

Town of Chateaugay

October 23, 2023

- Public Hearing There was a legal notice in the Malone Telegram that a public hearing would be held on this night for the 2024 budget at 6:00 PM. A motion was made by Kirby Selkirk and seconded by Scott Cowan to open the public hearing at 6:00 PM for the 2024 budget. All in favor, motion carried. One interested person appeared, Kim Duffy concerned about raising the taxes. A motion was made by Kirby Selkirk and seconded by Scott Cowan to close the public hearing at 6:30 PM for the 2024 budget. All in favor, motion carried.
- Meeting The regular meeting of the Chateaugay Town Board was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on October 23, 2023 at the Chateaugay Town Hall by Supervisor Donald Bilow.
- Members Present Supervisor Donald Bilow, Councilman William Trombly, Councilman Scott Cowan, Councilman Jim Harrigan, Councilman Kirby Selkirk, Town Clerk Phyllis LeMay and Highway Superintendent Roger LaBombard.
- Visitors Kim Duffey, Jerry Blow, Craig Dumas and Theater Director Heather Locklin.
- Minutes A motion was made by Kirby Selkirk and seconded by Jim Harrigan to adopt the minutes of the September 25, 2023 board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- HUD Supervisor Donald Bilow presented the HUD report and reported to the Board that there will be a review of the CDBG program with Friends of the North County on November 8, at Friends of the North Country office in Cadyville.
- Meetings 2024 Supervisor presented the proposed 2024 meeting dates, There were no changes or objections.
- Theater Director Theater Director Heather Locklin came before the board to discuss the theater and the sound system. She would like to apply for a grant for the improvements. She also asked if the Board would consider hiring an assistant to help with the concerts and movies. Councilman Bill Trombly asked Heather to submit a plan for the next meeting.
- Tax Cap There was a legal notice in the Malone Telegram that there would be a public hearing on October 23, 2023 at 6:25 PM to consider a Local Law #5 of 2023 to override the tax limit on real property tax levies for the fiscal year 2024.
- Resolution # 49 A motion was made by Kirby Selkirk and seconded by Jim Harrigan to approve Local Law #5. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: William Trombly – Aye, Scott Cowan – Aye, Jim Harrigan – Aye, Kirby Selkirk – Aye, and Supervisor Donald Bilow, Aye. Copy Attached

- Ambulance Craig Dumas and Jerry Blow from Foothills Ambulance Service came before the board to discuss the Ambulance District budget, the budget will increase by 3%, total budget for 2024 is \$561,500.
- Fire District Supervisor Donald Bilow presented the Chateaugay-Brainardsville Fire District budget, the total appropriation is \$261,391.62.
- CST CST presented a report to provide upgrades to computers that cannot be upgraded to Windows 11.
- Capital Projects Bowling Alley: Supervisor Bilow reached out to John Carr from Blue Mountain Engineering for an update on the bowling alley.
- Solar Brookside – Supervisor Bilow asked the Board if they were in favor of approving the proposed decommissioning proposal from Brookside. The proposed stipulation concerning decommission costs provides a bond or escrow at 115% of the estimates plus a 2% escalator.
- Resolution #50 A motion was made by Kirby Selkirk and seconded by Bill Trombly to approve the decommissioning proposal. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: William Trombly – Aye, Scott Cowan – Nay, Jim Harrigan – Aye, Kirby Selkirk – Aye, and Supervisor Donald Bilow, Abstain. Copy attached.
- Chasm Road Solar – The review is completed, and we are waiting on funds to pay the consultants.
- Green Buffalo – The Board drafted a letter to our solar consultants regarding the Green Buffalo project, Church Data Center, copy attached.
- Terra-Gen – Supervisor reported that The West Firm sent an invoice in the amount of \$262.50. He has instructed The West Firm and Barton & Loguidice not to work on the Terra-Gen project as they have not sent the Town any funds for the escrow to pay bills.
- Budget Supervisor Bilow reviewed the preliminary budget. There will be a public hearing on November 13 at 6:00 PM for the 2024 budget.
- Reports Roger LaBombard discussed the following:
1. Roger reported that he has submitted the paperwork for CHIPS. The town will receive \$323,225.38.
 2. Roger reported that Pat Collins sold his sand pit so they have gone to Scott Robinson's for sand as the price has increased for the local sand.
 3. Roger would like to rent a lift to take down trees.
 4. Roger reported that he has graded the roads and will put down gravel.
- Jim Harrigan – Jim reported that someone may be putting garbage in the town's dumpster.

Bills A motion was made by Kirby Selkirk and seconded by Scott Cowan to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment A motion was made by Scott Cowan and seconded by Kirby Selkirk to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis LeMay". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Phyllis LeMay, Town Clerk