

February 24, 2015

The Special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Champlain was held on February 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Offices. Present were Supervisor Barcomb, Council Members Cooper, Moore, Southwick, and Town Clerk Castine. Council Member Favreau was absent.

Supervisor Barcomb opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Also, present was Legislature Harry McManus and Calvin Castine.

Supervisor Barcomb stated this special meeting is being held this evening to discuss the Transportation Alternatives Program.

Legislature Harry McManus stated the two Villages support the agreement and now we just need the support of the Town. Right now it is still going to be 1/3 from each municipality around 20,000 each. There is going to be two alternatives routes to choose from. The estimated amount for the municipalities was 300,000 but we have raised 220,000 and hopefully we can get the amount down even lower. There is a lot of funding out there for recreational and we are still applying for more grants. This is going to be a two year process and we will go out to bid in 2016 and construction will start in 2017. So as of right now it looks like 20% will be shared between the three municipalities.

Council Member Moore stated so the three municipalities will maintain the bike path equally.

Legislature Harry McManus stated yes the three municipalities will take care of the bike path together.

Council Member Southwick asked what made the two villages decided to go ahead with the funding instead of it coming out of the General Fund?

Supervisor Barcomb stated the amount of each municipality is going to be around 20,000 each instead of it being 100,000 each because of the funding we received so they felt they could handle the 20,000 and if we receive more funding we might not even have to give 20,000 each.

Legislature Harry McManus stated there some people out there they don't believe we need this bike path but there is a lot of money out there for recreation. It was stated why can't this money be used elsewhere but the money is just for recreational.

Supervisor Barcomb stated I would like to thank the two Villages and Harry.

Legislature Harry McManus stated I believe this bike path will be used and it is a very good thing.

Calvin Castine asked is this a public hearing this evening?

Supervisor Barcomb stated no this is just a Special Meeting that we had to hold this evening to approve the agreement for the bike path because there was a deadline to have the agreement sign and it was before out next regular meeting.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the Transportation Alternative Program Funding Agreement for the Northern Tier Multi Use Path between the County of Clinton and Village of Champlain, Village of Rouses Point and the Town of Champlain as presented with the cost being shared between the two Villages and the Town. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick. (see attached agreement)

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 if there is no further business than a motion is needed to adjourn the meeting.

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

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 7:15 p.m.

Julie L. Castine – Town Clerk