# ***VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT***

# ***January Meeting Minutes***

**Call to Order:** MAYOR MOLNAR CALLED to order the regular meeting of the village board at 7pm on january 17th, 2023 in the village hall.

**Roll call:**

1. Trustee Farnham
2. Trustee Richardson
3. Trustee Lipsey
4. Trustee Novotny
5. Mayor Molnar

**Others Present:**

jill & bill curry, courtney curatolo, melissa meyers, david meyers, mary glatt, tom reitz, robert samuelson, pierre chagnon, gifford lawrence, joel dahlberg,

**oath of office:** trustees david lipsey and theodore farnham

**privilege of the floor:**

* tom reitz- 6 maple – expressed his concern on vehicles going the wrong way on a one-way street. maybe more signage/painting arrows on the road. joel and ted will work on the issue

**Pierre Chaut. County Update:**

* We presented commendations to retiring legislators Jay Gould and Paul Whitford,

and to retiring County Attorney Steve Abdella.

*  We passed a Local Law adjusting the salary ranges of County managers to aid in

employee retention and recruitment.

*  We confirmed appointments to the Chautauqua County Food Policy Council,

including Brooke Barone from Ashville.

*  We accepted a competitive indigent legal services grant of $750,000 for the next

three years. The state is finally providing funding to provide quality representation to

parents in child welfare Family Court matters, where the County costs have been

dramatically increasing.

*  We passed a motion requesting the Governor and Legislature support increases to

snowmobile registration fees that provide financial support for the Snowmobile Trail

Development and Maintenance Fund. Chautauqua County snowmobile clubs

maintain 423 State-funded miles of trails throughout the County and snowmobiling

is a key contributor to Chautauqua County’s winter tourism industry. Maintenance of

the snowmobile trails in Chautauqua County is completed almost entirely by

volunteers who are members of snowmobile clubs. There has not been a

registration fee increase for snowmobiles since 2005, while there have been

registration fee increases in surrounding states and there has been significant

inflation on critical machinery needed to maintain the trails.

*  At the Legislature 2023 organizational meeting I was honored and humbled to be

elected again as the Legislature Chairman.

**Code Enforcement Officer/Inspector Report:** R. Samuelson

* 27 sunnyside- did not change ownership, only management companies.

**Public Safety:** Farnham/Lipsey/J. Dahlberg

* n/a

**Fire Department:** Chief Apperson/Farnham

* 248 calls in 2022
* 10 calls so far in 2023
* oath of office- randall edwards 1st assistant fire chief, jeremy crist 2nd assistant fire chief, nicholas carlson 3rd assistant fire chief
* billing update- professional ambulance billing via zoom to figure out new billing system

**Buildings:** Dahlberg/Farnham

* n/a

**Trees:** Novotny/Lipsey

* n/a

**Public** **Works** **Report:** J. Dahlberg

* jim steber table is built – going to order a plaque for it from trophy house
* banners- need probably ½ dozen new Christmas banners for next year with slits in them, hold up well.
* tore out planter boxes by the public dock, eagle scout project to rebuild
* patching done on liberty and sunnyside

**Youth** **Rec/Playground/Dock**: Lipsey/Richardson

* possibility of getting a grant for a handicapped kayak launch at the boat launch, already has parking, etc.
* chautauqua belle coming during the summer, village dock is not set up for it, possibly have him put sections in

**Special Events/Celebrations/Community Beautification:** Novotny/Richardson

* fireworks for winterfest approved, new permits being drawn up for future events. 1st trustee farnham 2nd trustee lipsey – all in favor
* stir of artists july 8th and august 12th
* boat show june 24th

**Personnel/HR:** Richardson/mayor

* n/a

**Finances:** Mulkins/Molnar

* n/a

**Old Business:**

* new event permits in the works. ALSO, rental fees for cones, etc. from the village
* limit fireworks, bon fires
* letter to all businesses about new permit being put in place to be done after new permit application is finalized. going to set a meeting for permit workshop
* memorial plaque for chris wight done
* casino chairs are in the hatchery, joel will look at the condition of them
* new phone lines, wifi, office computer in the works. fd wants wifi for the new billing program in the future.

**New Business:**

* request by twin tier chapter of the antique and boat society lease of village dock. need upadated insurance cert. for 5 years, keep fee at $300- 1st trustee lipsey, 2nd trustee novotny – all in favor
* agreement for robert samuelson- add 90 day exit clause to contract, no extra fees, add language for continuing ed, mileage, cell phone usage etc. bob will provide monthly reports on hours. discuss agreement at next meeting. 1st trustee farnham 2nd trustee lipsey all in favor
* sandy paul membership to fire department. 1st trustee farnham, 2nd trustee lipsey. all in favor

**Warrant**

the warrant was presented to the board totaling $15,032.62The warrant was approved 1st trustee farnham, 2nd trustee novotny, all in favor

**Adjournment**

meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Brittany Mulkins, Clerk/Treasurer