# ***VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT***

# ***March Meeting Minutes***

**Call to Order:** MAYOR MOLNAR CALLED to order the regular meeting of the village board at 7pm on March 22, 2023 in the village hall.

**Roll call:**

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

**Others Present:** ANDY DAWES, PIERRE CHAGNON, KIM WOZNIAK, GIFF LAWRENCE, VINCE HORRIGAN, CHRISTY VERBOSKY, MICHELE NOVOTNY, JODY CONLEY, PETER CONLEY, JOEL DAHLBERG, KELLEY MARKER, PAUL STAGE, BRITTANY MULKINS

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES:** 1ST TRUSTEE RICHARSON, 2ND TRUSTEE LIPSEY, ALL IN FAVOR

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* RECEIPT OF RESIGNATION FROM TRUSTEE NOVOTNY. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND PHOTO. MOTION TO ACCEPT 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM, 2ND TRUSEE LIPSEY.

**1ST privilege of the floor:**

* JAKES MOM – EAGLE SCOUT BANNERS FOR HOMETOWN HEROES- BANNER SIZES 2X4, 40 HANGERS AVAILABLE. POSSIBLY USE BOTH SIDES OF POLE. IF HE GETS OVER 40, HE IS TO LET JOEL KNOW. WONDERING HOW FUNDS WILL TRANSFER AND USED TOWARDS VETERANS- SEND $ TO VILLAGE ACCT. – THEY CAN ADD VILLAGE ADDRESS FOR ALL APPLICATIONS.
* CHRISTY VERBOSKY- MAPLE GROVE CLASS TO HOLD 5K ON APRIL 29TH AND JUNE 17. PORTA POTTY NEEDED JUNE 17. CLERK WILL EMAIL PERMITS FOR BOTH DATES.

**GUEST AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

* PETER CONLEY – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – WOULD LIKE TO REBUILD 4 FLOWER BOXES AROUND THE VILLAGE PRIOR TO MEMORIAL DAY. APPROXIMATELY $1500 WILL BE FUNDRAISED TO COVER COSTS. WE PROVIDE DIRT AND FLOWERS. MOTION TO APPROVE 1ST TRUSTEE FARNAHM, 2ND TRUSTEE RICHARDSON. ALL IN FAVOR
* PIERRE CHAGNON REPORT:
  + We appropriated ARPA funds to repair trail sections and bridges on the Overland

Trail at Harris Hill, to develop and implement a waterways master plan for the

Marden Cobb trail, to upgrade the Sherman DPF shop fuel system, to implement a

landfill trailer purchase, to purchase additional EMS gear, to purchase additional

software licenses for the Sheriff Civil office, to implement a pilot rapid-response

emergency fund for erosion and pollution control, to implement the shovel ready

development sites phase 2 project, and to implement an Appalachian regional multi-

state collaboration project.

* + We appropriated funding for the Chautauqua County Consolidated Code

Enforcement Study, which is funded by a New York State Department of State

Local Government Efficiency Program grant with the local match provided by the

Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation.

* We authorized the County Executive to enter into agreements with each School

District within the County for the provision of emergency and ongoing behavioral

health supports and services for preparation and response to meet the needs of

students, families, faculty and staff, including training and practice activities as

preparation and/or response to a disaster or behavioral health crisis.

* We passed motions calling on New York State to continue to pass-thru federal

affordable care act enhanced Federal medicaid assistance percentage funds,

urging New York State approval for a new Brooks Hospital, and urging New York

State to support Natural Gas.

* PAUL STAGE: WOULD LIKE TO BRING BELLE BACK TO BEMUS THIS SUMMER. WILL ADD TWO POSTS ON PORT SIDE. TRUSTEE FARNHAM ASKED ABOUT DATES, NOT EXACT ON SPECIFIC DATES AS OF NOW, CAN GET US A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. MAYOR MOLNAR REQUESTED CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE. MOTION TO APPROVE 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM, 2ND TRUSTEE LIPSEY. ALL IN FAVOR WITH PROVISIONS OF INSURANCE AND SCHEDULE.

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

* SEE-ZURH HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE: ALL COSMETIC AT THIS POINT, 2ND PHASE DOWNSTAIRS INCLUDES COOLER/HANDICAPPED ACCESS.
* BOB IS GOING TO ATTEND AN ENERGY CODE TRAINING
* WORKING WITH CLERK ON A NEW OPERATING PERMIT FORM

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

* N/A

**PLANNING** **AND ZONING BOARD REPORT (CHAIR G. LAWRENCE)**

* REPORT UPDATE ON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING 2/23:
* CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE RECAPPED PREVIOUS MEETING, ADDITION OF SPLASH SETBACK REQUIRMENT AND SIGHTLINE CONCERNS. ALSO RATIO BUILD COVERAGE TO LOT SIZE CONCERN. WITHDREW APPLICATION FOR ROOF COVERING, MAY BRING TO THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE.
* CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE RECAPPED MEYERS VARIANCE FOR SEPARATING LOTS FOR SALE. NON-BUILDABLE, APPROVED VARIANCE TO SEPARATE. CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE SHOWED TRUSTEES THE SURVEY. CONCERNCED ABOUT FIRE LANE AND WHAT THE VILLAGE OWNS, DOES NOT OWN

**Fire Department:** DEPUTY MAYOR Farnham

* APRIL 25TH HOSE TESTING. CLOSE DOWN LAKESIDE DR, RAIN DATE APRIL 19TH.
* 18 EMS CALLS
* 3 STRUCTURE
* 4 FIRE ALARM
* 4 MISCELLANEOUS
* 10 MOTOR VEHICLE
* WAITING TO HEAR BACK ON CLAIMS SUBMITTED FOR BROKEN TRUCKS
* JOHN SCRANTON NEW MEMBER APPROVAL. MOTIONED 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM, 2ND TRUSTEE RICHARDSON. ALL IN FAVOR
* PHYSICALS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
* 203 FRONTAGE ST – NEW STORAGE BUILDING
* ZOOM WITH MEDEX 2/20

**Buildings:** Dahlberg/Farnham

* N/A

**Trees:** Novotny/Lipsey

* FLETCH WARD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PURCHASING TWO MEMORIAL TREES
* DAVE MENTIONED USING BENCHES/PICNIC TABLES RUNNING OUT OF ROOM FOR TREES
* NEED TO LOOK THROUGH VILLAGE AND FIND OUT WHAT TREES NEED TAKEN DOWN, TREATED, ETC.

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

* JOEL COMPARING PRICES FOR NEW STREET SIGNS. SPOKE WITH RICHARDSON SIGNS, FALCONER PRINTING, WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM JMI.
* TRACTOR IS IN, FINANCING AGREEMENT EXECUTED, AUTO PAY SET UP, NEED TO GET AMBER LIGHT REPLACED – HAS BEEN ORDERED
* ROAD CONDITIONS BEING DISCUSSED WITH MARK SCHLEMMER AND DEPUTY MAYOR FARNHAM. USE CHIPS FOR REPAIRS
* SIDEWALK INVENTORY AND TARGET REPAIR LIST/CAPITAL PROJECTS NEEDED ASAP
* PUBLIC DOCK- JOEL WANTS TO TAKE OUT THE SAND ADD GRASS. RESEARCH WITH DEC REGULATIONS. TRUSTEE RICHARDSON MENTIONED REMOVING FENCE. WILL NEED TO LOOK AND GO FROM THERE.
* RESIGNATION OF NICHOLAS BROWN HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

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

* REYNOLDS AND ANTIQUE BOAT CLUB GOING TO CHARGE MORE FOR DOCK SPACE INSTEAD OF CHANGING HANDS.
* LINCOLN RD DOCK AGREEEMENT. LOOKING FOR INSURANCE CERTIFICATE. DRAW UP ONE PAGE DOCUMENT, $100/YEAR.

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

* TOWN THINKING OF BRINGING BACK SUMMER REC PROGRAM

**Personnel/HR:** Richardson/mayor

* CLERK WORKING ON ACCOUNT FOR SEXUAL HARRASSMENT TRAINING

**Finances:** Mulkins/Molnar

* N/A

**Old Business:**

* LAKE UPDATE: MAYORS/SUPERVISORS MEETING APRIL 5TH, CHAUTAUQUA LAKE AND WATERSHED MAINTENANCE ALLIANCE UPDATE,
  1. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH NYSDEC FOR HERBICIDE SPRAYING AS PER THE DEC PERMIT, SAME AS LAST YEAR, IN CASES WHERE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. MOTION TO APPROVE 1ST RICHARDSON, 2ND FARNHAM ALL IN FAVOR
  2. RESOLUTION TO ALLOW MAYOR TO SIGN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY MOU EXTENSION- MOTION TO APPROVE 1ST LIPSEY, 2ND RICHARDSON ALL IN FAVOR
* PICNIC TABLE MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR JIM STEBER BEING MADE AT TROPHY HOUSE
* CDBG GRANT- SPLASH, RELEASE OF FUNDS LETTER RECEIVED FROM NYS HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL.
* CHAUTUAQUA HOSPITALITY LLC/HOTEL LENHART IDA PILOT LOAN APPLICATION, PUBLIC HEARING 3/22 11AM BP VILLAGE HALL, BEING SENT TO ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW
* NEW EMAILS BEING UTILIZED FOR CLERK AND MAYOR
* EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SENT TO ATTORNEY
* CDBG RESOLUTION FOR FAIR HOUSING AND ADA OFFICERS- NO MOTION TO APPROVE- NEED TO CONSULT ATTORNEY

**New Business:**

* STRATEGIC PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WILL HAVE KICK OFF MEETING MARCH 28TH 7PM BP VILLAGE HALL. MAYOR MEETING WITH PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF TO WALK VILLAGE, SURVEY OPPORTUNITIES WEEK OF 4/10
* MAYOR TO ATTEND NYCOM CONFERENCE IN BOLTON LANDING. APPROVED 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM, 2ND TRUSTEE LIPSEY
* MAYOR MOLNAR, DEPUTY MAYOR FARNHAM AND CLERK MULKINS MEETING 4/8 TO HOLD A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS BUDGET.
* VILLAGE CASINO FLOOR ISSUE- ESTIMATE AROUND $31000, BUCKLED BEAMS, NO VENTILATION. ANDREW CARLSON WANTS FINANCIAL HELP IF POSSIBLE. WILL SPEAK TO REBECCA AND CHECK ON GRANTS. REVIEWING LEASE TERMS
* GOV. HOCHUL PASSED A LAW ALLOWING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS UP TO 10% FOR ACTIVE FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS, APPLIES TO APPROX. 5 MEMBERS
* CLER/TREASURER MULKINS TOOK NOTARY PUBLIC TEST-WILL FIND OUT RESULTS WITHIN 2 WEEKS
* CLERK/TREASURER MULKINS SIGNING UP FOR CE CLASSES
* CLERK UPCOMING DAYS OFF, BRENDA KNIPE TO FILL IN
* MAY 26, JUNE 30, JULY 17-21, JULY 28-AUGUST 4

**2ND privilege of the floor:**

**Warrant**

the warrant was presented to the board totaling **$23822.51**. The warrant was approved 1st TRUSTEE FARNHAM, 2nd TRUSTEE RICHARDSON , all in favor

**Adjournment**

meeting adjourned AT 9:24PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Brittany Mulkins, Clerk/Treasurer