

February 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Champlain was held on February 10, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Offices. Present were Supervisor Barcomb, Council Members Cooper, Moore, Southwick, Code Officer Tetreault, Highway Superintendent Racine and Town Clerk Castine. Council Member Favreau was absent.

Also, present from the public was Matt Cooper, Anthony Young, Mayor Martin, Kevin Triller, and Mike Jolicoeur.

Supervisor Barcomb opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. After the opening prayer and a salute to the flag he then greeted the public.

Supervisor Barcomb stated Engineer Matt Cooper is present this evening to go over the Sewer and Water project.

Engineer Matt Cooper stated we are proceeding with design and it is moving along well. There are three components of the project design, water tanks, distribution system and water treatment plant upgrades. We are working on the purchase of the land for the tank sites but still waiting to hear from Attorney Favreau on that. Also, working on the standardization of certain items for the project like hydrants, meters etc. have to do a resolution on that. The treatment options have to be decided on and we are working on the advantages and disadvantages of that. Also, we have to have payment approvals so you need to decide whether you pay when contract is signed or monthly payments.

Council Member Moore stated we should do monthly so this way everyone can see the bills.

Engineer Matt Cooper stated that is fine I will schedule it for monthly.

Council Member Southwick asked how things are going with DOT.

Engineer Matt Cooper stated I have sent DOT a set of plans and they should have an answer to us by the end of February. We had a meeting with DOT today and everything went well. The meeting was very formative and very positive. They are agreeable with things and are willing to work with us. As far as the sewer is concerned we did receive a 415,000 grant and we are going to try to stretch that as much as we can. Hudson Headwaters will be starting their construction on Route 11 and we will probably run sewer to the edge of their property to South Street. DOT will build a sewer line down West Service Road to almost the Perry Mills Road so this will help us to. There is another round of CFA's coming up for Economic Development so we will proceed with that. There is a lot going on with the Water and Sewer Project and we are moving along fine with everything and hopefully we will be able to get more funding. I will keep you posted on everything.

Supervisor Barcomb asked Kevin Triller if he had any questions?

Kevin Triller stated I came this evening to see if Legislature Harry McManus was here to discuss the bike path.

Supervisor Barcomb stated there will be a Special Meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> to go over the bike path and you are more than welcome to attend the meeting.

Council Member Southwick asked when will be the next meeting to discuss the water project?

Engineer Matt Cooper stated probably the first part of March.

Mayor Greg Martin stated we need to get the board ready for the meeting in March so we need a few members from the Village Board and a few from the Town Board so we will be ready for the March meeting.

Supervisor Barcomb asked the board members present that having received a copy of the minutes of January 13, 2015 did anyone note any errors or omissions?

Council Member Cooper moved to approve the January 15, 2015 minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Moore.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent
Council Member Moore	Aye
Supervisor Barcomb	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have your Town Clerks Monthly Report which needs approval.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to approve the Town Clerks Monthly Report for January. Motion seconded by Council Member Cooper.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent
Council Member Moore	Aye
Supervisor Barcomb	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have a letter from Real Property Tax Service Agency regarding the February work schedule.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have a letter from Lisa Trombley regarding the second water line located at 1682 Ridge Road. She would like the line to be removed and or capped off because there is no longer a need for it. The trailer has been removed from the property. It is her understanding that this will be at no expense to her and there will be no service charges to this waterline. In order for another trailer to be placed on the property they would have to go before the Zoning Board to get approval.

Council Member Cooper made a motion to no longer charge Lisa and Todd Trombley a service charge for this water line at 1682 Ridge Road because it will be capped off. Motion seconded by Council Member Moore.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent
Council Member Moore	Aye
Supervisor Barcomb	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have a letter from North Country Gas Pipeline regarding an emergency notification list.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have a letter from Attorney Favreau regarding personnel payout of accrued sick time.

Council Member Cooper made a motion to approve Resolution # 6 dated February 10, 2015 WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Champlain received a request for reimbursement of a payment made by an employee to the Office of the New York State Comptroller as a lump sum buy back of certain retirement credits for Article 20 Military Service; and WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Champlain has duly considered the employee's request for reimbursement and recognizing the Town has previously entered into a prior agreement with an employee of the Town allowing the use of accrued sick leave for this purpose. NOW THEREFORE, after due deliberation and consideration it is; HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town of Champlain hereby agrees to allow the employee to use accumulated sick leave for reimbursement of the amount paid by the employee to buy back retirement credits for prior Article 20 Military Service; and

HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED the employee shall be entitled to use up to 290 hours of accumulated leave time in order for the net amount payable to the employee after deduction of taxes and other applicable payroll deductions to be in the amount of \$4,160.78. Motion seconded by Council Member Moore

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent
Council Member Moore	Aye
Supervisor Barcomb	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have a copy of the Zoning Board Minutes and the Planning Board Minutes for your review.

Town Clerk Castine stated recently the Zoning Board appointed Bruce Seguin as Chairperson and Jay Boyea as Vice Chairperson so this board needs to approve the appointments.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to approve Bruce Seguin as Chairperson and Jay Boyea as Vice Chairperson of the Zoning Board. Motion seconded by Cooper.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent
Council Member Moore	Aye
Supervisor Barcomb	Aye

Motion Carried.

Town Clerk Castine stated recently the Planning Board appointed Karl Schenck as Chairperson and Robert Wolstenholme as Vice Chairperson so this board needs to approve the appointments.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to approve Karl Schenck as Chairperson and Robert Wolstenholme as Vice Chairperson of the Planning Board. Motion seconded by Moore.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent
Council Member Moore	Aye

Supervisor Barcomb           Aye  
Motion Carried.

Town Clerk Castine stated Bruce Walleth and Gerald Arno terms for the Zoning Board had expired but they wish to continue on the Zoning Board so this board needs to approve them.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve Bruce Walleth and Gerald Arno to continue as board members to the Zoning Board as a five year term. Motion seconded by Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent
Council Member Moore	Aye
Supervisor Barcomb	Aye

Motion Carried

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have a letter from the Department of Public Service regarding our assistance in informing energy consumers of an energy modernization initiative which will fundamentally transform the way electricity is distributed and used in New York State.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have a letter from NYSEG regarding the emergency contact list.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have a copy of the resolution for the Standardization of service brass for the Village and Town of Champlain shared services water project. This resolution has been sent to the Attorney for his review and it will be passed on a later date.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have your dog report for your review.

Highway Superintendent Racine stated I will be holding a Safety Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 am until 9:00 am. If I have more than 12 guys then the chamber will pay for the safety meeting. I think I will because the two Villages will be sending men over to. On March 4<sup>th</sup> I will be going to a meeting in Albany regarding the CHIP money.

Kevin Triller stated he has some concerns regarding the bike path. Is this something we really need and is it going to raise our taxes.

Council Member Southwick stated I have received a lot of positive feedback on the bike path. Originally each municipality had to give 5,000 but we received that back threw Tobacco Money. The project is 1.3 million but we will get 80% of that back through the grant so the local

shares is 20% but that could be even less because Legislature Harry McManus is still trying to get grants. So I feel this is a good thing for the community but we will know more at the Special Meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

There was further discussion regarding the bike path.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Bike Path. Motion seconded by Council Member Cooper.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent
Council Member Moore	Aye
Supervisor Barcomb	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Barcomb stated you have a copy of the post audit bills for your review.

Supervisor Barcomb stated we need approval of the monthly bills.

Council Member Southwick moved to approve to pay the monthly bills #1036 thru #1085 on Abstract #2 of 2015 as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Cooper.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent
Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Supervisor Barcomb	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Barcomb stated the court received their new copier and it is up and running.

Supervisor Barcomb stated if there is nothing else to be brought before the board than a motion is needed to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Cooper.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Southwick	Aye
Council Member Favreau	Absent

Council Member Cooper	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Supervisor Barcomb	Aye

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Julie L. Castine – Town Clerk