

**Village Of Chaumont**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**April 21, 2026**

**Location of Meeting:**

Village Office  
12175 State Route 12E  
Chaumont, New York 13622

**Present at Meeting:** James Morrow, Jose Sosa, Dori-Ann Froelich, Michael Nichols, Tammy McIntosh, Erin Fulton, Davi Harris, Amy Williams, and Deanna Lothrop

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 April 21, 2026.

**I. Privilege of the Floor**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Amy Williams took Privilege of the Floor to discuss certain property maintenance violations and how it is affecting her business at Wise Guys Ristorante. She asked for the Board to share in her pride of the community and hold violators accountable. Mayor Morrow assured her that Jim Millington has been working on certain violations, and that these things take time. It was stated that Mr. Millington may not be equipped to handle the current issues through his medical leave, and Mrs. Williams said she'd like to see notices, deadlines, and fines happen sooner rather than later.

Deanna Lothrop explained that she was in attendance to support the municipality, as well as learn more about policies and Village of Chaumont directives, as it is her desire to be more aware of what goes on between the Village and the Town of Lyme. She expressed hope that the local government boards are working together and not against each other. She questioned the Village's rent increase with the Town of Lyme, and Mayor Morrow explained that it has not increased at this time. He also shared that many village employees have had their hours and payroll cut in an attempt to keep the village going. "Residents voted to keep the Village of Chaumont from dissolution, and we are doing all we can to keep it going," he said. Mrs. Lothrop suggested putting a "wish list" of necessary supplies or activities into the Lyme Light, as many other nonprofits do, to boost community involvement and buy-in.

**II. Operations Report**

Clerk Fulton reported on DPW operations and their most recent meeting. Several meters in the village need repair. Clerk Fulton and Supervisor Ingerson are working on updating the Lead Service Line Inventory, Cyber Security Reports, and advertising the latest Water Quality Report from DANC. The Board discussed the DPW's current overtime schedule and various options of how accruals and actual time worked play into overtime pay in a

given cycle. Clerk Fulton agreed to make a draft of suggestions and recommendations in the current Personnel Policy based on their discussion for perusal at the next meeting, with hopeful adopted changes before the new fiscal year. The Board returned Al Netto's phone repair receipt and asked for a write-up from him for consideration of covering any repairs.

The commercial recycling discussion, which had been tabled during the last meeting, was readdressed. Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to give businesses 90 days to find another means of recycling, instead of continuing the current practice of DPW laborers collecting commercial recycling on Tuesdays. Trustee Nichols made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sosa. All in favor. Trustee Nichols discussed fixing the fence around the Village Beach.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Jim Millington was not present to report on his current activity, but Clerk Fulton shared a letter of concern regarding various properties on Mill Street from Martha Garrett. As far as 27374 Mill Street, the resident has the water turned off on their end, not by the Village, and they said they would contact the DPW when they are ready to turn it back on. Mayor Morrow said a letter would be sent to the property near the school with the fallen barn. Neighbors have told Trustee McIntosh they would be willing to help financially with a dumpster to get the property cleaned up. Once again, the Board of Trustees discussed frustrations with the lack of in-person Zoning and Code operations.

### **III. Motion to Approve Abstract #11 of 2025/2026**

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to approve Abstract #11 of 2025-2026, with Trustee Sosa making a motion and Trustee Froelich seconding. All in favor.

### **IV. Motion to Approve Minutes**

Trustee McIntosh made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' Budget Work Session #2 Minutes from March 17, 2026 with Trustee Sosa seconding the motion. All in favor.

Trustee Froelich made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' Regular Board Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2026 with Deputy Mayor Nichols seconding the motion. All in favor.

Trustee McIntosh made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget from April 14, 2026 with Trustee Froelich seconding the motion. All in favor.

Trustee McIntosh made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2026 from April 14, 2026 with Trustee Sosa seconding the motion. All in favor.



METERED WATER	O&M AND DCC	INT AND PEN	METER FEES	TOTAL	USAGE FEE SEWER RENT	DEBT SER	O&M AND CONNECTION	TOTAL
F2140	F2142	F2148	F2144	WATER	G2120	G2122	G2770	WASTE
			3,174.18	3174.18				0.00
		0.81		0.81				0.00
4,472.89	1,920.84			6393.73	2,791.32	4,181.78	3,015.65	9988.75
3,604.12	1,915.04			5519.16	1,959.97	3,148.73	2,845.80	7954.50
2,097.13	1,078.22			3175.35	1,401.40	1,677.76	1,639.80	4718.96
1,338.40	400.02			1738.42	482.93	671.82	516.70	1671.45
1,592.19	300.02			1892.21	696.01	897.74	594.25	2188.00
627.34	293.96			921.30	816.51	565.81	565.86	1948.18
4,817.46	1,367.03			6184.49	3,989.54	3,080.31	2,316.85	9386.70
47.11	202.50			249.61	13.00	490.37	153.34	656.71
249.29	108.34			357.63	148.67	212.35	191.65	552.67
396.96	174.48			571.44	259.00	289.69	308.02	856.71
247.63	123.34			370.97	131.00	199.03	246.66	576.69
778.29	422.21			1200.50	359.41	737.73	668.48	1765.62
1,098.51	440.50			1539.01	954.22	826.97	866.43	2647.62
5,817.27	2,547.05			8364.32	3,229.57	4,326.10	3,887.88	11443.55
				0.00				0.00
				0.00				0.00
27184.59	11293.55	0.81	3174.18	41653.13	17232.55	21306.19	17817.37	56356.11
			George Bros.					
<b>WEBPAY</b>		<b>INTEREST</b>						

## VII. Old Business

Trustee McIntosh questioned the official times for the DPW to perform crossing guard duties. Mayor Morrow stated that they get there and set up by 8:00 AM in the morning, and leave at 3:20 PM in the afternoon. He also informed that Board that he purchased magnetic flashing lights to stick to the sandwich boards at the crosswalk.

## VIII. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

## IX. Correspondence

Clerk Fulton presented monthly correspondence:

- A letter from the Department of Public Service about New York's Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity Act, inviting public comment regarding the availability, affordability, and adoption of broadband internet across New York State
- An email from Ryan McIntosh, Jefferson County's Emergency Management Planner, regarding BRIC funding opportunities for anyone who participated in the Hazard Mitigation Plan

- An email from LCS student Ryan Scott regarding his internship with the Village of Chaumont DPW next week

## **X. Mayor's Report/Committee Reports**

Mayor Morrow reported that the Fire Department meeting was not held as scheduled. He will be looking in to whether or not the FD must adhere to OML (Open Meeting Law). They aren't taking any new volunteers at this time, as their current application is being reviewed by their lawyer. He met with Chief Lipczynski, Assistant Chief Jackson, and Tom Donovan regarding the large meter at the Fire Department. Currently, the FD pays the DANC rate and no sewer fees on the usage of the large-flow meter. While they will continue to have sewer fees waived, the board decided they would start paying the full rate of \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons (just as other village residents) due to water from the large-flow meter being drawn for personal use outside of emergencies. Mayor Morrow made a motion to change the rates for the FD in gWorks (water billing software) going forward, seconded by Trustee McIntosh. All in favor.

Deputy Mayor Nichols said he talked to the DPW about the Village Beach. Many sticks must be picked up, as well as numerous fence repairs, especially on the Town of Lyme side. The sluice pipe in the ditch needs to be unclogged. There is also a sign that must be replaced on Bayview Drive. He was happy to report that Memorial Drive's light is now off.

Trustee McIntosh had no report, as the tennis court committee did not meet. Mayor Morrow informed the Board that the check for Alpine Fence is in the mail.

Trustee Froelich had no report, as the Village Planning Board did not meet this month.

Trustee Sosa reported on the Youth Commission. They have now establish communication on a new app. Adam is once again doing the mowing and lining this season. Mr. Mount will be the baseball coordinator. He also listed all the coaches that have been assigned for each grade. There are 85 students signed up this year! The Cape Vincent Legion is purchasing hats for the boys. There will be the same staff for Summer Recreation this year, which will take place July 7<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>. Coaches now need to be AED certified.

Clerk Fulton reminded the Board of Trustees that contact email addresses will be changed effective June 1, 2026. The Clerk-Treasurer will now be reached at [clerk@villageofchaumont.gov](mailto:clerk@villageofchaumont.gov). She shared ROA (Record of Activity) info for recently elected officials (Trustee Sosa and Trustee Froelich), and Reports of Personnel Change direction from Jefferson County for herself and Clerk Harris. Clerk Harris provided a signed resignation letter from her role as Deputy Clerk, effective June 1, 2026, and Clerk Fulton provided a Jefferson County application for herself for the role of Clerk (PT), also effective June 1, 2026.

Deputy Mayor Nichols made a motion to hire Erin Fulton as Clerk (PT) for the Village of Chaumont, effective June 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sosa. All in favor.

Trustee Sosa made a motion to appoint Davi Harris as Clerk-Treasurer for the Village of Chaumont, effective June 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee Froelich. All in favor.

## **XI. Resolutions**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 25 ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026**

Mayor Morrow forwarded the following resolution, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Nichols.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Chaumont will adopt Local Law #1 of 2026, effectively overriding the Property Tax Cap / Tax Levy Limit for fiscal year 2026-2027. Members in favor of Local Law #1 of 2026 are as follows:

**VOTING:                      Ayes: 5                                      Nays: 0**

The roll call vote was:	James Morrow, Mayor	YES
	Michael Nichols, Deputy Mayor	YES
	Dori-Ann Froelich, Trustee	YES
	Tammy McIntosh, Trustee	YES
	Jose Sosa, Trustee	YES

### **RESOLUTION NO. 25 ADOPTED**

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 26 ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2026-2027**

Mayor James Morrow forwarded the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee McIntosh.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, By the **Village Board of the Village of Chaumont** to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 as filed in the Village Clerk's office and on the public website. The Total Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 6/1/26-5/31/27 is \$226,200 which is over the Tax Cap of \$200,147. The Tax Rate for 2026-2027 will be \$5.73, which is \$.80 higher than 2025-2026 Tax Rate of \$4.93.

**VOTING:                      Ayes: 5                                      Nays: 0**

The roll call vote was:	James Morrow, Mayor	YES
	Michael Nichols, Deputy Mayor	YES
	Tammy McIntosh, Trustee	YES
	Dori-Ann Froelich, Trustee	YES
	Jose Sosa, Trustee	YES

### **RESOLUTION NO. 26 ADOPTED**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 27 TO SETTLE PROCEEDINGS TO REVIEW REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CHALLENGES**

**WHEREAS**, certain premises owned and/or controlled by NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC, and NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC, (Collectively known as “NSF”) in the Village of Chaumont and Town of Lyme and further identified as:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Tax Parcel #</b>	<b>Owner/Controlled By</b>
County Route 179	61.35-1-1 and 61.35-1-1-.801	NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC
12711 Morris Tract Road	61.44-1-1 and 61.44-1-1-.801	NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC
County Route 179	61.35-1-2 and 61.35-1-2-.801	NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC
County Route 179	61.43-1-3.3	NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC
County Route 179	61.43-1-3.4 61.43-1-3.4-801	NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC

(collectively as the “Subject Properties”)

**WHEREAS** the parties have engaged in settlement discussions in respect to five (5) parcels (and now suffix parcels) over three (3) years and have agreed to resolve the litigation and which will culminate in a Stipulation of Settlement and Order and Judgment, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit “A”**; and

**WHEREAS**, settlement will include an amendment to an Education Contribution Agreement between Petitioner and Lyme Central School District for the Subject Properties, a copy of the same is attached as **Exhibit “B”**; and

**WHEREAS**, settlement will include an amendment to a Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement for the Subject Properties, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit “C”**; and

**WHEREAS**, settlement will also include a Host Community Agreement between relevant parties for the Subject Properties, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit “D”**; and

**WHEREAS**, the specifics associated with settlement of each case for each of three (3) tax years and for each of five (5) separate sites are memorialized in the proposed settlement papers that accompany this Resolution as Exhibits; and

**WHEREAS**, a compromise and settlement of the aforesaid proceedings upon the above basis specified in the Exhibits for the Subject Properties is deemed to be in the best interests of the Village of Chaumont; and

**WHEREAS**, this settlement is expressly conditioned upon all settlement papers for the subject properties being finalized and executed, a copy of only certain exhibits which are attached, and approval by all parties including the Supreme Court; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village Board of the Village of Chaumont, New York as follows:



