

AUGUST 18, 2026

At the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Champlain held on August 18, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Offices. Present was Supervisor Trombley, Council Member Borrie, Council Member Southwick, Council Member Hunter, Highway Superintendent Racine and Secretary Gonyo. Town Clerk Castine was absent.

There was no one from the public.

Supervisor Trombley opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. with a salute to the flag.

Supervisor Trombley stated the board members have a copy of the minutes from the July 14, 2026 meeting did anyone note any errors or omissions.

Council Member Southwick stated on page eight of the minutes in the motions it should be Disbursement #8 and Disbursement #9.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to approve the July 14, 2026 minutes as submitted and with the corrections as mentioned. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor's Report

Good evening,

- Sammy the Snake is officially out of hibernation! He was 20 feet, 3 inches long when he was put out on June 18th and 21 feet, 9 inches long in July. Today he measures 24 Feet 4 inches long! Thank you all who are participating, he is growing nicely!
- Thank you to Alan Racine and the highway department for their excellent work installing our new town welcome signs. All eight signs have been replaced and we now have our new logo and slogan displayed on a modern looking sign. When you are out and about, please take notice.

Again, thank you to the Highway Department for your dedicated work to the Town of Champlain!

Report on projects:

- “Eat Smart Waste Less” Food Waste Program.
 - Please consider joining in as it is great program that helps reduce the amount of methane gasses in our landfills and creates compost for our farmers.

Note: we have ordered better sheds to house the totes and expect them by end of summer. We are also actively looking for a better location to replace the Bob Venne Park collection site.

Note: during these summer months: please add a scoop of the sawdust provided in the shed over the top of the food waste after you empty your container. This helps to prevent flies from being attracted to the sheds and tote.
- The Nex Trex Plastics Program
 - Thank you to all who have been donating plastics to be recycled for this project.
 - Thank you to all of our partners, Price Chopper, Northern Tier Senior Housing, Champlain Rouses Point Kiwanis, A.N. Derringer, CTG, Champlain EMS, Champlain Fire District and the Village of Champlain.

Complete information on both of these programs can be found on our website.

- Miromar properties:
 - The complete 42 acres which includes the mall at 40 Miromar Drive, is now owned by Recovery Real Estate Holdings LLC which is an affiliate of Green Mountain Electric Supply.

I do not have any further update to share at this time.

- Bob Venne Community Park:
 - Pickleball Courts
 - We are addressing the purchase of fencing for the courts at tonight’s meeting.
 - The installation of the nets may take place soon dependent on the timeline of the perimeter fencing.
- Phase Two Park Projects:

- We have submitted a NY Plays grant application for a children's playground with announcements due soon.
- Great Chazy River Project:
 - Currently waiting to hear from our Congressional office for guidance.
- Clinton County Heath Dept. Complete Streets:
 - The Items left to be completed and the work is scheduled for July/August.
 - *Crosswalk at Church Street and South Street.*

Currently waiting for the Village of Champlain to install the concrete pad in order to complete the crosswalk.
 - *New Shared Road markings for the trail along Prospect.*
- Elm Street Culvert Project:
 - The Final Design is drafted and waiting for the approvals of the easements required to allow the engineers to finalize the final design phase and go out to bid for the project.
 - It is likely that it will not go out to bid until September 2026 with a spring 2027 construction phase.
- Sewer District Seven Project:
 - We are investigating utilizing a bored crossover already in place on Pilsbury Road to access the Academy Street sewer line in the Village of Rouses Point. The cost analysis is being completed to determine the price of this infrastructure to be purchased for the current owner of the infrastructure.
 - The easements required to allow the engineers to finalize the final design phase and go out to bid for the project are still needed for the final design due to be completed by end of July 2026. NYS DOT and the above-mentioned crossover is delaying this process.
 - Funding Agency review is due to be completed by October 2026.
 - It is scheduled to go out to bid October 2026 with a spring 2027 construction phase.

Public Announcements:

- Please visit our website and Facebook page for information on events going on around the town.
- The Town is continually seeking to appoint more alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. Please consider serving the Town in this capacity as we need talented citizens of this Township to become involved and assist us in moving forward. Please contact me for details if you are interested.
- Please note: Please feel free to stop in and I will be happy to discuss the Town's projects and objectives with you.
- Thank you to all Veterans, and active Military Men and Women for your Service. Also, thank you to all first responders both paid and volunteer, of our EMS and Fire Departments; and our police officers for your dedication to your community.

Supervisor Trombley stated we will move to the Council Members reports.

Council Member Nevius stated this Friday August 21st ventriloquist, Doug Mickan will be at the Champlain Memorial Library @ 5:30 pm. That's 148 Elm Street Champlain and it is a 45-minute ventriloquist performance. Parents must stay with their children for the duration of the show. America 250 Celebration weekend in the Town of Mooers will be happening September 4th through 6th. There are a lot of fun activities planned that weekend. Labor Day parade is on Sunday September 6th followed by a community BBQ hosted by the Town of Mooers Fire Department. Labor Day Car Show at the Champlain VFW Post 1418 on Saturday September 5th from 2-6 pm. This event is to benefit the North Country Honor Flight and VFW in honor of George Burleigh. There will be music, food and raffle baskets.

Council Member Hunter stated the Champlain Fire Department is planning our 20th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 12th, at North Country Golf Course in Champlain, please consider sponsoring a hole for the tournament. They are planning a Fire Prevention Breakfast on October 18th at the new fire station, located at 11006 State Route 9. The Rouses Point Fire Department has a new fundraiser and on Saturday August 15th at 4 pm they will begin selling raffle tickets. There will only be a total of 100 raffle tickets sold. Each ticket is \$10. Winners will be drawn as soon as all tickets are sold. There will be 3 winners. Each winner will receive \$100.00 gift card from either Mirabito, Walmart or Price Chopper. All payments will be made over Venmo or cashapp. Please include name and phone number in notes or comments section when sending payment. Venmo: @eddiem2233. Cashapp: \$emartin1106. The Village of Rouses Point Offices and the Dodge Memorial Library will be closed on September 7th in observance of Labor Day. The upcoming Village Board Meetings are Tuesday, September 8th and 21st beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. The Rouses Point History and Welcome Center at 68 Pratt Street, Museum hours are 10:00 to 2:00 pm each Saturday through Labor Day Weekend and admission is free.

The Samuel De Champlain Center Stage summer concert series continues, August 20th at 6:30 pm. The Farmer's Market is each Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and they are August 21st, 28th and September 4th and the last market date for this season is September 11th. The Library Book Club will meet on Wednesday, August 26th and September 30th from 7:00 to 8:00. The Friends Board of Directors meeting is the third Wednesday of the month, upcoming meeting is on Wednesday, August 19th and September 16th from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Ross Nonfiction Room. The Library Board of Trustees meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:15 in the Ross Nonfiction room, their next meeting is on Wednesday, September 9th. The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet at 7:00 pm on September 14th at 6:00 pm for a public hearing for an area variance for 112 Maple Street and 13 Elm Street and a proposed subdivision at 112 Maple Street. In regards to Charter Communications there is nothing. The EDU Appeals Board Committee met on July 20th for our Annual Assessment review. The review indicated an increase in our EDU baseline from 579.80 to 586.80. This is presently being reviewed for submission to the water board.

Council Member Southwick stated our summer youth programs are concluded on Friday 8-14-26. We had a great compliment of lifeguard/instructors. Our attendance of community children exceeded 150 over a course of 3 weeks with 5 sessions per day. Thanks to Rosanne Merrill and her crew for a great outcome. Soccer is in full swing with 11 teams beginning games this week. Please go to our website at www.townofchamplain.gov and scroll down to Youth Recreation to look for upcoming activities. You may email our youth commissioner with any questions you may have directly at Recdept@otownofchamplain.gov. Adult Water Aerobics is currently looking for an instructor for the fall season. Lap swimming is ongoing year-round at the NCCS pool on MWF at 6:30-7:30 am and 5:00-6:00 pm. Feel free to contact me at 518-578-8598. Our playground grant application was submitted 6-15-26. We hope to hear soon regarding awardees. Our new Town and Hamlet welcome signs have been installed by our Highway Dept. They are bright and welcoming. Thank you to the Highway Dept. for your efficient and quality work. Our next scheduled Planning Board is set for 9/3/26 should there be items on the agenda. Once again, the Office of the Aging has planned multiple meetings in August to exercise your brain. You are never too old to improve your memory, attention, and thinking skills. In Champlain the next workout was held this am at Norther Tier housing. Please contact Ray at 518-565-4629 for dates times and locations.

Council Member Borrie stated the Zoning Board met on July 16th and there were three items on the agenda and the next scheduled meeting is August 20th and there will be three public hearings that evening one for special use, a solar application and an area variance and those are all scheduled for public hearings on August 20th. In regards to marketing you have your report which is for last quarter for April, May and June which there is a break down for google and shows the website pages and where people are clicking and where traffic is coming from. Look at the numbers. Huge increase of traffic on website from April to June. There are a number of people engaging with our website. Which is good. Facebook engagement is pretty high. Always if you feel there is information or something for the website or Facebook, please let me know. The second part of marketing Erin is going to be letting me know when the second half of the shooting for school will be but it looks like they are going to do it now before school starts. Public announcements the Clinton County household hazardous waste day is scheduled for Saturday August 29th from 9 to 3 at the Clinton County Landfill in Morrisonville at

286 Sand Road and for more information you can go to Clinton County Landfill. AARP you can nominate someone from our community through August 31st and these would be volunteers. AARP excepts nominations for what they call their Address Award for Community Service and it's considered AARP's most prestigious volunteer honor. This is to shine a light on volunteers who are 50 years and older. This is to inspire others. The link is available on our Facebook page if you would like to nominate someone. Our food truck Buns on the Run was here earlier in the month of August and the next food truck is September 23rd at the Town Office. It's an Italian food truck and they were here last year. So please come out and support that.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Town Clerks Report for approval. You have total state, county and local revenues for \$2,177.60 and local shares of \$1,874.38 and total non-local revenues \$303.22.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the Town Clerks Report for July as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Post Audit Bills for your review.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Monthly Bills that need approval with additions. The additions are \$74,121.91, bill report \$115,265.93 and for a total of \$189,387.84.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to approve the monthly bills as presented for a total of \$189,387.84 which includes additions. Motion seconded by Council Member Nevius.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Council Member Hunter stated one of the bills is for material for the Town signs. The signs look very nice and I would like to thank the Highway Department.

There was discussion regarding the bills.

Supervisor Trombley stated we need to approve Disbursement #8 for Elm Street Project for \$16,931.03 for Stantec.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to approve Disbursement #8 for Elm Street Project for \$16,931.03 for Stantec as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated we need to approve Disbursement #10 for Sewer District Project for \$31,835.50 for Barton and Loguidice.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to approve Disbursement #10 for Sewer District Project for \$31,835.50 for Barton and Loguidice as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Code Officers Report for your review.

Highway Superintendent Racine stated we are going to be screening sand and last year our screener was giving us a hard time. We lost a lot of time last year with the screener and there are a lot of parts needed to fix it. I have priced out a new one and would like to get board approval on purchasing one. The company is out of Syracuse and our very good at getting part if needed.

There was much discussion on whether or not to purchase a new screener.

Highway Superintendent Racine stated the bridge repair on the Matott Road is done. We got the steel from Jefford Steel and Luck Brothers did the work.

Supervisor Trombley stated I have talked with Barton and Loguidice to analyze it and see if the same type of bridge has to go back or what has to go there. So, we will be addressing that at some

point. Should we go after a Bridge New York Grant, I kind of like to have a better idea of how much money to ask for so we don't go underwater again.

There was discussion regarding the Matott Road Bridge.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Zoning Board Minutes for your review.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your Planning Board Minutes for your review.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have your June call Report from Champlain EMS. There is a total of 118 calls and the average response time is 1.98 minutes.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have the information from AARP which we are AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Trombley stated you have the purchase order for the screener and Allen has explained to us the need for this equipment. They are giving us \$30,000.00 trade in and down payment of \$70,000.00 for 2026 and the balance of \$50,000.00 in February of 2027. This will come out of DB Account.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the Purchase Order IMS841 for \$155,000.00 with \$30,000.00 trade in \$5,000.00 discount, \$70,000.00 in 2026 and \$50,000.00 February 2027. Motion seconded by Council Member Nevius.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley stated you have the pickleball court estimates and there is a very slight difference.

There was much discussion regarding the estimates and it was stated to get new quotes with the changes that were discussed and table it but to go ahead and put the nets in.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to table the decision on the fencing for the pickleball courts until next meeting when we have received the new quotes. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye

Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Trombley read the following Resolution:

Resolution #29 of 2026

Resolution to Amend the 2026 Budget to reflect repair cost within Sewer District #5

At a meeting of the Town of Champlain Town Board, held on August 18, 2026 wherein the following action is taken:

Whereas, the Town of Champlain was required to repair a connection within the Town of Champlain's Sewer District #5; and

Whereas, the cost of the repair amounted to \$2865.57 which exceeds the line-item amount currently in the budget; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town of Champlain Town Board authorizes the budget amendment of \$2,865.57 to balance the SS5-8110-400 account; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be given to the Secretary of the Board.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to approve Resolution #29 of 2026 as read and presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Southwick.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Council Member Hunter asked where is the money being moved from?

Secretary Gonyo stated moving from the fund balance and increasing the budget line item.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Trombley stated we are still working on the investment policy.

Supervisor Trombley stated the .gov mails accounts will be brought up at budget time.

Supervisor Trombley stated in regards to the purchase of the two three-line message signs it was brought up to both Villages regarding shared services and they did not approve it. I have

contacted the Town of Mooers and the Town of Chazy. I haven't heard from the Town of Chazy but the Town of Mooers thought it would be a great idea if they haven't had to replace their digital sign for the Fire Department. So, we have to decide if we want to buy it before there is a price increase and what we want to do.

There was discussion regarding the two three-line message signs.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 Three-line message signs for \$40, 143.00 from the quote we received. Motion seconded by Council Member Nevius.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried

Council Member Hunter asked what account is this coming out of?

Secretary Gonyo stated the project account for Elm Street which is H3.

Supervisor Trombley stated a motion is needed to go into Executive Session to discuss property contracts.

Council Member Borrie made a motion to go into executive session to discuss property contracts. Motion seconded by Council Member Hunter.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried

Executive session opened at 8:33 pm.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Natashaia.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye

Supervisor Trombley Aye
Motion Carried

Executive Session closed at 9:34 pm and the regular meeting was open.

Supervisor Trombley stated there was plenty of discussion in executive session but no action taken in executive session.

Supervisor Trombley stated the next scheduled meeting is September 8, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Trombley stated if there is no further business to be brought before the board then a motion is needed to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Southwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Borrie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Borrie	Aye
Council Member Hunter	Aye
Council Member Nevius	Aye
Council Member Southwick	Aye
Supervisor Trombley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Julie L. Castine
Town Clerk