

Village of Chaumont
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 20, 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, Erin Fulton, Davi Harris.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chaumont was called to order by Mayor Morrow at 6:32 PM on January 20, 2026.

I. Privilege of the Floor

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

No one utilized Privilege of the Floor this meeting.

II. Operations Report

Clerk Fulton provided that the Reconnaissance Site Visit by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on December 15, 2025, was rated satisfactory by inspector Rachel Bernat.

Clerk Fulton discussed the Village of Chaumont's notification to Jefferson County Recycling that the village would no longer require the dumpsters at the Village of Chaumont Sewer Plant and would instead transport the recycling to the Town of Lyme Transfer Site going forward. Clerk Fulton shared a response from Kyle Rutigliano at Jefferson County Recycling, stating that the decision to remove the dumpsters was respected and that "partnering with the Town of Lyme to avoid single-stream recycling is a wise choice." Mayor Morrow provided that the Village of Chaumont DPW has expressed the desire to purchase a recycling trailer. Details regarding the pricing on this trailer were provided; a decision to purchase said trailer will be made at a later date.

Mayor Morrow informed that DPW Superintendent Gregory Ingerson is currently testing for a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) renewal application. It was

made known that some test results received will now require quarterly testing at a rate of six hundred (600) dollars per quarter.

Mayor Morrow also provided that one of the trucks used by the DPW requires a new flatbed, as the one it currently has is “rusting out.” Options for handling this issue were discussed among the Board of Trustees, with the question of whether or not the DPW required three different trucks and the possibility of having one of the Town of Lyme Highway Department employees look at the truck body underneath among them. A decision on this matter will be made at a later date.

Mayor Morrow informed that North Star Salvage had contacted him, stating they would place a dumpster free of cost for all tin and metal. North Star Salvage expressed that they would actually pay for metal.

Mayor Morrow stated he would accept a motion allowing North Star Salvage to place a dumpster for tin and metal in the village. Trustee McIntosh made the motion, Trustee Froelich seconded. All in favor.

Mayor Morrow reported that Clerk Fulton was able to take the Village of Chaumont Zoning and Code files from the Town of Lyme's computer, which Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Jim Millington used to operate on, and transfer them to ZEO Millington's personal laptop for village use.

Mayor Morrow discussed a property originally issued a zoning and code violation by ZEO Millington for a leaning structure in 2025. It has been noted that this property was given a temporary waiver by ZEO Millington due to financial matters.

III. Motion to Approve Abstract #8 of 2025/2026

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to approve Abstract #8 of 2025/2026, with Deputy Mayor Nichols making a motion to approve and Trustee Sosa seconding. All in favor.

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes

Trustee Sosa made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees' Organizational Meeting minutes from December 16, 2025. Trustee McIntosh seconded the motion. All in favor.

METERED WATER	O&M AND DCC	INT AND PEN	TOTAL	UNDEVELOPED FRONT	DEBT SER	INT AND PENALTY	O&M AND CONNECTION	TOTAL	
F2140	F2142	F2148	WATER	G2120	G2122	G2128	G2770	WASTE	
	84.99		84.99	42.00	52.67		37.00	131.67	
778.26	175.00		953.26	807.50	444.18		345.07	1596.75	
2,497.28	1,052.63		3549.91	2,200.41	1,875.27		1,424.26	5499.94	
3,461.77	1,504.04		4965.81	2,805.83	2,982.22		2,322.03	8110.08	
11,561.82	5,538.23		17100.05	7,872.00	7,880.02		6,009.05	21761.07	
4,558.40	2,137.00		6695.40	2,811.49	3,183.46		2,555.11	8550.06	
2,826.77	1,730.34		4557.11	1,599.78	2,795.80		3,288.15	7683.73	
5,040.49	2,369.55		7410.04	3,300.14	3,966.93		3,986.58	11253.65	
4,843.80	1,831.70		6675.50	2,990.02	3,535.60		2,622.77	9148.39	
			0.00				94.99	94.99	
			0.00			6.96		6.96	
			0.00	450.00				450.00	PAPIN
56.00			56.00					0.00	THOMPSON
743.38	235.00		978.38	322.00	412.02		330.45	1064.47	
2,428.40	525.00		2953.40	1,638.02	1,305.09		760.00	3703.11	
914.34	270.00		1184.34	724.99	263.35		350.00	1338.34	
			0.00					0.00	
			0.00					0.00	
39710.71	17453.48	0.00	57164.19	27564.18	28696.61	6.96	24125.46	80393.21	
WEBPAY		INTEREST							

VII. Old Business

Mayor Morrow inquired if the Village of Chaumont DPW had any questions or comments regarding the new personnel policy. Clerk Fulton stated she had not received any messages from them after she had sent them a copy via email. Mayor Morrow requested that they be reminded of their sent copies and given an opportunity to give feedback by the Village Board of Trustees meeting on February 17, 2026.

VIII. New Business

Mayor Morrow stated he met with Town of Lyme Supervisor Mark Zegarelli and discussed matters regarding the Hart Road agreement, the Town of Lyme transfer site, and the Village of Chaumont's rent to work out of the Town of Lyme municipal office.

Mayor Morrow stated he is not worried about an easement in terms of Hart Road. He stated he will get an intermunicipal agreement set with the lawyer, and the Village of Chaumont will set the rate. Once an intermunicipal agreement is signed, the Town of Lyme will take over billing and pay for a meter pit.

Mayor Morrow informed that Supervisor Zegarelli asked if the Village of Chaumont DPW could take village recycling to Jefferson County. Mayor Morrow stated no and argued that villagers are town taxpayers who pay to be able to utilize these services. In

addition to this, he stated that it was likely village residents would bring their recycling to the Town of Lyme transfer site anyway, should the Village of Chaumont DPW not pick it up.

Mayor Morrow discussed rent matters, as they had been brought up during his conversation with Supervisor Zegarelli. It was stated that Supervisor Zegarelli suggested the Village of Chaumont should not charge the Town of Lyme for water or sewer in lieu of paying rent. The Village of Chaumont currently pays twelve hundred (1200) dollars in annual rent. The parks use about eleven hundred (1100) dollars of water and sewer per year each. If bathrooms are put in at Bicentennial Park, around eight hundred (800) dollars will be saved by the village since porta-pots will no longer be needed. With this in mind, it is only around two hundred (200) dollars more per year. Clerk Fulton noted that paying an increased rent would likely be the better option, as paying an increased rent of twenty-two hundred (2200) per year instead of covering town water and sewer would help the village avoid interfund transfers of budgeted funds, which would likely create accounting issues for the Village of Chaumont.

Deputy Mayor Nichols discussed his term expiration and his desire to run for re-election.

IX. Correspondence

- A letter from the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (JCIDA) informing that it is considering amending its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (UTEPP).
- A letter from Syracuse Utilities with the purpose of requesting that they be added to the bid list of any upcoming projects in the Village of Chaumont.
- A letter informing the Village of Chaumont of their January 2026 CHIPS balance.

X. Mayor, Clerk, and Committee Reports

Mayor Morrow stated that Convergent approved the proposal made by Assemblyman Gray. Mayor Morrow provided that he had called Fire Chief Will Lipczynski about the Village Fire Department meeting, and was informed that one would not be held as the fire hall was being occupied for an event. Mayor Morrow discussed interest in potentially applying to be a Fire Police.

Deputy Mayor Nichols had nothing to report.

Trustee McIntosh had no meeting.

Trustee Sosa had no meeting.

Trustee Froelich had no meeting.

Clerk Fulton presented the NorthShore Solutions quote for email addresses, which was one hundred fifty (150) dollars annually. Gmail, if this option is used, is around one hundred twenty (120) dollars annually. After some discussion, it was decided that this matter would be tabled until the next meeting. Clerk Fulton provided that Deputy Clerk Harris had been in contact with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) regarding when the Village of Chaumont abolished the Village Police Department. While the last officer to work, Leo Wilson, resigned on January 12, 2012, it is not known whether an official motion had been made to do so. This matter will be looked into.

XI. Resolution(s)

RESOLUTION NO. 21

BE IT RESOLVED, Pursuant to Village Law §3-302(5)(a) and subject to permissive referendum, that the Village of Chaumont Board of Trustees will adopt to extend the terms of office of all trustees to four (4) years. With this enactment commencing after a forty-five (45) day waiting period on March 25, 2026, which is more than thirty (3) days prior to November 4, 2026, it will become effective for trustees during that election cycle. The offices filled at the next general village election will be for four-year terms. Increasing the term of office is a prospective act and does not affect the current terms of office.

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. 21 ADOPTED

XII. Executive Session

Mayor Morrow made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:57 PM to discuss personnel matters.

XIII. Motion to Open Meeting

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to open the meeting at 9:31 PM. Trustee Sosa made a motion to open, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nichols. All in favor.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Morrow said he'd accept a motion to adjourn at 9:32 PM. Trustee Froelich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Sosa. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Davi Harris

Davi Harris
Deputy Clerk