# ***VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT***

# ***APRIL Meeting Minutes***

**Call to Order:** MAYOR MOLNAR CALLED to order the regular meeting of the village board at 7pm on APRIL 18, 2023 in the village hall.

**Roll call:**

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

**Others Present:** KELLEY MARKER, CHRISTY VERBOSKY, SUSAN WEATHERUP, BOB SAMUELSON, RANDY APPERSON, JOEL DAHLBERG, PEIRRE CHAGNON, GIFF LAWRENCE, KEN zatyko, BRITTANY MULKINS

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* APPOINTMENT OF JOEL DAHLBERG AS VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT STREET SUPERINTENDANT
* FLOWER BOXES BY PETER CONLEY WILL BE DONE BY MEMORIAL DAY

**1ST privilege of the floor:**

* SUSAN BROUGHT UP THE SIDEWALK ISSUE ON MAIN AND LAKESIDE. COUNTY RESOLVING DRAINAGE ISSUE. JOEL MEETING WITH RYAN PATTI THIS WEEK TO ALSO LOOK AT SIDEWALKS.

**GUEST AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

* PIERRE CHAGNON REPORT:
  + We confirmed appointments and re-appointments to the Chautauqua County Fire

Advisory Board, including Jeff Molnar and Barry Swanson from Bemus Point.

* + We designated $125,000 from the 2% Occupancy Tax reserve to supplement the

$683,332 donated by local charitable foundations to the Chautauqua Lake and

Watershed Management Alliance for their coordinated workplan, which has a

$200,000 funding gap.

* + We rejected a resolution requesting amendment to the New York State Tax Law

increasing the County Occupancy Tax from 5% to 8%. Our Occupancy Tax must be

re-authorized every three years, and this year re-authorization must be completed

by June. Concern developed that a request to increase to 8% may not be

authorized, and we did not want to risk losing what we already have. So, we passed

an amendment to the resolution requesting re-authorization of the existing 5%.

* + We authorized settlement of opioid litigation with CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart

pharmacies.

* + We passed motions proclaiming the week of March 20th Agricultural Literacy Week

in Chautauqua County, proclaiming April as Donate Life Month in Chautauqua

County, and proclaiming March Women’s History Month.

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

* SEE-ZURH HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE: BOB SAMUELSON GOING BACK OVER NEXT WEEK.
* SPLASH TARGET OPENING DATE TWO WEEKS
* BOB TOOK ENERGY CODE TRAINING ONLINE
* OPERATING PERMITS FORM BEING FINALIZED BETWEEN BOB AND CLERK MULKINS
* CLERK MULKINS MADE ID TAG FOR BOB FOR THE VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT AND TOWN OF ELLERY

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

* N/A

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

* PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING THURSDAY 4/20
* 4 HEARINGS INCLUDING HOUSE ADDITION, FENCE FOR BEMUS BAY CONDOS, SIGNS FOR SPLASH AND BAKERY.
* GIFF MEETING WITH TOM SKERL AND BOB TO DISCUSS WHAT TOM CAN DO AT THE LOCATION HE IS PURCHASING FROM THE FISH

**Fire Department:** DEPUTY MAYOR Farnham

* SWORE IN CHIEF APPERSON
* DEPT REPORT: CHIEF APPERSON – NEW MEMBERS FOR FIRE DEPT. – S. FRONTAGE BREAKING GROUND FOR NEW BUILDING- TURNOUT GEAR EXPIRING, QUOTE FOR $87,500, CHURCHVILLE CONTRACT MOTION APPROVED 1ST TRUSTEE LIPSEY, 2ND TRUSTEE FARNHAM. ALL IN FAVOR
* UPDATE REGARDING LIGHT TOWER ON R442- FULL REPLACEMENT INSURANCE CHECK RECEIVED)
* QUOTE TO FIX PUMP $65,000 MAY BE COVERED UNDER INSURANCE. LOOKING INTO IT
* INSURANCE CLAIM ON HOLMATRO TOOL- DECIDED NOT TO FILE CLAIM
* EMS BILLING UPDATE: CHIEF APPERSON RECOMMEDED SIGNING WITH MEDEX. GOOD REFERRAL FROM M. BUTLER. $35/CLAIM. MOTION MADE BY 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM 2ND TRUSTEE LIPSEY. ALL IN FAVOR
* PROPOSED ‘ASSOCIATE FIREFIGHTER’ POLICY DRAFTED BY MARK BUTLER
* COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (TERRY NIEBEL) AND LEGISLATRUE TO CONSIDER 10% PROPERTY TAX EXEMPPTION FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMUBLANCE WORKERS ON 4/26. INDIVIDUAL DEPARMTENTS TO DETERMINE WHAT CONSISTUTES ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING
* THE FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF ELLERY HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED BY THEM OR RECEIEVED BY US. IT WILL BE FOR $96,000

**Buildings:** Dahlberg/Farnham

* ROOF LEAK, BY REAR DOOR, SENT EMAIL TO CONTRACTOR. ALSO, ASKED FOR QUOTE TO REPLACE A SMALL SECTION OF ROOF OVER COMM. ROOM AND PASSAGEWAY TO AMBULANCE BAY

**Trees:** Lipsey

* WILL ASSESS WITH JOEL IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS ON THE CONDITION OF TREES AROUND VILLAGE

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

* AMBER LIGHT FOR TRACTOR SHOULD BE IN THIS WEEK
* REPLACED NO PARKING SIGN BY SPLASH
* VILLAGE DOCK TO GO IN THIS WEEK
* TOWN CAME AND HELPED REMOVE SAND AND HELPED JOEL GRATE AND BRING IN DIRT
* HANSON DID STREETSCAPE SIGNS WITH EMBLEMS ETC. WILL FIND OUT WHO SUPPLIED POSTS FOR NEW SIGNS.
* BANNERS ARE READY, JOEL WILL PUT THEM UP AND SWITCH OUT WITH SENIORS
* GREG HALLBERG ASKED IF WE NEEDED CHIPS FOR PLAYGROUND. JOEL IS LOOKING AT COST SIDEWALK INVENTORY BAND TARGET REPAIR LIST/CAPITAL PROJECTS TO BE LOOKED AT NEXT WEEK
* STREET SIGNS ORDERED FROM JMI

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

* KEEP LINCOLN DOCK AS IS, HAVE CALIMERI DRAFT UP NEW AGREEMENT AND SPLIT $400/3 PEOPLE. MOTION 1ST TRUSTEE LIPSEY, 2ND FARNHAM
* POSSIBLE FUNDING NEXT YEAR FOR ANOTHER PUBLIC DOCK?
* CHAUTAUQUA BELLE DOCKING AT VILLAGE DOCK-AWAITING CERT. OF INSURANCE

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

* APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS- BEING SENT TO CHIEF APPERSON FOR APPROVAL. POLAR PLUNGE IS BOAT LAUNCH – STATE PROPERTY – KEEP FOR INFO ONLY
  + 5K APRIL 29TH, 5K JUNE 17TH- 1ST TRUSTEE RICHARDSON, 2ND TRUSTEE FARNHAM
  + JUNE 24TH BOAT SHOW – 1ST TRUSTEE RICHARDSON, 2ND TRUSTEE FARNHAM
* KELLEY MARKER GAVE UPDATE SHEET FOR BPBA- LADY FROM KEUKA LAKE EXPLORING WATER TAXI FLEET OPTIONS

**Personnel/HR:** Richardson/mayor

* LOOKING INTO SEXUAL HARRASMENT TRAINING AND WHO NEEDS IT REGARDING THE FIRE DEPT. ETC.

**Finances:** Mulkins/Molnar

* N/A

**Old Business:**

* LAKE UPDATE: MAYORS/SUPERVISORS MEETING APRIL 5TH, CHAUTAUQUA LAKE AND WATERSHED MAINTENANCE ALLIANCE UPDATE,
  1. APPLICATION FOR NYSDEC FOR HEBICIDE PSRAYING PERMIT HAS BEEN EXECUTED, NOTIFICATION LETTERS AND MAP OF PROPOSED AREA TO BE TREATED WERE SENT OUT BY SOLITUDE AND RECEIVED
  2. CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY MOU EXTENSION HAS BEEN EXECUTED
  3. MAYOR HAS ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING LAKE MEETING: TOWN OF ELLERY LAKE MEETING 4/1, LAKE MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS MEETING ON 4/5, ALLIANCE LAKE MANAGEMENT OMMITTEE MEETING 4/18. SCHEDULED TO ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING 5/11
* PICNIC TABLE MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR JIM STEBER IS COMPLETE WILL PICK UP THIS WEEK
* CDBG GRANT- SPLASH, RESOLUTION WE REVIEWED LAST MONTH (FAIR HOUSING PLAN AND ADA COORDINATOR) OK TO PROCEED ON ADVICE OF ATTORNEY. FAIR HOUSING 1ST TRUSTEE RICHARDSON, 2ND TRUSTEE FARNHAM. ADA 1ST TRUSTEE RICHARDSON 2ND LIPSEY, ALL IN FAVOR
* CHAUTUAQUA HOSPITALITY LLC/HOTEL LENHART IDA APPROVED THE PILOT AGREEMENT. MAYOR PROVIDED COMMENTARY THAT WAS A PART OF THEIR PRESS RELEASE. NO CLOSING DATE
* EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SENT TO ATTORNEY – STILL WAITING
* CLERK/TREASURER: PASSED NOTARY TEST. CE FOR MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL RECORDS ON 6/15 AND 6/16. ORDERING STAMP AND SUPPLIES FOR REQUIRED NOTARY SUPPLIES.
* LEAF DEBRI POLICY STARTING MAY 1ST – 1ST TRUSTEE RICHARDSON, 2ND TRUSTEE FARNHAM, ALL IN FAVOR. CLERK LOOKING INTO SENDING POSTCARDS TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS. ADDED TO BULLETIN BOARD AND WEBSITE.
* PORTA POTTYS FOR 5K IN JUNE. CLERK LOOKING FOR PORTA POTTY PAPERWORK

**New Business:**

* MAYOR HAVING DISCUSSION WITH SMEC INVESTIGATING IF JOINING WILL MAKE SENSE AND REALIZE ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS SAVINGS
* STRATEGIC PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MET 3/28, VOTED KIM WALTERS AS CHAIR, WORKING ON GOALS, NEXT MEETING MAY 17, LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT FROM VILLAGE TO IMPLEMENT GOALS (BUDGET)
* MAYOR AND TRUSTEE LIPSEY MET WITH CHAUTAUQUA PLANNING DEPARTMENT MEMBERS AND KERI BELOVARRAC/BP BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REGARDING FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS OF VILLAGE. REBECCA WURSTER LOOKING FOR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
* MAYOR TO ATTEND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST ON 4/28, BORRELLO/GOODELL
* MAYOR TO ATTEND NYCOM CONFERENCE IN BOLTON LANDING, MAY 17-19
* PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED NBUDGET TO BOARD, PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING SET FOR 4/25 6:30 PM, SPECIAL BOT MEETING FOLLOWING AT 7PM TO CONSIDER BUDGET. PLACED IN POST JOURNAL, WEBSITE AND BULLETIN BOARD.
* CLERK MAKING ADDITIONAL FILINGS NOT MADE LAST YEAR, QUICKBOOKS TRANSITION TO ONLINE INSTEAD OF DESKTOP. $900/YEAR, NO STORAGE ISSUES, NO BACKUP ISSUES. LOOKING TO SEE IF WE CAN PIGGY BACK WITH FD QUICKBOOKS
* CLERK LOOKING INTO CASELLA CONTRACT AND WHEN PRICE FREEZES.
* SET ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR JUNE 20TH

**2ND privilege of the floor:**

* GIFF LAWRENCE- WANTS TO PUSH FOR FD CONSOLIDATION- FINANCIALLY BENEFICIAL – NEEDS TO INITITATE DISCUSSION

**Warrant**

the warrant was presented to the board totaling **$(30,918.04)**. The warrant was approved 1st TRUSTEE RICHARDSON, 2nd TRUSTEE FARNHAM , all in favor

**Adjournment**

meeting adjourned AT 9:32PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Brittany Mulkins, Clerk/Treasurer