

May 9, 2023

At the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Champlain held on May 9, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Offices. Present was Supervisor Trombley, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Borrie, Council Member Rochester and Town Clerk Castine. Council Member Moore and Highway Superintendent Racine was absent

Dog Control Officer Jody Perrea, Woody Kissell, JP Fillion, Becky Dubois, Dorothea Southwick, and Jennifer Jewett was present.

Supervisor Trombley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a salute to the flag.

Supervisor Trombley stated the board members have a copy of the minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting did anyone not any errors or omissions.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to approve the April 18, 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Council Member Hunter.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Absent
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated we have a couple of Public Hearings this evening so at this time a motion is needed to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2023 Noise Ordinance. Motion seconded by Council Member Hunter.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Absent
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated the purpose of this ordinance is to preserve the public health, comfort, convenience, safety and welfare of the Town of Champlain residents by reducing, controlling and the prevention of unreasonable excessive noise. "Unreasonable Excessive Noise" is defined as any disturbing, excessive, or offensive sound (s) that disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities. Town of Champlain residents are entitled to live and work in an environment in which disturbing, excessive or offensive noise is not detrimental to their live, health, or enjoyment of their property.

Supervisor Trombley asked if anyone from the public had any comments?

Jennifer Jewett stated she is glad the Town is doing this.

Supervisor Trombley stated this is the Town Law and the Village has their own Noise Ordinance.

Supervisor Trombley stated if there are no more comments than a motion is needed to close the public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2023.

A motion was made by Council Member Hunter to close the public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2023. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Absent
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated the second Public Hearing this evening is Local Law #3 of 2023 Dog Law so a motion is needed to open the Public Hearing for the Dog Law.

A motion was made by Council Member Borrie to open the Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of 2023 Dog Law. Motion seconded by Council Member Hunter.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Absent
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated the purpose of this Local Law is to provide for the licensing and identification of dogs, the control and protection of the dog population, the protection of persons, property, domestic animals, and deer from dog attacks and damage, and to protect the health, safety, and well-being of persons and property by regulating and controlling the activities of dogs within the Town of Champlain.

Supervisor Trombley asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board regarding the Dog Law?

Jennifer Jewett stated I live in Champlain at 11109 Route 9 and I am hoping to get stronger dog laws. I have lived all over and what happens to me in the Town of Champlain with dogs has never happened anywhere else. I have had 7 accidents with dogs when I walk and it is scary. People need to be in control of their dogs and there needs to be stronger dog laws.

Council Member Rochester arrived at the meeting.

Supervisor Trombley stated we are trying to achieve that.

Council Member Hunter stated when we looked at your correspondence you sent, we looked at what needed to be changed.

There was discussion regarding the dog law.

Jennifer Jewett asked if the Town planned on putting the law out there so people can see it?

Supervisor Trombley stated we can put it on the Town Website and Facebook page. If there are no more comments than a motion is needed to close the public hearing on Local Law #3 of 2023.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to close the public hearing on Local Law #3 of 2023 Dog Law. Motion seconded by Council Member Hunter.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor's Report

Good evening,

- The Town and I wish to thank everyone who helped with the cleanup of litter held on Arbor Day. The areas cleaned were Prospect Road, Dubois Road, the intersection of Route 276 and Prospect Road, Rt. 11 between Hayford Road and Rouses Point, and the west end of South Street. The volunteer's consisted of Town residents, Village residents, Town Officials, the Rouses Point Champlain Kiwanis. It was a great achievement. We filled a 12 ft dump trailer with the garbage collected.
- Next on the schedule for cleanup is Rt. 276, and Prospect Road, from 276 to Rouses Point. This will be done by The NCCS outdoor club and members of the National Honor Society. Rob Garand, Councilman Jason Borrie, and I are planning on working with these students, and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. This will be May 20th at 9:00 am, starting in front of the high school.

- Additionally on Arbor Day, we planted a tree in Bob Venne Park. The tree was donated by the Rouses Point Champlain Kiwanis Club for our park and rec trail. The Town will be planting four more through a Clinton County Complete Streets Grant.
- We will have a leadership meeting this month and we will be discussing the following topics:
 - We are hoping to plan a fun run on the Rec Trail Starting at Bob Venne Park, connecting Rouses Point and Village of Champlain. I am hoping that it will be combination of 3k, 5k, and 10 miles. Specifics and date to be determined. I am proposing that the proceeds go toward the joint outdoor fitness center we hope to have for the Bob Venne Park next year.
 - I expect to be planning a “Poutine Month” once again. We will have at least the same 5 local restaurants that participated last year. If other restaurants would like to participate, please contact the Town Office.
- The Highway Dept. are currently out cleaning the roads sweeping sand. Please be aware of them in your travels, and slow down when in the work zone for their safety and yours. They have also installed the delineators on prospect along the re-trail. Thank you to the dept. for this installation which adds an aspect of safety for the users of this walking and biking path. Note: Please keep our pedestrians and bikers’ safety in mind while you are driving. As the NYS signs politely say; Phones down and Eyes up!
- Public announcements:
 - The Champlain Fire District Public Referendum Vote is Tuesday, May 16th 1:00 – 9:00 PM. Please get out and cast your vote for this much needed project. I as a taxpayer realize that this comes at an unfavorable time along with a re-assessment of our properties. However, I would like to point out that this station is important, not only for efficiency in fire and public safety response, but also because of the current building does not meet the current building code standards. This is an investment for our future. This board is working very hard to market our Town and grow economically. This new would enhance the Town of Champlain and our initiative for economic development.
 - The Honor Flight Ceremony is May 13th at 7:00 Am. Thank you to the Honor Flight Organization and their donors for this commendable service to our veterans.
 - The Chamber of Commerce May Business after hours is being hosted by Goss Chevrolet in Champlain. It is scheduled for May 18th, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. To our businesses and Village’s Board members, please come and join us. This is a great opportunity to network with other Business and Public Leaders.

- The Rouses Point Champlain Kiwanis is sponsoring a Fun Run on May 20th to benefit Crohn's research. Registration is at 9:30 am and the run starts at 10:00am at Elm Street Champlain at the head of the Harry McManus Rec Trail.
- Reminder, the NYS Burn Ban remains in effect through May 14th.
- Thank you to all of our Veterans, and active Military Men and Women for you Service. Also thank you to all of our first responders for your dedication to your community.
- We have a new shipment of Covid Test Kits (expiry date of July 2023), surgical mask, and KN-95 masks available. We have this posted on our web page.
- We also have the Mosquito Dunk kits available. Please come in if you would like some to help control the mosquito season.
- St Mary's 54th annual Bazaar is being held on Memorial Day weekend, Sunday May 28th from 11am to 5pm. Tractor pulls start at 11 then break for the Parade at 12 noon to 1:00. The tractor pulls will resume after the parade. The drawing for the raffle is at 5pm. There is a Pulled Pork BBQ starting at Noon.

Thank You

Supervisor Trombley stated at this time John P. Fillion is present to give us a presentation on dry hydrants.

John P. Fillion in general the existing dry hydrants are in good shape with a few maintenance needs. There are nine dry hydrants in the Town with a couple of them that are out of service. The members have recently flushed and flow tested all dry hydrants.

There was discussion regarding the dry hydrants.

Town Clerk Castine stated you have my Town Clerk Report that needs approval.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the Town Clerks Report for April as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Code Officers Report for your review.

Council Member Hunter stated the issue with the vacuum pump on the Dubois Road.

Supervisor Trombley stated there is a switch that needs to get installed

Council Member Hunter stated a some point we need to address Air B&B's.

Supervisor Trombley stated that will be looked at in the update on the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Trombley stated at this time we have a Zoom with Barton and Loguidice and Jason Demo regarding the funding process for the proposed Sewer District.

Jason Demo and Matt Cooper went over the process for applying for funding for the proposed Sewer District and stated there is a deadline for the end of July so if this is something the board wants to do, they we need to get moving.

There was discussion regarding the process for the proposed Sewer District and it was stated to wait until we receive the surveys back to make a decision on whether or not we should be forward. Also, to hold a special meeting on May 17th at 6:00 pm to make a decision on whether or not to move forward.

Supervisor Trombley stated we will move to the Council Members reports.

Council Member Rochester had nothing to report on.

Council Member Borrie stated I didn't attend the ZBA Meeting but there was a public hearing that evening for an area variance and it was approved and on May 18th at 5:30 pm there will be another ZBA Meeting which is open to the public. In regards to marketing the Logo and the Mission statements have all been done. We have all the information for the website just trying to see what it looks like.

Supervisor Trombley asked how the survey is for the restaurants?

Council Member Borrie stated I will send the PDF on the survey so we can complete the information needed for the survey. I have met with Paul so we can finalize the videos. There is no update on the Home Town Hero's but we are working on ceremony but not finalized yet. I am not sure when the banners will be going up but will be up by Memorial Day. The second Food Truck will be on May 25th from 4 to 6:30 and it will be the Dog Father. The Stars and Stripes on the Lake will be June 30th thru July 2nd and we are looking for vendors, sponsors, and volunteers. You can go to there Facebook page for more information.

Council Member Hunter stated the Stars and Stripes on the Lake is having an ongoing Bottle Drive for a fundraiser at 412 Lake Street in Rouses Point. The Village of Rouses Point Spring clean-up is May 8th thru May 12th. The Champlain Fire District will hold a Public Referendum Vote on May 16th from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Champlain Fire Station on Elm Street for the proposed New Building. There are no new EDU appeals.

Supervisor Trombley stated to Vote on the School Budget it is on May 16th from 11:00 AM to 8:00 pm.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Post Audit Bills for your review.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Monthly Bills that need approval.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to approve the monthly bills are presented with a total of \$35,803.19. Motion seconded by Council Member Hunter.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated we need to move COVID money to cover the invoice for AES review of submittals for \$1578.00.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to move COVID Money to the water fund account for \$1578.00. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Dog Report for your review.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Planning and Zoning Board Minutes for your review.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your EMS Report for your review and the calls are down.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have the proposal from Barton and Loguidice regarding the inspection done at the Landfill. The cost will be \$3465.00 and this is done every 5 years. They will have it completed by the deadline.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have the new employee handbook to review and if there are any corrections, please let me know.

Supervisor Trombley stated we have an email from David Lepage regarding a Pickleball Court to be built and they have over 100 signatures for it.

Supervisor Trombley stated there will be a Fun Run/Walk on May 20th. Also, they will be accepting book donations for the local little libraries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Trombley read the following Resolution:

Resolution #15 Adoption of Local Law #2 of 2023 Entitled Town of Champlain Noise Ordinance, of the code of the Town of Champlain.

WHEREAS, the Town of Champlain Board (the "Town Board") recognizes the requirement of a noise ordinance for the Town of Champlain; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Champlain identified the need to adopt a Noise Ordinance Law to provide and define standards to prevent disturbances to our public; and

WHEREAS, THE Town Board is now initiating the adoption process per 272-a of Town Law and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Champlain does hereby adopt Local Law #2 of 2023.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to approve Resolution #15 Adoption of Local Law #2 of 2023 Entitled Town of Champlain Noise Ordinance of the code of the Town of Champlain. Motion seconded by Council Member Rochester.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley read the following Resolution:

Resolution #16 Adoption of Local Law #3 of 2023 Entitled Dog Licensing and Control of the of the code of the Town of Champlain.

WHEREAS, the Town of Champlain Board (the "Town Board") revised the Dog Licensing and Control Law, Chapter 66; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board identified the need to revise the Town Dog Licensing and Control Law to add clarity and supplementary standards; and

WHEREAS, THE Town Board recognized that this revision essentially replaces the current Chapter 66 to address the present needs of the Town of Champlain; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is now adopting Local Law #3 per 272-a Town Law; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Champlain does hereby adopt Local Law #3 of 2023.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve Resolution #16 Adoption of Local Law #3 of 2023 Entitled Dog Licensing and Control, of the Code of the Town of Champlain. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have the Preliminary Decommissioning Plan for your review and this still has to be sent to the Town Attorney for his review. Please take a look at it to see if there are any changes.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have 3 quotes for Tree Trimming and Tree Removal for Point Au Fer and Stoney Point Road.

1. Richards Tree Service for 3- person crew \$437.50 per hour \$3500.00 8- hour day
4- person crew \$500.00 per hour \$4000.00 8- hour day
And it will be done in 10 days.
2. Fellers Tree Removal for 12 to 15 days giving an estimate project cost of \$33,600 to \$42,000.
3. Kravitz Forestry Services LLC for \$45,000.00

There was discussion regarding the bids for tree trimming and removal.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve Richards Tree Service for up to a maximum amount of \$40,000.00 and to get a copy of their insurance. Motion seconded by Council Member Rochester.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Trombley stated there is nothing new on the water code. The draft has been started just need to get it finished. There is nothing new with the Credit Card Policy but should get it ready for June meeting. We need to make a decision on the Recycling.

There was discussion regarding the recycling but they didn't have a cost so they would bring it up at the Special Meeting on May 17th when they had the cost available.

Supervisor Trombley stated we need to approve the bill for Koester for the Scope of Supply and Service for the Dubois Road. The quote is \$7412.00 but that will be reduced because of the travel cost but I do not have the new quote yet.

There was discussion regarding the quote from Koester.

Supervisor Trombley made a motion to approve up to \$7412.00 from Koester for Scope of Supply and Service for the Dubois Road. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Trombley stated if there is no further business to be brought before the board then a motion is needed to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Trombley.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Moore	Aye
Council Member Rochester	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Julie L. Castine
Town Clerk