# ***VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT***

# ***October Meeting Minutes***

**Call to ORDER: Deputy** Mayor Farnham called to order the regular meeting of the Village Board at 7pm on October 18, 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

**Others Present:**

Joel Dahlberg Pierre Chagnon Kelley Marker Jeremy Crist Jeff Molnar Giff Lawrence

**Announcements:**

* BPBA sent a thank you note from executive director Kelley Marker for Fall Fest showing appreciation for all the hard work our DPW supervisor, Joel Dahlberg put in to make festival successful
* Request from village resident to include Liberty Street improvement in the 2023-2024 budget, board in favor of hiring an engineering firm to explore costs involved
* Another village resident requests sidewalk be replaced in front of her home on Elm Street

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

* National grid has started LED replacement of street lights, much improved
* Sidewalk in front of catholic church has been completed
* Flags were taken down & returned to the VFW
* Brush is still being picked up. someone needs to speak with Elizabeth Flower in reference to brush & leaf pick up at her property sites
* 5 loads of leaves have already been picked up in the village
* Mowing is pretty much complete for the season as well as the flower girls have completed their work on flower beds & planters around the village
* Street sign count has been completed for replacements to figure cost for replacement
* Black street poles in some areas need to be replaced
* Nick Brown, new DPW employee is doing a good job

Youth Rec/Playground/Dock: Lipsey/Richardson

* Trustee Lipsey spoke with Mark Schlemmer from the Town of Ellery about summer rec program with having no village children attending the last two years, village thinking of now donating to the program in July of 2023

**Fire Department:** Chief Apperson/Farnham

* 1st asst. Fire Chief Molnar gave report this evening
* 205 Calls to date
* Two new members, Lisa & Chris Allenson have applied to volunteer with fire department. Chris may be taking classes along with Riley Farnham to improve their ability to be active in more functions that go along with being a volunteer for the fire department
* Motion by Trustee Lipsey, 2nd Trustee Novotny to vote Lisa & Chris Allenson into the fire department – all in favor
* Rescue boat is out of the water with lift to be taken out soon
* Ambulance inspected by Department of Health, everything went well
* EMS ongoing issue with billing will be presented to fire department & trustee members. Alstar EMS has billing option as well, or do our own billing, other option is to nothing. Report to follow soon after workshop with Mark Butler

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

* Planter boxes need to be replaced at old beach area. Joel to build new in off season, also a thought to plant grass instead, less expense
* Corn stalks & scarecrow decorations on street poles to be removed October 24th
* Kelley Marker, BPBA executive director, to request November event for 2023 kick off to encourage new members to the business association

**Trees:** Novotny/Lipsey

* Maple Springs Tree Service will complete Center Street work week of October 17th
* Tree on Lakeside Drive at Liberty Street is dead & village not sure if tree is on village property or on property owners
* Memorial trees in park have been planted in memory of Chris Wight & Laurie Alessi Robbins, trustees to decide about a plaque for Chris’s tree, Trustee Novotny request having plaques match since trees are side by side

**Buildings:** Dahlberg/Farnham

* None

**Finances:** Knipe/Molnar

* None

**Old Business:**

* September minutes approved – 1st Trustee Richardson, 2nd Trustee Novotny – all in favor

**New Business:**

* Pierre Chagnon gave his Chautauqua County update
* New tractor for village proposal of $31,341.96, motion by Trustee Lipsey, 2nd Trustee Richardson – all in favor of financing for 2 years depending on interest rate
* Existing board members are not interested in being Mayor for the 15 month interim left behind by retired Mayor Dahlberg. The board nominated Jeff Molnar for the Mayor’s position, 1st Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Lipsey – all in favor. Jeff read an acceptance note and his term will run from tonight, October 18, 2022 – December 31, 2023.
* Halloween night, October 31, 2022 for trick or treat hours will be 6-8pm in the village, motion by Trustee Farnham, 2nd Trustee Novotny – all in favor

**Warrant**

the warrant was presented to the board totaling $46,707.14. The warrant was approved as read. 1st Trustee Lipsey, 2nd Trustee Richardson – all in favor

**Adjournment**

meeting adjourned at 8:10pm, 1st Trustee Richardson, 2nd Trustee Novotny

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda Knipe

Clerk/Treasurer