

Village of Champlain Village Board Meeting June 11, 2018

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York. Present were Mayor Martin, Trustees Kim Trombley, McFetridge, Thomas Trombley and Gehrig, Clerk/Treasurer Munoz, Secretary Sousa and Codes Officer Tetreault. Superintendent Jolicoeur was excused this evening. Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2018 board meeting. Trustee Gehrig asked that the grantor for the park benches be changed from Adirondack Health Institute to Eastern Adirondack Health Network. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2018 Special board meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

No one was present from the community this evening.

REPORT FROM CODES OFFICER

Codes Officer Tetreault reported the following for May:

- Codes Officer Tetreault was on vacation for a week and attended the NYRWA training.
- Called owner of 110 Church Street building on three separate occasions, with no reply.
- Checked on Health Dept. complaint for 30 Filion Drive. Has been repaired.
- Responded to Eugene Kelsey concerning tree issue.
- Sent notices of violation to 41 Willow St. & 22 Maiden Ln. regarding grass issues. Grass has been cut.
- Sent notice of violation to 11191 Rt. 9 regarding garbage. It has been removed.
- Oak Street property has been mowed but no action on debris pile. Action to be taken.
- South Street properties have been cleaned, trash removed.
- Oak Street fire demolition project slated to start within two weeks.
- Issued building permits to Randall Savage for a deck, John Canty for roof, John Galy for renovations and K of C for roof.
- Answered questions concerning zoning, permits and complaints.

He said he has been in contact with some Property management companies. Mayor Martin asked that we follow through with the property on Oak Street since there has been nothing done with debris. Codes Officer said yes, we will go ahead with that.

Trustee Thomas Trombley asked if he had received responses from all of the letters sent out. Codes Officer Tetreault said that he has been in contact with everyone. He spoke with the owner on Cherry Street about garbage and he will take care of that. He said that the garbage and refuse that was reported to be at the beginning of the Rec. Trail may belong to the village from last year's construction. Discussion followed. Mayor Martin said that we can pull that out of there. The ditch on Oak Street near the property that burned also needs to be cleaned out, which we will do when we have time.

Trustee Kim Trombley asked about the grass at the vacant house at 139 Elm Street. Codes Officer Tetreault said that he had spoken with the property management company and they would mow it by the end of the week.

Codes Officer Tetreault asked if we are going ahead with the plans for 110 Church Street. Mayor Martin said that we will go ahead and board it up.

REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

The village water system has had an unusual number of pipe malfunctions resulting in an increased number of boil water orders, inconvenience to our users and an increased workload for our DPW crew. We had a break this past weekend which occurred on Friday afternoon. The crew worked well past midnight with a temporary fix that still provided water to the affected residents. The water from the break eroded some of the recreation trail near Elm Street. After parts were delivered by our supplier on Saturday afternoon, the crew was back at it until around 9 p.m. that evening. They were unable to correct the issue as new problems continued to pop up. They still made sure everyone affected had water to use at their facilities with reduced pressure. All homes in the boil water area were delivered drinking water from the Village to make sure an adequate amount was available for safe consumption. While filling the water lines, there was a pressure buildup that separated a 20' x 12" pipe about 4 feet underground, taking out much of the bank surrounding the pipe. The crew was back at the site today and are awaiting parts this morning. Meanwhile, they repaired a leak on Pine Street but will get back to Elm Street tomorrow. They will need to dig across the recreation trail to make this repair. Mayor Martin shared that he is very proud of the effort Mike and his crew, Woody, Jimmy and Robert, put forth to keep this village running smoothly, looking good while keeping the well-being of our residents first in their minds. Their dedication is worthy of our attention and gratitude, so thanks to Mike and the DPW staff.

As reported at an earlier meeting, the water rates will be increasing with the July 1st billing. As explained, the increase was necessary to help offset increased operating expenses and prepare for our share of the loan repayment due in January of 2019. There will be some difficult times ahead as we work our way through the financial issues regarding this shared project with the Town of Champlain. You, as residents of this Village are directly affected by every aspect of this project and will be kept informed and updated as often as possible. This Board will do everything in its power to keep expenses and operational costs at a minimum.

Restoration of property disturbed by the water project has begun on a limited basis. It is important that Village properties are included in this process and restoration completed to the owner's satisfaction. It is recommended that residents call the Town of Champlain to make sure their property is on the repair list and to find out when the repairs will be made. If you need further assistance, please call the village office.

Of general interest, the I & I (Inflow and Infiltration) study is completed and we should be getting a report on that soon. The blower project will soon be in the bidding stage and hopefully we can get that completed by late fall of this year. The contamination issues affecting the village office is awaiting an action plan from the contractor. This cleanup should begin soon in the cellar and parking lot out front. This process will be long and difficult, but necessary for the health and well-being of all.

Everyone is invited to the official ribbon-cutting for the new recreation trail connecting the Villages of Champlain and Rouses Point through the Town of Champlain. The event will take place on Paquette Drive on Friday, June 15th at 10 a.m. The trail is already busy with walkers and cyclists. There is a concern that motorized vehicles have been seen on the trail, which is strictly forbidden. The vehicles tear up the surface of the trail, causing ruts and other surface destruction. Violators will be handled by law enforcement with possible fines and loss of right to use the trail. Please be respectful and use the trail as it was intended to be used.

REPORT FROM THE TRUSTEES

Trustee Kim Trombley thanked the DPW for their hard work. She said that she has not yet heard anything from the Health Department as community liaison and will follow up on that.

Trustee Janet McFetridge reported the following events:

- June 14th Rich Frost Author Talk “Final Season” at 6:30 p.m.
- June 15th Rec. Trail Ribbon Cutting at 10 a.m. at Paquette Blvd crossing.
- June 16th Village Table with cooking lesson on grilling and salads from 2-4 p.m.
- June 20th Book Club at 6:30 p.m.
- June 22nd Longest Day of Play from 1-3 p.m. at the playground
- June 24th Kids Fun Run begin Sunday June 24th at 5 pm at Bill Earl Park

She also thanked Supt. Mike Jolicoeur and the DPW for their hard work and dedication to the Village.

Trustee Thomas Trombley thanked those who came out and gave blood. He also thanked the DPW crew for their dedication.

Trustee Amy Gehrig reminded all that the Hip Hop dance will be held the week of June 25-29th with sessions for ages 5-9 at 10 a.m. and ages 10+ at 11 a.m. She suggested that we have a flyer to hand out with all the village events. She said that she has two options for health-funded projects that might go towards the sunscreen dispenser.

REPORT FROM THE CLERK/TREASURER

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz said that the board has been copied with the Expense and Revenue report for May.

PRESENTATION OF WARRANT AND PAYMENT

Clerk/Treasurer Munoz said there are addition invoices of \$1,221.53 to add to the warrant for a total of \$9,790.80.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve the warrant with additional invoices for a total of \$ 9,790.80.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Supt. Jolicoeur was not present this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. JCEO Monthly Report for May

NEW BUSINESS

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new Recreation Trail will be held on Friday, June 15th at 10:00 pm at Lawrence Paquette Blvd. All are welcome.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Generator

Mayor Martin said that we first need to decide between diesel and natural gas as there is a significant difference in cost. Also, some of the quotes are for the generator only, and we would have to lay the pad and do the hookup and electrical work. He would like more time to get figures for installation and wiring costs. Discussion followed.

Trustee Gehrig questioned why we should purchase a new generator if the current generator would be okay if we shut down the water softening.

Trustee Thomas Trombley said that it would depend on what shutting down the system would entail. Mayor Martin said that Woody Kissel would be the best person to discuss that question. We would have several days' worth of softened water in our tanks if we shut it down. He felt that we should have Supt. Jolicoeur and/or Woody Kissel come in to explain what it would take to shut it down and turn it back on again. Discussion followed. This matter was tabled until our next board meeting.

Tire Purchase

We have quotes from Warren Tire for \$1,156.50 and G&G Tire for \$1,123.02 for 6 new tires for the 1-ton.

Trustee Kim Trombley asked if Supt. Jolicoeur has a preference. Mayor Martin said that we have had good luck with Good Year (from Warren Tire) but that Hancock has good reviews as well. Trustee Gehrig said that G&G Tire felt that Hancock was a better quality. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to approve the purchase of 6 tires for the 1-Ton from G&G Tire in the amount of \$1,123.02. Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Quotes for 110 Church Street

Mayor Martin said that he had requested quotes from 3 contractors to board up the windows at 110 Church Street, but only received 2 quotes back. We specified ½ " cdx plywood for 28 windows & 2 doors and a coat of primer on the plywood.

Galy Construction offered a quote of \$3,590.00 and Aubin Contracting and Millworks offered a bid of \$2,098.48. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Gehrig and seconded by Trustee Thomas Trombley to approve having Aubin Contracting & Millworks board up the windows and doors at 110 Church Street. Trustee Gehrig requested that we confirm the number of windows and doors to be boarded up. Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Blowers

Mayor Martin said that they are in the bidding process and should hear from B&L soon.

I & I Study

Mayor Martin said that we are waiting for results on the study.

Atlantic Testing Labs

Mayor Martin said that the DEC Rep wants an action plan from the contractor. We will have something from them by next month, hopefully.

Trustee McFetridge asked about the Elm Street Bridge. Mayor Martin said that he would call Mr. Rascoe from the county for information on that.

ADJOURNMENT

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