

Village of Cleveland Regular Board Meeting November 10, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Malchoff Davis, Trustee Debbie Kite, Trustee Norm Youmans, Trustee Joseph Carr, DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs, Clyde Lewis, Elwood Engelbrekt, Jennifer Leahy, Cathy Kline.

ABSENT: Trustee Joe Domachowske

CALLED TO ORDER: by Mayor Davis at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Davis made motion to approve minutes for 10/13/09 Board Meeting, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor, motion carried.

FISCAL ADVISOR REPORTS: Mayor Davis made motion to approve the financial report from 9/30/09 as presented, seconded by Trustee Carr, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Davis made the following comments regarding the report: Sewer Fund should be where it should be by the end of Fiscal Year, the Tank Painting Project is complete, the Village will take a hit again regarding Worker's Comp – other companies are being looked into.

PAY BILLS Abstract # 6: Mayor made motion to approve Abstract # 6, vouchers # 268-310, seconded by Trustee Carr, all in favor, motion carried. The following comments were made:
Sewer Bond will be paid off in 2012.

Holst Well Drilling: Replaced the 5HP pump and pipe in auxiliary well - due to failure. Also, the screen at the bottom of well was cleaned. Trustee Youmans asked if this was the end of the repairs at the well. Everything is new and should last 15-20 years per Superintendent Doug Riggs.

Martisco: Culvert pipe for Clay Street and Center St., reimbursed by CHIPS.

Utility Services: Water tower tank inspection. This company offers a maintenance contract. If tank is properly taken care it could last 100 years. They are preparing a proposal and will be discussed further.

Holt Painting: Wastewater Tank Painting has been completed.

RELEVY UNPAID VILLAGE TAX: Mayor made motion to accept the list of unpaid Village Taxes to be relieved to the county totaling \$27, 806.70, second by Trustee Youmans, all in favor, motion carried.

WILLIAMSON Law Book: Mayor made motion to accept the tech support contract for the water/sewer system in the amount of \$770. per year, second by Trustee Youmans, all in favor, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mayor read monthly report as follows: Complaints: 3, Certificate of Compliance: 2, Mileage: 14.8 miles

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Trustee Kite read Fire Alarm Report.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE: Phyllis Sweeten gave update. A Christmas Tree, donated by Kathy & Ron Darrow will be added to this year's "Light Up the Park" to be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28th at 6:00pm. There will be cocoa, cookies, Santa, tree decorating and maybe even some singing. New lights will need to be purchased to decorate the tree. The Holiday Spirit award will once again be offered to the home with the "Most Holiday Spirit" determined by their Christmas decorations. The dates for Winterfest and the Valentines dinner dance will be announced soon. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday Dec 1st.

WATER - WEST END: There are approximately 20 residents that have now set up an escrow account for the replacement of the leaky water line at the west end of the Village. A contractor has been selected from the bids and will begin work when all residents have paid their portion into the escrow account and all permits have been obtained. The Village has to be involved, at no cost, with the DOT permit process. The Mayor would like permission from the Board to sign the DOT Hwy Work Permit application; the Village Attorney is reviewing for further approval. The DOT does not want private individuals on the Work Permits. Once the above criteria has been met and the line in and approved by the Village the residents will then gift the line to the Village as permitted by law. The Village will then take it over and begin collecting the applicable fees. The Village will not be responsible to pay for anything.

Mayor Davis made following motion: Whereas, at such time that the above-mentioned permit application be formatted and approved by the Village Attorney and that the Village is adequately protected, the

Mayor be authorized to sign the application for the permit allowing installation of a 3 inch line on the south side of State Route 49 tapping into the Village's ten-inch main, second by Trustee Youmans, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor asked that all Board members review the final draft Water Supply Agreement to be signed by all owners on the new 3-inch line.

SEWER – WEST END: Sewer is too expensive for the group at the west-end of the Village to jump into right now. However the developer for the proposed Townhouses at 299 State Route 49 needs sewer. Plans are still being worked out and may be put off until spring.

CEMETERY RULES: Trustee Domachowske asked that the Board review the new rules and fees proposed by the Cemetery Committee. Mayor asked that the Board be prepared to discuss and approve at work meeting.

Thoma Developement: A professional grant writer makes it easier to obtain grants. The Village has worked with Thoma before with the sewers where they obtained a \$25,000 grant through HUD. They also recently helped Parish secure a \$600,000 grant to improve their wastewater system. The Village can put Thoma on retainer for \$500. per month, the Mayor recommends trying this for one year. Joint projects with the Town are a possibility. Once stimulus money is gone grants may be far and few between. Thoma will help the Village determine what grants are obtainable. Trustees Kite, Youmans and Carr feel that this would be a good investment—if the Village plans to move ahead, grants are needed.

Mayor made motion to hire Thoma Development for one year on a retainer of \$500 per month payable on a quarterly basis for a total of \$6000., second by Trustee Youmans, all in favor, motion carried.

Tug Hill Commission: Mayor read letter from John Bartow, Executive Director of the Tug Hill Commission, thanking the Village for the use of the Village Hall meeting room for their meeting held on October 28, 2009. Mayor Davis attended the meeting and shared some thoughts regarding the future of the Village, volunteers provided refreshments and DPW Superintendent, Doug Riggs provided a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and other areas of interest in and around the village. The Commission looks forward to visiting the Village of Cleveland again.

WORK MEETING: Tuesday November 24, 2009 at 7:00pm. Area for discussion are:

- Cemetery
- Water leak project
- Thoma Developement
- USDA grant/loan - upgrade water system
- Final Form E –Village Hall
- People's Convention to Reform New York Act

HEAP: HEAP will be taking application at the Village Hall once a month from November to April. The first application process will be on Wednesday November 25, 2009 8:30am-3:30pm

IMPORTANT DATES: Work Meeting: Tuesday November 24, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Next regular Board Meeting: December 8, 2009 at 7:30.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Davis made motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor.

Recorded and Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten, Clerk-Treasurer on 11/16/09.