

VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

TRUSTEE WORKSHOP PRIOR: 6:00 PM

MAYOR MOLNAR CALLED THE WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 6:05PM.

BOT MEMBERS DISCUSSED VILLAGE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

MAYOR MOLNAR CLOSED THE WORKSHOP AT 6:55PM.

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR MOLNAR CALLED TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD AT 7:00PM ON JUNE 16TH, 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

1. PLEDGE

2. ROLL CALL:

1. TRUSTEE FARNHAM - PRESENT
2. TRUSTEE CHERTOFF - PRESENT
3. TRUSTEE LIPSEY – PRESENT
4. TRUSTEE STAHLEY- PRESENT
5. MAYOR MOLNAR- PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE: KELLEY MARKER, GIFF LAWRENCE, AMY JO CATLETT, RANDY EDWARDS, PIERRE CHAGNON, BOB SAMUELSON

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES

- 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM 2ND TRUSTEE CHERTOFF, ALL IN FAVOR.

4. OPENING OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- RESOLUTION #26-20: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS
- RESOLUTION #26-21: ADVANCED APPROVAL OF CLAIMS
- RESOLUTION #26-22: TRANSFERS BY CLERK/TREASURER
- RESOLUTION #26-23: DESIGNATED DEPOSITORIES
- RESOLUTION #26-24: DESIGNATED OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
- RESOLUTION #26-25: MILEAGE ALLOWANCE
- RESOLUTION #26-26: SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES
- RESOLUTION #26-27: PROCUREMENT POLICY
- RESOLUTION #26-28: DESIGNATED MEETING DATES
- RESOLUTION #26-29: PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING SPECIAL MEETINGS
- RESOLUTION #26-30: NOTICE OF NEXT ORG. MEETING
 - ALL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 1ST TRUSTEE STAHLEY, 2ND TRUSTEE LIPSEY. ALL IN FAVOR

5. CLOSURE OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:05PM

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- N/A.

7. 1ST PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- N/A

8. GUEST AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS: (PIERRE CHAGNON)

- A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE COUNTY CHARTER TO ELIMINATE THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR COUNTY LEGISLATORS' SALARY WAS REJECTED. THE COUNTY CHARTER WAS AMENDED IN 2024 ADDING THIS PROVISION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE 2023 BI-PARTISAN ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY COMMISSION TO KEEP SALARIES IN LINE WITH INFLATION.
- A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE COUNTY CHARTER TO REDUCE THE SALARY OF THE COUNTY CLERK EFFECTIVE 2027 WAS REJECTED. THE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE SALARY OF THE THIRD LOWEST PAID COUNTY CLERK IN NEW YORK STATE WAS DEFEATED.
- WE AUTHORIZED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE 2027 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AIRSHOW AT CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY JAMESTOWN AIRPORT.
- WE AUTHORIZED THE SEMI-ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF MORTGAGE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES. COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, TOWN OF ELLERY RECEIVED 55% MORE, TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY RECEIVED 15% MORE, TOWN OF CHAUTAUQUA RECEIVED 71% MORE, AND VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT RECEIVED 54% MORE.
- WE RECEIVED COMMENTS ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS BY THE DEMOCRAT COMMITTEE.
- WHILE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS IN APRIL FOCUSED GENERALLY ON WHAT WAS GOOD ABOUT THE COUNTY AND PROGRESS THAT WAS BEING MADE, THE COMMENTS BY THE DEMOCRAT COMMITTEE IN CONTRAST FOCUSED GENERALLY ON WHAT WAS NOT GOOD ABOUT THE COUNTY AND PROGRESS THAT WAS NOT BEING MADE.

9. SPECIAL EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS: LIPSEY/STAHLEY

- MEMORIAL DAY PARADE WENT WELL, WELL ATTENDED, EXCELLENT SPEAKER AT THE CEMETARY
- BPBA REPRESENTATIVE KELLEY MARKER: JULY 4TH FIREWORKS- 2 BARGES- SPECIAL MUSIC COORDINATING WITH MAYVILLE FIREWORKS. VILLAGE WILL SUPPLY EXTRA GARBAGES AND 2 PORTA POTTIES IN SKILLMANS LOT.
- COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE: AMY JO
 - i. PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT AUGUST 1ST.
 - ii. PUTT PUTT AROUND VILLAGE JULY 18TH – POSTING ON FACEBOOK TO ADVERTISE. HOSTING A HOLE IS FREE
- SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
 - i. WEDDING RECEPTION HELD JUNE 13, 2026. DIDN'T KNOW NEEDED PERMIT. 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM 2ND TRUSTEE STAHLEY

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF EDWARDS

- RECEIPT OF A \$15,000 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT AWARD FROM THE CHAUTAUQUA REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (SUPPORTED BY THE JOHN L. AND CAROLE W. SELLSTROM CHARITABLE FUND AND FUND FOR THE REGION) DESIGNATED AS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A NEW STRYKER LIFEPAK 35. THE MAYOR HAS EXECUTED THE CONTRACT AND WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FUNDS. THE UNIT HAS ARRIVED AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING INSTALLED. ADDITIONAL PURCHASES OF A MODEM AND MOUNTING BRACKET WERE REQUIRED AT A SUBSEQUENT COST OF \$4041.44. TRAINING WILL COMMENCE ONCE THE INSTALLATION IS COMPLETE. RESOLUTION 26-31 TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND TO PURCHASE BRACKET AND MODEM. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO CLERK MULKINS FOR WRITING THAT GRANT.
- THE MAYOR AND CHIEF EDWARDS HAVE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTING A LOAN FROM THE COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111,000 FOR 3 YEARS @ 5% , AS FINANCING FOR THE NEW FIRE-RESCUE BOAT.
- CHIEF EDWARDS REPORT
 - 97 CALL YTD
 - COUNTY APPLIED FOR GRANT TO RECEIVE NEW REPEATER IN E441. A REPEATER KICKS UP SIGNALS FOR COMMUNICATION.
 - BRIDGE WASHING IS COMPLETED AND HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO COUNTY
 - 2 MEMBERS COMPLETED FEFO CLASSES (CINDY STEELE AND KAM WHALEN)
 - DEPT APPROACHED BY ANDREW CARLSON FOR SUMMERFEST FOR DEPT TO SERVE BEER FOR THEM SAME AS LAST YEAR. NO MONEY HANDLING. ALL BEER SALES GO TO COMPANY. BOARD APPROVED
 - BRIDGE FALL VICTIM: CALL WENT WELL WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND VERY ORGANIZED AND PREPARED.
 - BOAT UPDATE: EVERYTHING SUBMITTED, IN PROCESS, SHOULD HEAR SOON FOR TESTING

11. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/INSPECTOR REPORT: R. SAMUELSON

- LETTER AND COMMUNICATION WERE SENT TO BEMUS POINT HOLDINGS, LLC (HOTEL LENHART) REGARDING 1. THE DECISION NOT TO APPROVE A 30-DAY ADVERTISING WAIVER FOR A PERMIT FOR AN ON-PREMISE ALCOHOL PERMIT DUE TO 2. THE EXPIRATION OF THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT GRANTED ON 5/15/2025, DUE TO THEM NOT BEING INITIATED WITHIN ONE YEAR. MAYOR SUGGESTED TO MR. CURRY THAT WE CONVENE A MEETING TO DETERMINE HOW WE CAN HELP WITH PROGRESS IN PERMITTING.
- CERTIFIED VIOLATION LETTERS WERE SENT OUT TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE ADVERTISING THEIR PROPERTIES AS VACATION RENTALS FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS, IN VIOLATION OF THE ZONING CODE, EITHER DUE TO NO PERMITS AND/OR ADJOINING PROPERTIES UNDER SAME OWNERSHIP. NO ONE HAS RESPONDED TO THE LETTERS, DISCUSSION HELD REGARDING THE NEXT STEPS.
- TRATTORIA GOT PERMIT FROM OGS FOR FLOATING DOCK. BOB GAVE THEM C.O FOR UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS TO OPEN (NOT DOWNSTAIRS KITCHEN)

12. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD REPORT CHAIR G. LAWRENCE

- ONE HEARING FOR NECKERS PROPERTY- NEW ADDITION
- ZBA HEARING THURSDAY REGARDING A SHED AT 14 MAPLE
- ZAC TOMORROW NIGHT, ITS COMING ALONG

13. STRATEGIC PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

- COMMITTEE MET ON 5/20 AND MAYOR PROVIDED UPDATES ON ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN PROCESS, ALL OF WHICH WERE SHORT-TERM GOALS OF THE SPOC. COMMITTEE DECIDED TO MEET TWICE A YEAR TO FURTHER REVIEW THE PROGRESS AND TO ENSURE THE GOALS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN WERE BEING MET OR IF THEY NEEDED FURTHER CONSIDERED.

14.ROADS/SIDEWALKS/ROW REPORT: LIPSEY/ J. DAHLBERG

- DISCUSSION REGARDING PARKING SPACES AT TRATTORIA PARTENOPE. TRATTORIA OWNS THAT PART, THEY WANT TO ELIMINATE — THEY WILL BE REMOVED AND 3RD ONE TOWARDS NORTH WILL BE HANDICAPPED.

15.BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: DAHLBERG/FARNHAM

- N/A

16.TREES/BEAUTIFICATION: CHERTOFF/STAHLEY

- THE MURAL STEERING COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO MEET. FOUR ARTISTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED, AND THEY WILL BE SUBMITTING DESIGN PROPOSALS BY JUNE 22ND
- THE 'BEMUS POINT FLOWER SQUAD' LADIES HAVE NEW IDENTIFYING SIGNAGE ON THEIR VEHICLE AND SHIRTS ARE BEING ORDERED FOR THEM. THE FLOWERS AND BEDS LOOK JUST BEAUTIFUL, AS USUAL.
- JOEL & JESSE ARE WORKING ON GETTING ANY NEW OR REMOVED MEMORIAL BRICKS INSTALLED AND WEEDING DONE AROUND ALL OF THEM.
- TED: ASKED JOEL TO LOOK AT DEAD TREE ON LINCOLN

17.PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: J. DAHLBERG

- THE NON-ETHANOL FUEL DISPENSING TANK HAS ARRIVED, THE PUMP HAS BEEN WIRED, AND AN INSPECTION AND FUEL FILL-UP IS FORTHCOMING
- MAYOR LOOKING AT TRUCK RFPS AGAIN TOMORROW.

18.VILLAGE PARK AND DOCK CHERTOFF/STAHLEY

- LARSON & ASSOCIATES WILL BE CONDUCTING A COLLABORATIVE MEETING TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO GATHER INFORMATION REGARDING SUNSET PARK UPGRADE.
- THE DEC BOAT LAUNCH IS NEARLY COMPLETE. CONTRACTOR WILL BE INSTALLING THE FLOATING DOCK THIS WEEK, WITH A TEMPORARY CONNECTION. THE KAYAK LAUNCH WILL FOLLOW. TWO CONNECTING PARTS HAVE NOT ARRIVED AND THEY ARE WORKING AROUND THOSE MISSING PARTS.

19. PERSONNEL/HR: CHERTOFF/TREASURER MULKINS

20. FINANCES: MULKINS/MOLNAR

- TRUSTEE CHERTOFF AND MAYOR MET WITH KATHY SAVILLE OF NYCLASS AT THE NYCOM TRAINING. WE WILL BE MEETING WITH HER TO DISCUSS BETTER INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
- INTEREST FOR MAY: M&T \$319.33 NYCLASS \$1690 = \$2010.32

21. CHAUTAUQUA LAKE REPORT

- CLA CONTINUES TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT AND CONCISE WEEKLY WORK PLANS AND REPORTS (ENCLOSED)
- RESOLUTION 26-32 TO PROVIDE PAYMENT OF \$12000 TO THE CHAUTAUQUA LAKE PARTNERSHIP AND \$2000 TO THE CHAUTAUQUA LAKE ASSOCIATION, PER OUR BUDGET FOR 2026/2027. 1ST TRUSTEE CHERTOFF 2ND TRUSTEE STAHLEY ALL IN FAVOR
- READY SCOUT WILL BE TREATING SOME AREAS ADJACENT TO OUR SHORELINE FOR EURASIAN MILFOILS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

22. OLD BUSINESS:

- WE HAVE RECEIVED A PAYMENT OF \$25,000 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/CHAUTAUQUA PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH GRANT FUNDS FOR THE INTEGRATED TRAIL SYSTEM. THE GRAPHIC DESIGNER IS WORKING ON MAP DESIGN FOR THE WAYFINDING SIGNAGE. THE MAYOR HAS MET WITH THE LIBRARY BOARD AND WE ARE WORKING OUT THE POTENTIAL FINAL DETAILS FOR THE KIOSK TO BE LOCATED ON THEIR PROPERTY. THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS WORKING ON CONTENT FOR THEIR (17) SIGN LOCATIONS.
- WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM THE NYS HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL THAT WE HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN OUR STATUS AS A NEW YORK STATE PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY FOR 2026.

23. NEW BUSINESS:

- MAYOR WILL BE MEETING WITH INSURANCE PROVIDER SLOAN-MELHUISH TO REVIEW THE RENEWED POLICY ON 6/18

24. 2ND PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- BOARD HAS RECEIVED DOCUMENT FROM TAMMY SCHACK AND IT HAS BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD. IT WILL BE LOCATED IN THE CLERKS OFFICE IF ANYONE WANTS TO SEE IT.

25. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

- CLERK REPORT:
- FARMERS MARKET: AMAZING FEEDBACK SO FAR. VENDORS ALL SEEM VERY HAPPY
- TAXES TO DATE RECEIVED: \$60940.03
- PRINTER LEASE VS. PURCHASE: BOARD AGREES TO LEASE FOR \$50/MONTH PLUS \$65/QUARTERLY FOR SUPPLIES. RESOLUTION 26-36 TO LEASE PRINTER. 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM 2ND TRUSTEE CHERTOFF ALL IN FAVOR
- TAX SEMINAR VERY INFORMATIVE

26.APPROPRIATIONS

- RESOLUTION 26-33 TO TRANSFER UNEXPENDED ACCOUNT FUNDS TO RESERVE ACCOUNTS
 - \$97000 FROM 5110.4 & 5112 TO NYCLASS STREET RESERVE
 - \$25,110.98 FROM 8010.1, 8010.4, 8560.2, 8560.4, 7550.2, 7110.4 TO M&T OPERATING RESERVE FUND. 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM 2ND TRUSTEE LIPSEY. ALL IN FAVOR
- RESOLUTION 26-34: TO TRANSFER \$250,000 FROM THE M&T GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT TO NYCLASS GENERAL FUND NON-RESERVE ACCOUNT 1ST TRUSTEE LIPSEY 2ND TRUSTEE CHERTOFF ALL IN FAVOR
- RESOLUTION 26-35: TO TRANSFER EMS BILLING PROCEEDS, AFTER PCR BILLING, FROM 12/1/25-3/31/26, EMS BILLING ACCOUNT TO \$22,025.69 TO THE GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT, \$11,860 TO BE PAID TO THE BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. 1ST TRUSTEE LIPSEY 2ND TRUSTEE CHERTOFF

27. AUDITING AND WARRANT.

- AMEND TO INCLUDE LAKE ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS
- 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM 2ND TRUSTEE CHERTOFF ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM, 2ND TRUSTEE LIPSEY, ALL IN FAVOR.

8:48 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BRITTANY MULKINS, CLERK/TREASURER