motion by Trustee Molinski, seconded by Trustee Conner 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.

Transfer

To: G8130.2	Transmission & Distribution: Equip. Repairs	\$75,150.00	
From: G882	Reserve for Repairs		\$75,150.00

Motion to approve 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.

Water Line Replacement Project

01/29/2024	Barton & Loguidice	\$ 2,246.31
08/17/2024	Barton & Loguidice	\$24,000.00
08/30/2024	TJ Fiacco	<u>136,841.80</u>
		\$163,088.11

Motion by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Molinski to approve these payments. 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 reported the following for August 2024

WATER

- Excavated and repaired water main at Rt. 9/Willow St. We know of two other small leaks that will need to be fixed.
- As we shut down and pressurize old water mains, more main breaks are expected.
- The new water main was put into service along Rt. 9 from South St. to Ashline Dr. Service laterals were connected and put into service.
- Ashline Dr. connection was made.
- Trimmed town hydrants and valves that were neglected and needed trimming for Fire Dept. use and hydrant flushing.
- Main line on Rt. 9 from Ashline Dr. to CTG was installed. Once lines are installed, the new line will be flushed, PSI tested, disinfected and sampled. Service laterals will then be connected to this section.
- The next section of main lines will start at Mill St. and continue to 2nd Willow St. intersection.
- Please expect delays and avoid the area if possible. There will be single lane closures and sidewalks will be closed in work areas during this process. There will also be boil water orders issued in affected areas.

SEWER

- The roadway was lowered and paving done around the sewer plant. We will have some drainage and dirt work to do before winter.
- The aeration piping ordered in December was delivered last week. There is a tractor trailer load of pipe and fittings to be installed inside the 8 sewer tanks. We will need a vac truck to empty tanks, which will have to be done next year.
- We are waiting on materials to replace the broken valve on the tank drain at the sewer plant. This needs to be done before winter so it can be buried to avoid freezing.

STREETS

- Old sidewalk was removed and new sidewalk formed along Rt. 9. After all forms are set, we can schedule a cement delivery.

MISC

- Hydraulic hose blew on the backhoe. Replacement was located in SC and delivered. It is back in service.
- The 2022 pickup went to the dealer for repair and is back in service.
- 1 ton dump truck serviced

WORK TO BE COMPLETED

- Water leaks
- Utility locating for dig safe and new water line installation
- Lead service line inventory
- Sidewalk replacement from Church St. to Cedar St. (in progress)
- Install concrete pads along bike path for trail head lights & bike repair station
- PRV maintenance and hydrant flushing
- Replace broken valve and tee at WWTP
- Check valve replacement in Main St. lift station
- Paint and install ADA plates at crosswalks. Paint sharrows on roadway.
- Prepare winter equipment

ETC.

- The backhoe will need repair as time allows. Hydraulic thumb stopped working & hydraulic leak inside dipper arm
- 2010 Peterbilt needs some work so that we can get it inspected.
- The loader will need service but it won't fit in our garage.
- The generator starter on the old Ford needs to be fixed & tire replaced.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Corresp from Charter Communications with franchise fees
2. Corresp from Barb Tremblay requesting payment for driveway access.
3. Corresp from Restore NY regarding funding
4. Corresp from Alan Weinraub regarding 21 Oak St. vacant building registry
5. Corresp from Robert Macrae regarding vacant building registry
6. Corresp from NYS Dept. of Labor regarding boiler inspection

NEW BUSINESS

1. Diamond Maps

We have been using the Diamond Mapping system since 2018 to map and locate infrastructure (water, sewer, hydrants) At a meeting with Town Supervisor Trombley, Trustee Trombley, Supt. Jolicoeur, Water Board member Rick Hunter and Mayor McFetridge, the town requested that Codes Officer Matott also have access to this program. Supt. Jolicoeur can currently share the program with him for a 30 day period, which he can renew. The Codes Officer cannot make any changes to the program. We currently have a single user membership of \$19/month. This expense is part of the O&M costs which is divided by the Village and the Town. Town Supervisor Trombley is interested in expanding to an Unlimited User membership as they have many ways that they can use this system. The cost for that would be \$40/month.

The Village has data in the system already. The Town would have to add their own information by digging, locating, flagging and adding items to the system. They would have to purchase a survey grade GPS unit too, which they plan on doing. Supt. Jolicoeur said that someone from the Town would have to do that work. Mayor McFetridge confirmed that it would not be the Village's job to do that.

Supt Jolicoeur was concerned that he would have to share his user name and password.

Trustee Trombley said that, with unlimited membership, each user has their own sign in. Mayor McFetridge questioned if we need additional users and what would be the advantage of adding more users. Trustee Trombley felt that if something happened with Supt. Jolicoeur, others would still have access to the program. The town is currently paying 60% of the costs and has no access to the program. Trustee Conner felt that it should be okay to add other users as long as they can't access what Supt. has added to the program. He has been working with this system for 6 years and has put a lot of hours in. Mayor McFetridge questioned how this would be divided for the O&M as it would be used for things other than water. Clerk/Treasurer Munoz suggested that the Town get their own Diamond mapping. Further Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Trombley, seconded by Trustee Herzog to approve joining the Town in a shared service with Diamond Maps.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

2. Wastewater Credit: Brian McLaughlin

Mr. McLaughlin was made aware of high water usage at his property at 105 Church St. It was determined that a hot water tank had blown and water leaked into the basement. Supt. Jolicoeur went to the property to confirm this. The average usage there is 26K/gals and this quarters usage was 46K/gals. The difference of 20K gals at current rates is \$120.00.

Motion by Trustee Molinski, seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve a wastewater credit of \$120 for 105 Church St. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

3. Champlain Fire District snow removal contract

The Champlain Fire District would like to renew their contract for snow removal and are offering to purchase 30 tons of salt as a shared service.

Motion by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Trombley to approve renewal of the snow removal contract with the Champlain Fire District. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Removable Speed Bumps

This matter has been tabled to look at again in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 7:37 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Conner, seconded by Trustee Molinski to adjourn. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Spring, Secretary