Village of Chaumont
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 18, 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, Gregory Ingerson, Julie Gosier, Tom Donovan, and Andrew 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 August 18, 2026.

I. Privilege of the Floor

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Julie Gosier utilized Privilege of the Floor to discuss concerns regarding the parking on Mill Street by the barbershop and cafe. Mayor Morrow stated that he would speak with the owner of said buildings so that these concerns could be addressed.

Tom Donovan expressed an issue occurring in his backyard as a result of problems that arose after the road he resides on was reconstructed. Mr. Donovan provided that the rainwater had been draining into his yard, stating that this may be due to how the curb was constructed. Mayor Morrow stated he would have DPW Superintendent Gregory Ingerson take a look so that the issue may be remedied.

Andrew Williams had inquiries regarding the next step in the village dissolution petition process, business recycling, and the court case pertaining to code violations occurring at the property neighboring Wise Guys Ristorante. Clerk Harris informed Mr. Williams that the next step in the petition process would be to make a resolution for referendum and set a date to vote, which would be occurring during the Resolutions portion of this meeting. Mayor Morrow stated that the village has already decided not to continue commercial recycling and will no longer provide extensions, as at this point providing any more extensions would be unfair to other businesses who have already adapted to the changes originally made in June of 2026. Mayor Morrow also provided that complaints have been made regarding businesses still receiving extensions at this point in time, reaffirming the

need to end extensions, but the matter can be addressed for a final time in the Old Business portion of this meeting if necessary. Mayor Morrow informed Mr. Williams that the court case has been postponed as all parties were not present for the set court date where this issue was to be dealt with, and provided that Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Millington would be working to resubmit citations so that it may be readdressed promptly.

II. Operations Report

Mayor Morrow discussed a situation occurring on County Route 125, regarding a residence that required their sewer lines to be repaired. This residence had originally been informed that the Village DPW could do said repairs, but after looking into the Village Sewer Law, it was realized that this may not be the case. DPW Superintendent Gregory Ingerson explained that the Village Sewer Law needed clarification in certain portions so that issues like this can be avoided. Trustee McIntosh suggested that it may be worth speaking to other villages to see what they have in place for their sewer laws.

DPW Superintendent Ingerson discussed the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) report, provided that quarterly testing for the sewer plant would be beginning next year. Additionally, the RBC and sandbeds were mentioned in relation to said testing.

Mayor Morrow provided that sidewalk work had been completed at a residence on County Route 179, and stated that DPW Laborer Ray McIntosh had been tasked with painting crosswalks as the new school year was approaching. Trustee Sosa provided that DPW worker Al Netto had been assisting with leveling at the school.

Trustee McIntosh provided a complaint regarding a cut-down tree at a residence on New York State Route 12E, stating it had been there for a long time. Deputy Mayor Nichols provided a complaint regarding the Bayview street sign and pole. DPW Superintendent Ingerson inquired whether it was a state pole; if so, the village cannot straighten it. Additionally, Deputy Mayor Nichols stated that a light on the Michael J. Finnerson Memorial Bridge had been out.

Mayor Morrow reiterated that the court case pertaining to code violations at the property neighboring Wise Guys ristorante had been postponed due to ZEO Millington's absence. ZEO Millington is working to recite the owners so that the issues may be addressed once more. Clerk Harris informed the Board of Trustees that those living on the property had two parcels back-to-back that neighbored Wise Guys Ristorante, stating that this may be important to remind ZEO Millington about as he recites them.

III. Motion to Approve Abstract #3 of 2026/2027

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to approve Abstract #3 of 2026/2027, with Trustee Sosa 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 July 21, 2026. Deputy Mayor Nichols seconded the motion. All in favor.

V. Water/Sewer Report

Clerk Harris reported that some water bills have still gone unpaid as a result of residents not receiving them in the mail. Unfortunately, this is an issue that cannot be addressed by the village, but as calls come in regarding water bills, Clerk Harris has been handling them as needed.

VI. Treasurer's Report

VILLAGE OF CHAUMONT									
JULY RECEIPTS									
YR ENDING 2027									
REAL PROP TAXES	PEN/INTEREST	SALES TAX CO.	GROSS UTILITY TAX	FRANCHISE FEE	CLERK FEES	REGISTRAR FEES	BLDG/PERMIT	UNCLASSIFIED	TOTAL
A1001	A1090	A1120	A1130	A1170	A1255	A1603	A2555	A2770	
7657.39			18.22					111.89	7787.50
52088.22			0.05					74.60	52162.87
528.33			26.49						554.82
3432.11	97.90		26.21						3556.22
1883.83	78.77		25.70						1988.30
2831.34	141.56								2972.90
48900.74	26.07								48926.81
									0.00
									0.00
									0.00
									0.00
117321.96	344.30	0.00	96.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.49	117949.42
Tax Collection 2026			TWC					Nichols	
			Puretalk					Nichols June + July	

METERED WATER	O&M AND DCC	INT AND PEN	METER FEES	TOTAL	USAGE FEE SEWER RENT	DEBT SER	INT AND PENALTY	O&m AND CONNECTION	TOTAL
F2140	F2142	F2148	F2144	WATER	G2120	G2122	G2128	G2770	WASTE
54.99	30.00			84.99	42.00	52.67		50.00	144.67
1,007.59	323.85			1331.44	512.20	601.06		450.00	1563.26
		0.44		0.44					0.00
183.32	95.00			278.32	210.00	129.30		150.00	489.30
71.36	76.72			148.08	35.00	158.01		150.00	343.01
269.37	197.50			466.87	211.83	258.67		458.34	928.84
349.43	100.50			449.93	324.50	163.56		222.27	710.33
3,320.03	1,201.50			4521.53	1,137.50	1,903.62		1,340.00	4381.12
2,923.97	1,730.51			4654.48	1,390.62	2,528.17		2,358.33	6277.12
				0.00					0.00
				0.00					0.00
8180.06	3755.58	0.44	0.00	11936.08	3863.65	5795.06	0.00	5178.94	14837.65
WEBPAY		INTEREST							

VII. Old Business

After no points were made regarding commercial recycling, Mayor Morrow stated that no more discussion will be held about this matter.

Mayor Morrow stated that the county was currently looking into the Hart Road Quitclaim Deed that was approved during last month's Board of Trustees meeting on July 21, 2026.

Mayor Morrow presented an updated draft of the Property Maintenance Law and stated he would accept a motion to hold a Public Hearing on September 15th at 6 PM on the proposed Property Maintenance Law. Trustee McIntosh made the motion with Trustee Froelich seconding. All in favor.

VIII. New Business

Clerk Harris discussed a recommendation provided by the village's insurance representative regarding the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department and making sure the village was listed as the organization's additional insured. Mayor Morrow advised Clerk Harris to draft the agreement document so that it can be provided to the Volunteer Fire Department.

Trustee McIntosh asked if there were specific areas in which each board member could address, so that residents could reach out to a specific board member for certain issues. Trustee McIntosh provided examples she had observed while working with Town of Lyme Board members. Julie Gosier, a Town of Lyme Councilmember, informed that this

was usually done informally by Town of Lyme Board members so that newer members can observe and learn.

IX. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be presented at this meeting.

X. Mayor, Clerk, and Committee Reports

Mayor Morrow provided a report on current activities in the village, providing that the pickleball courts had been newly painted and the basketball court had new lines. Mayor Morrow stated that restrooms may need to be purchased for the pickleball courts in the future. This reasoning was made as a result of a situation that occurred when a pickleball tournament had been held at the courts, but those participating were told they were not allowed to use the public restrooms in the Chaumont Fire Hall.

Deputy Mayor Nichols discussed matters regarding mowing around the village, providing that Memorial Park had looked better. Additionally, Deputy Mayor Nichols stated that cleaning at the beach appeared to have gone well.

Trustee McIntosh gave a reminder that the next comprehensive meeting would be held on August 27th, 2026, and stated that they had already received 144 responses to the survey.

Trustee Sosa stated that 100 kids had signed up for ball sports this fall, with 50 of them signing up for soccer. Additionally, it was stated that soccer balls were needed for the pre-modified soccer group.

Trustee Froelich had nothing to report.

Clerk Harris provided another reminder about annual NYS trainings.

XI. Resolution(s)

RESOLUTION NO. 32

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2026, certain Electors of the Village of Chaumont (“the Village” filed with the Village Clerk a Petition for the dissolution of the Village;

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2026, the Village Clerk certified the Petition as having the necessary number of signatories to require a referendum on the dissolution of the Village;

WHEREAS, as a result of the certification of the said Petition, and pursuant to the requirements of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont must call for a referendum on the dissolution of the Village and must set a date for a referendum, which shall be held within ninety (90) days of the date of this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont has determined that November 3, 2026 is an appropriate day for holding the said referendum, at a site within the metes and bounds of the Village;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont must cause notice of the dissolution referendum to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation within the Village at least once a week for four consecutive weeks immediately prior to the referendum on dissolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that notice of the dissolution referendum shall be published in the Watertown Daily Times;

WHEREAS, the said notice to be published shall meet all legal requirements for such a notice, including, within limitation, the time and place at which the referendum shall be held on November 3, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**,

That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont calls for a referendum on the dissolution of the Village of Chaumont; and,

That a referendum shall be held within the metes and bounds of the Village of Chaumont on November 3, 2026, on which date Village electors will decide whether the Village of Chaumont shall dissolve; and,

That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont directs the Village Clerk of the Village of Chaumont to cause notice of the dissolution referendum by arranging for the publishing of such notice in the Watertown Daily Times at least once a week for four consecutive weeks immediately prior to the referendum on dissolution; and,

That the notice for the referendum shall include, without limitation, information regarding the time and place where the referendum on the dissolution of the Village of Chaumont shall be held on November 3, 2026.

VOTING: Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

The roll call vote was:	James Morrow, Mayor	AYE
	Michael Nichols, Deputy Mayor	AYE

Jose Sosa, Trustee	AYE
Dori-Ann Froelich, Trustee	AYE
Tammy McIntosh, Trustee	AYE

RESOLUTION NO. 32 ADOPTED.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to adjourn at 8:01 PM. Trustee Sosa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee McIntosh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Davi Harris

Davi Harris
Clerk/Treasurer