

VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT

MAY MEETING MINUTES

TRUSTEE WORKSHOP PRIOR: 6:00 PM

MAYOR MOLNAR CALLED THE WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 6:00PM.

BOT MEMBERS DISCUSSED VILLAGE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

MAYOR MOLNAR CLOSED THE WORKSHOP AT 6:50PM.

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR MOLNAR CALLED TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD AT 7:00PM ON MAY 19TH, 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: GIFF LAWRENCE, RANDY OSTE, JAY TAYLOR, RANDY EDWARDS, JESSE ATWELL, JOEL DAHLBERG

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- RECOGNITION OF EMS WEEK, AND OUR EMT'S & PARAMEDICS: ANN BRODELL, SANDY PAUL, JOHN SCROXTON, KAM WHALEN, NICK CARLSON, RILEY FARNHAM & MUTUAL AID MEMBERS: JAN HALBERG, CHUCK HOLDER.
- BEMUS POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY CHICKEN/RIB BBQ SAT. 5/23 HERE.
- MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK WILL BE BEGINNING.
- MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION ON MONDAY, PARADE STEPS OFF AT 10AM, CEREMONY IN BP CEMETERY FOLLOWING.
- FARMERS' AND ARTISAN'S MARKET GRAND OPENING ON FRIDAY MAY 29TH 9A-3P WITH FACE PAINTING, TATTOOS, DIRTY SODAS, AND ENTERTAINMENT-VILLAGE PARK.
- "BUNS ON THE RUN" 5K RACE 9:00 5/30, VILLAGE PARK
- BEMUS POINT VILLAGE-WIDE YARD SALE, JUNE 6TH 9AM, REGISTERED ATTENDEES ARE ON MAP.

5. 1ST PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

RANDY OSTE, TOWN OF ELLERY RESIDENT ON LAKESIDE DRIVE: REPORTED ON ISSUES OF LAST YEAR WITH UNDEVELOPED EGGS IN PURPLE MARTIN BIRD HOUSES AT LONG POINT STATE PARK. PROVIDED PHOTOS OF FINDINGS, FEELS THAT THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS AND THE EXTENDED FINALE CONTRIBUTES TO BIRDS ABANDONING THEIR NESTS. REQUESTS THAT THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY BE MOVED OR DELAYED UNTIL PERHAPS LABOR DAY AFTER THE NESTING SEASON CONCLUDED. OSTE WAS ADVISED THAT THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT HAD BEEN APPROVED AND ISSUED AND THAT THE BPBA HAS RECEIVED ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE PERMITTING FROM THEIR FIREWORKS VENDOR, SKYLIGHTERS. BOT MEMBERS QUESTIONED THE RECOMMENDED DISTANCE FROM BEMUS POINT TO LONG POINT (RECOMMENDED DISTANCE FOR FIREWORKS AND PURPLE MARTINS) AND IF THERE HAD BEEN SIMILAR RESULTS LAST YEAR AT STOW OR TOM'S POINT BIRD SITES. BOT MEMBERS INDICATED THAT DUE TO PERMITTING, THE FIREWORKS SHOW WILL CONTINUE AS PLANNED AND THANKED OSTE FOR ALL OF HIS WORK WITH PURPLE MARTINS AT LONG POINT.

6. GUEST AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS: (PIERRE CHAGNON)

- NA

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF EDWARDS

- INSURANCE CLAIM FOR THE WIND/TREE DAMAGE TO FD BOAT LIFT WAS DENIED AS IT WAS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE POLICY.
- APPROVAL TO REQUEST \$111,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR THE NEW BOAT. WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE FULL COUNTY LEGISLATURE. INTEREST RATE IS CURRENTLY 5%. WE HAVE ALTERNATE FUNDING ALSO SECURED AT 5.73%. 1ST TRUSTEE LIPSEY 2ND TRUSTEE CHERTOFF
- NOTED PASSING OF FORMER MEMBER BRIAN RAINES.
- CHIEF'S REPORT 72 CALLS YTD: (49) EMS, (6) FIRE, (3) MVA, (12) ALARM, (2) OTHER, BOAT DOCK IS IN THE LAKE-LIFT & T-SECTION TO BE GOING IN NEXT WEEK, E442 GOING IN FOR ANNUAL SERVICE NEXT WEEK, DOT BRIDGE WASHING HAS BEEN STARTED, DIESEL FUEL PROCUREMENT WITH THE TOWN FUEL FARM IS ALL SET UP, PROGRESS UPDATE PROVIDED ON BOAT BUILD FROM CONNER INDUSTRIES: PICK UP DATE SOMETIME IN JUNE. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ADDITION FOR A LOWRANCE SIDE SONAR UNDERWATER IMAGING DEVICE (\$6238) AND A MOBILE RADIO (\$4863) TO THE OVERALL COST: RESOLUTION 26-11 TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE: 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM 2ND TRUSTEE CHERTOFF. MEMBERS AND APPARATUS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.

8. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/INSPECTOR REPORT: R. SAMUELSON (ABSENT)

- VIOLATION NOTICES (5) HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE VACATION RENTAL PROPERTIES WHO ARE ADVERTISING AND WHO DO NOT HAVE PERMITS FROM THE VILLAGE.
- CASS PROPERTY/LIBERTY STREET UPDATE MAYOR REPORTED THAT SIGNIFICANT CLEAN-UP PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND MR. CASS IS COOPERATING AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE COE.
- A NOTICE LETTER WILL BE GOING OUT TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO OPERATE COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES ON THE LAKE WHO ARE REQUIRED BY NYS OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT. MOST HAVE AGREEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS OWNERS IN THE PAST WHICH ARE NULL AND VOID AND THEY NEED TO REAPPLY.

9. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD REPORT CHAIR G. LAWRENCE

- RECOGNITION OF SERVICE: MARK PRECHTL, APPOINTMENT OF JAMES "JAY" TAYLOR AS REPLACEMENT
- GIFF LAWRENCE REPORTED ON CONTINUED PROGRESS OF ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: LOTS OF MATERIAL TO GO OVER AND CONSIDER FOR PROPOSED CHANGES, PROCESS IS ON SCHEDULE.

10. STRATEGIC PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

- A REVIEW MEETING WITH MEMBERS IS SCHEDULED FOR 5/20

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

- MAYOR AND PLANNING & ZONING BOARD RECENTLY MET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM TRATTORIA PARTENOPE, ASKING THEM TO CLEAR THE VILLAGE ROW BETWEEN THEIR PROPERTY AND BEMUS POINT LANDING OF THE BOAT AND OTHER ITEMS.
- JOEL DAHLBERG REPORTED ON PROGRESS OF SOUTH FRONTAGE REPAVING: INITIAL WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED, CHIP SEAL AND FOG SEAL TO BE COMPLETED. JOEL WILL BE CLEANING UP SHOULDERS AND DRIVEWAY TRANSITIONS.

12.BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: DAHLBERG/FARNHAM

- ADVANCED ROOFING IS GOING TO BE STARTING THE TEMPORARY REPAIR OF THE CASINO ROOF (PARK SIDE).
- THE GPI ENGINEER IS BEGINNING TO WORK WITH G.L OLSON ON THE CASINO TRUSS REPAIR.
- MAYOR IS WORKING WITH VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO SECURE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE REAR OF THE VILLAGE HALL PROPERTY, NORTH SIDE.

13.TREES/BEAUTIFICATION: CHERTOFF/STAHLEY

- PAINT CHQ MURAL STEERING COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ARTIST SELECTION.
- ALL OF THE POLE BASKETS HAVE BEEN PLANTED AND ARE DOING WELL. FLOWER SQUAD LADIES ARE DOING A GREAT JOB, ARE WORKING ON PLANTER BOXES.

14.PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: J. DAHLBERG

- INTRODUCTION AND BOT APPROVAL OF STREETS DEPT. TRADE SERVICE WORKER: JESSE ATWELL
RESOLUTION 26-12 TO APPROVE ATWELL: 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM 2ND TRUSTEE LIPSEY
- FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM IS IN PLACE WITH THE TOWN OF ELLERY FOR STATE BID DIESEL FUEL. STREETS DEPT. AND FIRE DEPT. HAVE A PROCEDURE SOG IN PLACE. TANK FOR ETHANOL-FREE GAS BEING INSTALLED ADJACENT TO STREETS GARAGE. JOEL-TOWN TO BILL US MONTHLY FOR USAGE.
- DISCUSSION REGARDING DUMP TRUCK RFP. MAYOR TO LOOK INTO OTHER LOW BIDDER TO SEE IF COMPARABLE.
- REPLACEMENT STREET SIGN POLES HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM BRANDON INDUSTRIES.
- RUSSO CONCRETE HAS COMPLETED THE WARNING PLATE INSTALLATION. DISCUSSION REGARDING RUSTED COLOR OF PLATED, JOEL TO PAINT ONE A RED-BRICK COLOR.
- SKID PATCHING ON STREETS IS NEARLY COMPLETE.
- STRIPING (CROSSWALKS/PARKING SPACES) IS IN PROCESS.

15.VILLAGE PARK AND DOCK CHERTOFF/STAHLEY

- DOCK IS IN PLACE, RAILINGS COMPLETED, BILL STEEN TO ASSESS SET-UP & PLACEMENT AND WILL ADVISE ON THE DOCK EXTENSION.
- KICKOFF MEETING FOR THE PARK MASTER PLAN IS 5/26, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY COLLABORATIVE MEETING OF STAKEHOLDERS.
- DEC BOAT LAUNCH IS ALMOST COMPLETE, LANDSCAPING NEXT WEEK, AND THE REMAINING DOCK PARTS ARE SHIPPING AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK AND WILL BE INSTALLED IMMEDIATELY.
- JOEL HAS RAKED AND SEEDED AREA AROUND NEW ENTRANCE AND WHERE TRENCHING HAS OCCURRED.

16.SPECIAL EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS: LIPSEY/STAHLEY

- BEMUS POINT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE NO ONE PRESENT, NO NEW BUSINESS.
- COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE NO REPORT.
- REVIEW OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATIONS APPS SUBMITTED CONDITIONALLY APPROVED: 1ST TRUSTEE CHERTOFF 2ND TRUSTEE STAHLEY.

17.PERSONNEL/HR: CHERTOFF/TREASURER MULKINS

- N/A

18.FINANCES: MULKINS/MOLNAR

- MAYOR WAS ABLE TO GET THE M & T SAVINGS INTEREST RATE INCREASED TO 1.75%, WE WILL BE SWITCHING OVER TO A NEW MORE EASILY MANAGED BANKING PLATFORM.

19.CHAUTAUQUA LAKE REPORT

- CLA REPORTS ARE RECEIVED WEEKLY, MOST RECENT ONE IN PACKET.
- READY SCOUT TREATED OUR PERMITTED AREA FOR CURLYLEAF PONDWEED ON MY 5TH.
- CLPOA MEETING: 5/23 9:30-11:00AM AND 5/24 6:30-8:00, BOTH AT THE LAWSON CENTER.
- TRUSTEE STAHLEY ATTENDED THE ALLIANCE PUBLIC MEETING (IN TTE CHERTOFF'S ABSENCE @ NYCOM), PROVIDED AGENDA AND NOTES FOR BOT MEMBER'S PERUSAL.

20. Old BUSINESS:

- MAYOR AND TRUSTEE CHERTOFF REPORT ON A SUCCESSFUL NYCOM CONFERENCE AND TRAINING LAST WEEK. TRUSTEE CHERTOFF SUBMITTED A REPORT ON THE SEMINARS AND SESSIONS HE ATTENDED AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THEY APPLY TO THE VILLAGE OF BP.
- RECEIVED NOTICE OF A GRANT AWARD OF \$54,210 FROM NATIONAL GRID EV MAKE-READY PROGRAM TOWARDS THE EV CHARGING PROJECT, STILL AWAITING GRANT RESPONSE FROM DEC (JULY).

21. NEW BUSINESS:

- MAYOR HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION OF THE 215TH SEASON OPENING OF THE BEMUS POINT-STOW FERRY AND TO RECOGNIZE CUMMINS ENGINE, ON THURSDAY.
- RESOLUTION 26-13 TO APPROVE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPROVAL FOR TRATTORIA PARTENOPE TO WAIVE THE 30-DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD FOR AN ON-PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE. 1ST TRUSTEE LIPESEY 2ND TRUSTEE FARNHAM

22. 2ND PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- N/A

23. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

- LEASE PROPOSAL FOR COPIER REQUESTING FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUPPLIES & COSTS: REPORT @ JUNE MEETING.
- PORTO-POTTIES ARE IN PLACE.
- FARMER'S/ARTISAN'S MARKET BANNER GOING UP OVER MAIN STREET.

24. APPROPRIATIONS

- RUSSO CONCRETE ESTIMATE AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE DISCUSSION, \$5,000 PAYMENT WILL BE MADE FROM SIDEWALK APPROPRIATIONS FROM 2025-2026 BUDGET, REMAINDER FROM 2026-2027. 1ST TRUSTEE FARNHAM 2ND TRUSTEE LIPESEY.

25. AUDITING AND WARRANT.

- INTEREST GAINED LAST MONTH WAS NYCLASS: \$1413.44, M&T: \$396.58.
- ADJUSTMENT TO CODE BILLING FOR STRYKER & AIRGAS TO EMS BILLING ACCOUNT.

ADJOURNMENT 1ST TRUSTEE CHERTOFF, 2ND TRUSTEE LIPESEY, ALL IN FAVOR.

9:07 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BRITTANY MULKINS, CLERK/TREASURER