Village of Chaumont
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees
May 19, 2026

Location of Meeting:
Village Office
12175 State Route 12E
Chaumont, New York 13622

Present at Meeting: James Morrow, Jose Sosa, Michael Nichols, Tammy McIntosh, Dori Froelich, Davi Harris, Erin Fulton, Mark Zegarelli, Jennifer Kingsley, Tara Morina, Mark Morina, Andrew Williams, and Amy Williams.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont was called to order by Mayor Morrow at 6:30 PM on May 19, 2026.

I. Privilege of the Floor

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Morrow requested a moment of silence to pay respects and hold space for Ryan Cloe, who tragically passed away in Lake Ontario.

Mark Zegarelli, Town of Lyme Supervisor, approached the Board of Trustees to detail schematics regarding the bathrooms the town wishes to implement in Bicentennial Park, as well as a potential lot line adjustment for them. Clerk Fulton discussed a concern regarding the bathrooms, where they would be placed, and the potential issue of having outside sewer with said bathrooms, as it does not follow village water and sewer laws. Mayor Morrow provided that further discussion would be held during the New Business portion of the meeting.

Mark Morina inquired about matters regarding commercial recycling and if it applied to personal recycling, and if those who own the commercial business also had regular residences in or nearby them. Mayor Morrow stated that resident recycling would still be continued.

Amy Williams presented concerns about the removal of commercial recycling pickup within the village, and zoning and code enforcement. Mrs. Williams raised numerous points on the matter, urging the village not to proceed with the removal and to explore

other options. Mayor Morrow and Trustee Froelich provided reasoning for why the board had initially considered removing commercial recycling within the village. Trustee McIntosh suggested the board take time to review the decision once more. On the discussion of code enforcement, Amy and Andrew Williams expressed worries about Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Jim Millington and the follow-through on zoning and code violations within the village.

II. Operations Report

Clerk Fulton provided the Village of Chaumont Personnel Policy, now with edits made to reflect what was discussed in previous meetings. This includes the DPW's current overtime schedule and various options of how accruals and actual time worked play into overtime pay in a given cycle. This meant a change to the amount of compensation time one was able to bank, the amount of time needed in advance for an employee to utilize more than two weeks of compensation time, and the disclosure that compensation time used within a week does not count toward a forty-hour work week. Additionally, in the on-call portion of the policy, it now states that for mandated sewer system checks, those working will be paid time and a half after a forty-hour work week, dispersed in the form of comp time.

Mayor Morrow stated he would accept a motion to approve the changes to the personnel policy. Trustee Sosa made the motion, with Trustee Froelich seconding. All in favor.

Mayor Morrow stated he would accept a motion to approve the changes to the on-call policy. Trustee Sosa made the motion, with Trustee Froelich seconding. All in favor.

Mayor Morrow discussed the newest zoning and code issues within the village, providing that the property on Academy Street, where there were concerns, was being cleaned up. Additionally, it was provided that a residence with recurring zoning and code violations may require the village to review a site plan.

Lastly, the discussion of absence issues with ZEO Millington was held.

III. Motion to Approve Abstract #12 of 2025/2026

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to approve Abstract #12 of 2025/2026, with Deputy Mayor Nichols making a motion to approve and Trustee Froelich seconding. All in favor.

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Sosa made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting minutes from April 21, 2026. Deputy Mayor Nichols seconded the motion. All in favor.

Trustee McIntosh made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' Public Hearing for the Final Budget meeting minutes. Trustee Froelich seconded the motion. All in favor.

V. Water/Sewer Report

A discussion was held regarding water leaks that have occurred in the village, including a leak that had occurred at a residence on Madison Street and one that occurred at Lakers Sweets & Treats.

Mayor Morrow stated he would accept a motion to waive the sewer fees for the residence on Madison Street. Trustee Froelich made the motion, with Trustee McIntosh seconding. All in favor.

Mayor Morrow stated that he would accept a motion to waive the sewer fees and charge one-half the regular DANC water fee for Laker's Sweets & Treats, given the nature of the leak presented. Deputy Mayor Nichols made the motion, with Trustee Sosa seconding. All in favor.

VI. Treasurer's Report

VILLAGE OF CHAUMONT										
APRIL RECEIPTS										
YR ENDING 2026										
REAL PROP TAXES	PEN/INTEREST	SALES TAX CO.	GROSS UTILITY TAX	FRANCHISE FEE	CLERK FEES	REGISTRAR FEES	BLDG/PERMIT	AIM	CHIPS	TOTAL
A1001	A1090	A1120	A1130	A1170	A1255	A1603	A2555	A2750	A3501	
43717.25			0.06				10.00			43839.21
			6.61				25.00			31.61
			19.60				142.00			161.60
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
43717.25	0.00	0.00	26.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	177.00	0.00	0.00	44032.42
			Puretalk				Walker			
			Google				Thompson			
			Time Warner				Stevenson			

METERED WATER	O&M AND DCC	INT AND PEN	METER FEES	SERV CONNECTION	TOTAL	USAGE/FIE SEWER RENT	DEBT SER	INT AND PENALTY	O&m AND CONNECTION	TOTAL
F2140	F2142	F2148	F2144	F2145	WATER	G2120	G2122	G2128	G2770	WASTE
2,143.48	970.00				3113.48	794.34	1,595.47		1,384.79	3774.60
		1.63			1.63					0.00
177.97	60.00				237.97	91.00	105.34		100.00	296.34
					0.00					0.00
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2321.45	1030.00	1.63	0.00	0.00	3353.08	885.34	1700.81	0.00	1484.79	4070.94
WEBPAY		INTEREST								

VII. Old Business

The topic of the removal of commercial recycling was revisited once more. The Board of Trustees went over the points brought up during Privilege of the Floor, the time it takes for the DPW to complete commercial recycling rounds, the tasks that have been put on hold as a result of the time it takes to do commercial recycling, and alternative options to the removal of commercial recycling.

After a long discussion, Mayor Morrow stated that he would accept a motion to remove commercial recycling pick-up in the village. Upon a roll call vote, the replies were as follows.

Mayor Jim Morrow	YAY
Deputy Mayor Nichols	YAY
Trustee Dori Ann Froelich	YAY
Trustee Jose Sosa	NAY
Trustee Tammy McIntosh	NAY

In a vote of three (3) yays to two (2) nays, the above motion was moved.

Trustee Froelich inquired about the matters occurring at Water Street with drainage. Mayor Morrow provided that Gregor had provided an amount and gave some logistics about the work that would need to occur.

VIII. New Business

Mayor Morrow went over Al Netto's phone repair receipt and the write-up from him for consideration of covering any repairs, as discussed in the April 21, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. After reviewing the write-up, the Board of Trustees did not find the explanation sufficient.

Mayor Morrow made a motion not to cover the phone repair. Trustee Froelich seconded. All in favor.

Mayor Morrow discussed the proposition brought to the board from Town Supervisor Mark Zegarelli, regarding bathrooms at Bicentennial Park and the lot line adjustment.

Mayor Morrow made a motion to consider a lot line adjustment for the bathrooms being implemented at Bicentennial Park. Trustee McIntosh seconded. All in favor.

IX. Correspondence

- An email from Mayor Morrow detailing the progress being made at the pickleball courts.
- An email from DANC informing the village of the adjusted regional water line rates.
- An email from National Grid informing the village of an incoming compensation credit as a result of a processing error on National Grid's end.
- A letter from the Department of State informing the village that Local Law I of 2026 has been filed as of April 27, 2026.
- A letter from the Department of Planning and Community Development listing details of a HUD HOME Investment Partnership Program.
- An email from James D. Uhlinger III regarding a new piece of legislation drafted by Assembly Member Scott Gray, titled the High-Energy User Act.

X. Mayor, Clerk, and Committee Reports

Mayor Morrow provided a report on the current pickleball courts, stating that due to the wind, the portable nets were not able to hold. Mayor Morrow said that the committee was looking into installing nets or dividers to help with this issue. Additionally, Mayor Morrow stated he sent Lyme Central School a letter expressing gratitude and commending the community clean-up that the students participated in had done very well.

Deputy Mayor Nichols had concerns regarding the blacktop at the basketball court due to the drop-off along the edge of it being a potential hazard. Deputy Mayor Nichols also discussed the debris along the fenceline and the shrubs that need to be pruned.

Trustee McIntosh had nothing to report.

Trustee Sosa provided that the Summer Recreation Program positions had been assigned.

Trustee Froelich had no meeting.

Deputy Clerk Harris requested that the Board of Trustees make a motion to add her as a signer at Gouverneur Savings & Loan and Watertown Savings Bank due to her becoming Clerk-Treasurer effective June 1, 2026. This would allow her to sign necessary checks.

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept the motion to add Deputy Clerk Harris as a signer at Gouverneur Savings & Loan and Watertown Savings Bank. Trustee McIntosh made the motion, Trustee Froelich seconded. All in favor.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to adjourn at 9:24 PM. Trustee Sosa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Froelich. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Davi Harris

Davi Harris
Clerk/Treasurer