

Village of Champlain Special Board Meeting August 18, 2020

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Tuesday, Aug. 18 2020 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor McFetridge called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Present were Mayor McFetridge, Trustees Amy Gehrig & Nicci Molinski, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz and Secretary Sousa.

Mayor McFetridge reviewed the water improvement project and priorities from our last meeting. Supt. Jolicoeur felt that South Street from Main Street to Ashline Drive should be added to the project. Matt Cooper gave us an addition cost estimate of \$228,000 for that section. If it is added, we need to send out SEQRA letters again*. The Board needs to decide how big we want this project to be. Mayor McFetridge was concerned by a million dollar project that will add to our service charges over 30 years.

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz said that in the past we had water debt of \$35,000 which was built into the budget. When the water debt was paid, the \$35,000 remained in the budget but was spread out over other items in the water budget. Without repairs and parts, we should be able to make a budget to cover this payment. Mayor McFetridge added that each repair costs between \$1-2K.

Mayor McFetridge said that if we decide to do the full \$1.2million project and we get the WIIA Grant for 60%, we would have a RD loan of about \$480K. The board must decide on whether to do everything at once or do only the worst sections now. The funding is not tied to the streets so there is some play on where we spend the funds.

Trustee Gehrig noted that if South Street is an issue now, it won't stop and costs will only get higher. She was in favor of putting everything in and based on funding we get, take things out if needed.

Mayor McFetridge was concerned that if we did get the grant and loan, do we want to proceed with that debt payment on our taxpayers.

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz said we could do the whole project for \$1.2M, get \$800k in grants and borrow \$500k. The payment on \$275 is about \$11K and we could afford the payment for \$500k.

Trustee Gehrig asked if it can be paid back early. Clerk/Treasurer Munoz said that sometimes you can, sometimes you cannot. With the RD loan we had in the past, we had to refinance, but this is an EFC loan at 1.63%.

Both Trustee Gehrig and Molinski agreed that we go for it all and see what we can get.

Trustee Gehrig reminded the board that we are dealing with fixed and low income people and asked about the CDBG grant.

Mayor McFetridge replied that the CDBG grant requires an income survey costing from \$10-20k and we missed the funding cycle for CDBG. We are on track for the WIIA cycle.

At 5:22 p.m. Trustees Thomas and Kim Trombley arrived.

Mayor McFetridge review the discussion and that the consensus is that we go for everything, see what we get and then make hard decisions. Further discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to apply for full amount of \$1,205,000 and, depending on the results of funding, adjust our project scope.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Molinski to adjourn at 5:34 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Sousa, Secretary