# ***VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT***

# ***July Meeting Minutes***

**Call to ORDER:** Mayor Dahlberg called to order the regular meeting of the Village Board at 7pm on July 19, 2022 in the village hall.

**Roll call:**  Clerk, Brenda Knipe conducted roll call.

1. Trustee Farnham
2. Trustee Richardson
3. Trustee Lipsey - absent
4. Trustee Novotny
5. Mayor Dahlberg

**Others Present:**

Scott Knipe Pierre Chagnon

Jeff Molnar

**Announcements:**

* Mayor gave a nice job to the BPBA for the great fireworks display on July 3rd & said clean up the next morning was good

**Public Safety:** Farnham/Lipsey/Knipe

* Scott (DPW supervisor) gave his two-week notice to the Mayor on July 15, 2022, his last day will be July 29, 2022, Mayor did compliment Scott on everything he has done for the village the last seven years
* Scott feels that the village doesn’t need another full-time employee, if a helper for Joel is necessary, no more than 20 hours or as needed

Youth Rec/Playground/Dock: Lipsey/Richardson

* Fence in park has been painted along with the gazebo
* The ropes on posts in park area need to be replaced, suggested nylon ropes be used
* Dock has been temporally repaired after June 26th accident, Bill Steen will order new sections and horses for the 2023 summer season. A sealer on docks for next year to help preserve was also recommended. insurance check has been received from accident
* courts are half painted, Chris Johnson to complete in coming weeks
* A court dedication along with the pickleball players will be held in the park Tuesday, July 26th at 11:30am with a light lunch to follow, arranged by Carol Hay who wrote the grant for court work through Chautauqua Region Community Fund

**Fire Department:** Chief Apperson/Farnham

* 1st Asst. Fire Chief Molnar gave report this evening
* 130 Calls to date, lake calls are more frequent
* A volunteer fire fighter, Kyle Rakiechi responded to an emergency call and struck a pedestrian, insurance company has been notified and Mayor has talked with NYMIR representative Dave Kremer
* Emergency calls with Chautauqua County are still in the works for billing purposes as per the NYS law that took effect on July 9, 2022, Fire department is seeking a contract for EMS billing
* September 10, 2022 is the fire department banquet at the Lawson Boat Center, theme is Caribbean/pirate
* Nick Carlson, volunteer fire fighter, has participated in the NYS education for water certification
* Extraction tools have been serviced and are up to date
* Hydrant #3 has been repaired

**Special Events/Celebrations/community beautification:** Novotny/Richardson

* A Stir of Artistry weekend of July 16th & 17th with praise in the park on July 17th with a Chicken BBQ were both successful
* Trustee Richardson suggested music to be piped into the park area during special events
* August 14th & 15th are lake days in the village sponsored by the BPBA
* A Stir of Artistry will be back on August 20th & 21st along with Praise in the park Sunday, August 21st from BPUMC

**Trees:** Novotny/Lipsey

* DPW hasn’t heard from Maple Springs Tree Service to finish up the work they started in June

**Buildings:** Dahlberg/Farnham

* Insurance inspection took place Tuesday, July 19th, DPW building, NYS hatchery building, dock, playground, office area, fire station and Village Casino were all that was included in the inspection. Only violation was at the Casino with a stair tread that had been loose

**Finances:** Knipe/Dahlberg

* Board has put forth a motion to increase the Zoning Board of Appeals and planning board (one board) to increase the members to $50.oo per meeting, 1st Trustee Richardson, 2nd Trustee Novotny - all in favor
* American Rescue Plan Act has awarded the village payment of $35,589.63 ½ of the payment was received last year, final payment will be coming shortly in the amount of $17,794.81

**Old Business:**

* June minutes approved – 1st Trustee Richardson, 2nd Trustee Novotny – All in Favor
* Trustee Richardson complained of the dumpsters behind the Bemus Point market smelling, suggested 2 dumps a week instead of one. Mayor has spoken to Tom Meyers from The Fish and Tom reassured the Mayor that the problem has been taken care of. Village would like to see the dumpsters enclosed but that wouldn’t help with the smell

**New Business:**

* Pierre Chagnon from Chautauqua County gave his monthly report – mentioned that all high school valedictorians were recognized from the county
* sewer work continues along Route 394
* Mortgage tax for the Village of Bemus Point was awarded in the amount of $4,987.04
* A utility representative came and spoke with the mayor in regards to reducing the monthly utility bills by 10%, mayor is to research
* Street light conversion to LED is in progress, board feels it’s something they should look into and get a contract signed
* Lake Shore paving – Craig Smith has sent a quote for sidewalk work in front of the catholic church on Main Street, Quote is $22,500 without using metal wire mesh in concrete which is no longer used because of cost, 4’ sidewalk was quoted but trustees feel it should be 5’ wide instead with a small curb like in front of the post office, a 2nd quote is going to be obtained from R. Patti. Mayor called church on Tuesday, July 19th, no answer so left message to let them know work is to be done sometime this fall
* Trustee Richardson asked again about the Liberty Street project upgrade – engineering needs to be called in, in order for the project to move forward
* Bob Samuelson has contacted Stephen Cass, owner of property at 17 Liberty Street about the roof collapsing
* Board has been advised that the federal mileage reimbursement for July 1st – December 31st has increased to .625

**Warrant**

the warrant was presented to the board totaling $22,534.64. The warrant was approved as read. 1st Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Richardson – all in favor

**Adjournment**

meeting adjourned at 7:57pm, 1st Trustee Richardson, 2nd Trustee Novotny

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda Knipe

Clerk/Treasurer