# ***VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT***

# ***November Meeting Minutes***

**Call to ORDER:** Mayor Molnar called to order the regular meeting of the Village Board at 7pm on November 15, 2022 in the village hall.

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

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

**Others Present:**

Joel Dahlberg, Pierre Chagnon, Jeff Edwards, Nick Carlson, Claire Sleggs, Susan Weatherup,

Amy Reed, Brady Weatherup, Amy Martis, Ken Zatyko

**Announcements:**

* Deputy Mayor Farnham was re-appointed deputy mayor by mayor Molnar
* Reminder to the board of Tuesday, November 22nd special meeting at 7pm

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

* No overnight parking on village street as of November 1st
* Falconer Printing is quoting for new street signs, also a suggestion from them that a reflective sticker can be affixed on existing signs
* 71 loads of leaves as of Nov. 15th, discussion of private contractors to take own leaves away, last day of leaf pick up will be Thursday, November 17th
* Dumpster needs to be locked, people are dumping without permission
* Plow is on truck and snow blower is ready to go

 Youth Rec/Playground/Dock: Lipsey/Richardson

* Town of Ellery has been notified that the Village will not be participating with summer rec program starting in 2023, village has no children active in the program
* $5,818.76 settlement from the man who ran his boat into public dock this summer has been received

**Fire Department:** Chief Apperson/Farnham

* Randy Edwards was sworn in as 1st asst. fire chief, Nicholas Carlson was sworn in as 3rd asst. fire chief, they spoke of themselves with information of their various ranks with the fire department since they joined, motion to approve Edwards & carlson was from 1st Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Richardson – all in favor, their oath of office paperwork was read aloud & signed by each
* 1st asst. Fire Chief Edwards gave report this evening
* 224 Calls to date
* Rescue truck 442 is going to Boyle’s Service for repairs
* On November 13th, Fluvanna FD invited BPVFD to a training on extracation & stablization of victims in accidents
* Boat 442 is out of water and in storage, the ice boat is ready for service when time come

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

* Susan Weatherup of the BPBA wishes to have a Christmas themed event on December 10th with a parade down main street and tree lighting event with extras (see attached)
* Trustee Richardson wishes to have a village resident decorating contest at Christmas time
* Request from Stir of Artistry to reserve the village park for July 8th & 9th and August 12th and 13th

**Trees:** Novotny/Lipsey

* A tree came own on Lakeside drive on November 6th, was a large oak, clean up by BPVFD, DPW and help from Town of Ellery to clean up
* Pastor Moll’s tree was taken down on corner of Center and Lakeside Drive
* Mention of procedures that the Village of Westfield does for residents that have trees taken down, their village replaces with a new one at villages expense
* A policy needs to be drafted regarding leaf and vegetation rules in village

**Buildings:** Dahlberg/Farnham

* None

**Finances:** Knipe/Molnar

* New tractor will be financed at 0% interest for 5 years with buyout of $1 at end of terms, motion from Trustee Lipsey, 2nd Trustee Farnham – all in favor

**Old Business:**

* October minutes approved – 1st Trustee Richardson, 2nd Trustee Novotny – all in favor
* Received email from OCR approving “Splash” business for the $100,000 grant, Hotel Lenhart is in the process for round 2 of the OCR funding
* Street and park lights are being replaced by LED lights, project is being done by Nationalgrid
* Memorial marker for Chris Wight’s tree in park is being taken care of by Trustee Novotny, work in progress

**New Business:**

* Pierre Chagnon gave his Chautauqua County update
* Mayor Molnar is working with Don McCord in helping with strategic planning for village
* Mayor Molnar attended a Chautauqua Lake Alliance meeting to hear about lake and harvesting summarization that took place in 2022
* Mayor Molnar has been in touch with Verizon to update our phone system, Verizon One Talk upgrade is being looked into for the ability to expand
* Village website is down at this time, new email being set up for Mayor and Clerk with work being done by Southern Tier West
* Property owner Deborah Hymer, at 33 Main Street, has a complaint about new sidewalk in front of her driveway, water running down her driveway which she claims is flooding her patio, needless to say she has two downspouts from roof run off that drains right in her patio. Village is going to use a handheld milling machine at the top of her driveway to try and rectify the problem
* Mayor Molnar attending a November 17th meeting with the Chautauqua Lake protection and rehabilitation program, looking for a representative from the village
* BPBA meeting in November was attended by Mayor Molnar as the board is excited about the future of the village going forward
* Casino lease monthly payments have increased from $4,400 to $4,800 in November 2022 until the completion of the lease in 2028
* Metal chairs the casino is no longer using was offered to the village for free, village is working on what to do with them
* Complaint about animal in trash at 18 Merz Avenue
* Mayor would like to add to the monthly agenda as follows: Code Enforcement section being head up by Bob Samuelson who will be asked to attend monthly meetings, Personal and Human Resources headed up by Mayor Molnar and Trustee Richardson and Appropriations to be determined as to who will head up that committee
* Mayor Molnar would like to hold a reception to recognize former Mayor Dahlberg in month of December
* Lake Life Café owner asked if snow could be piled someplace else this winter so it isn’t in front of her business as she is open year round
* Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar Brenda Knipe submitted her resignation letter to the Mayor and board members as it was read aloud, stating her last day with the village will be December 30, 2022. Trustee Farnham expressed his gratitude to Brenda for helping out in the villages’ time of need

**Warrant**

the warrant was presented to the board totaling $24,513.91. The warrant was approved as read. 1st Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Novotny – all in favor

**Adjournment**

meeting adjourned at 8:30pm, 1st Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Novotny

 Respectfully Submitted

Brenda Knipe, Clerk/Treasurer