# ***VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT***

# ***September Meeting Minutes***

**Call to ORDER:** Mayor Dahlberg called to order the regular meeting of the Village Board at 7pm on September 20, 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:**

Joel Dahlberg Pierre Chagnon Norm Duennebacke Vince Horrigan Susan Weatherup

Jeff Molnar Amy Gott Giff Lawrence Ken Zatyko Jacob Wozniczyk Michelle Wozniczyk

**Announcements:**

* Trustee Farnham read a note from Mayor Dahlberg officially retiring his duties as Mayor as of September 30, 2022. Motion by Trustee Farnham to accept the Mayor’s retirement was passed,

2nd by Trustee Novotny – motion carried

* Vince Horrigan a Bemus Point resident served in many areas of public service in the county and wanted to thank the Mayor for his service over the years. Gifford Lawrence also a village resident spoke in thanking the mayor for his services over the years
* NYSDOT representatives Norm Duennebacke & Amy Gott spoke about the reworking of the I-86 Chautauqua Lake bridge which will be receiving a new deck in 2023 with bids going out in February of 2023 for this 3 year project which will be a $40-$50 million project. They gave a slide presentation and left several project package information with the village trustees

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

* Brush pick up is 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month. A village resident put out 88 bags today which took our DPW employee over 2.5 hours to haul away. Board has decided to suspend brush pick up as of October 4th being the last day until spring as preparation for leaf season coming soon
* Pete Harrison from the Trophy House quoted $260 for metal plaque with post and $160 without the post, suggested using a rock and fasten plaque to the rock for a cheaper alternative
* Signs in the village need to be replaced
* Sewer district is replacing a vent pipe on Liberty Street near Shephardson Drive which will result in closing of the road at this area for one day, same thing will happen on Alburtus Street also
* Brodell’s on Lakeside Drive will be digging an underground electrical line with Mike Steffen Contractor doing the work
* Waiting on a bid for a new tractor with a trade in amount of $20,000 for the existing tractor which is in need of tires, has leaking issues and other repairs which will be needed. New tractor will be around $31,000 with a 4-8 week lead time
* South Frontage is in disrepair, shoulders need repair, waiting on Ellery highway department to help with project to repair
* Dock will be taken out Week of September 26th which will need sealer coat on dock sections

Youth Rec/Playground/Dock: Lipsey/Richardson

* A couple in Erie, PA which are close friends to Jim Steber who passed away in July want to donate possibly a picnic table in Jim’s memory
* Randy & Marge Johnson would like to remember their daughter Carrie with a plaque on a bench, the Mayor suggests a donation of $800 to cover previous cost of the bench

**Fire Department:** Chief Apperson/Farnham

* Fire Chief Apperson gave report this evening
* 184 Calls to date
* Fire department held their annual banquet at the Lawson Center on September 10th, naming Riley Farnham fire fighter of the year
* County proposal for EMS services viewing pros & cons on Monday, September 26th at 7pm to collect the facts going forward about EMS billing, with request that Chautauqua County public safety committee to take hold of billing services
* October is fire protection month with a presentation at the BP elementary school to be held on Oct 11th
* Wooden flag donated to fire department by Steve Babbage
* October 11th the fire department will present fire tax request to the Town of Ellery
* Alex Miller fire accident was recorded with Chautauqua County

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

* Fall Festival Days was a huge success, safety issues are still a concern and will be addressed for next years festival possibly considering portable speed bumps with speed sign also
* Eagle Scout Jacob Wozniczyk with the Local 169 troop has requested his eagle scout project with a banner system to commemorate veterans during Memorial & Labor days using maggie Richardson as a contact person on the village board, motion by Mayor Dahlberg, 2nd Trustee Farnham – all in favor

**Trees:** Novotny/Lipsey

* Flowering pear trees are to be planted in the village park in memory of Laurie Alessi Robbins donated by the Bill Jowett family and another in memory of Chris Wight donated by the village

**Buildings:** Dahlberg/Farnham

* None

**Finances:** Knipe/Dahlberg

* None

**Old Business:**

* August minutes approved – 1st Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Novotny – all in favor
* Bid on sidewalk project will be done by R. Patti in the amount of $28,971, Kingsview withdrew their bid, board approved R. Patti to do the job in front of the catholic church motion to approve 1st Trustee Richardson, 2nd Trustee Novotny – all in favor

**New Business:**

* Bob Samuelson completed a Southern Tier West class in NYS training to update his zoning duties
* OSC report to NYS auditors for Jennifer Jaeger theft will be completed and submitted to the state by end of September
* Grant application for Hotel Lenhart restore NY project paperwork has been completed
* A public hearing with the IDA, assistance with the NYS OCR with reference to funding for the WB Provisions LLC d/b/a “Splash” restoration with a resolution read by the Mayor for the project will be scheduled for October 5, 2022 at 5:30pm in the village hall
* Pierre Chagnan gave his monthly Chautauqua County update of things happening there
* Southern Tier West is conducting a training for village board members on various topics will be held on October 6, 2022 at JCC in Olean, NY with Michele Novotny and Gifford Lawrence attending. The board approved the payment and reimbursement of mileage for this event for them both, 1st Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Richardson – all in favor
* Nicholas Brown was approved as the new DPW seasonal part time employee with wages being $15.00/hour with a 3 month probation period – motion by Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Novotny – motion carried
* Cell phone reimbursement for DPW supervisor Joel Dahlberg was approved to be reimbursed monthly at $50/month, motion by trustee Farnham, 2nd by Trustee Richardson – motion carried

**Warrant**

the warrant was presented to the board totaling $21,794.30. The warrant was approved as read. 1st Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Richardson – all in favor

**Adjournment**

meeting adjourned at 8:32pm, 1st Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Novotny

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda Knipe

Clerk/Treasurer