

Village of Cleveland

Board Meeting

September 21, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Norm Youmans, Trustees: Joseph Carr, Deborah Kite, Joseph Domachowske and Laureen Tackman, DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs, Fire Chief Joni Hinds, John Hinds, Clyde Lewis, Joseph Mazi, Malchoff Davis, Roy Reehil, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission.

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Youmans at 7:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Youmans made motion to approve the minutes from August 31, 2010 Work Meeting, second Trustee Carr, Trustee Kite abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.

FISCAL ADVISOR REPORTS: Mayor Youmans made motion to approve July 31, 2010 Fiscal Reports, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor. Trustee Domachowske read his financial report as written and attached to the July Fiscal Report. No discrepancies were found.

PAY BILLS: Mayor made motion to pay bills on Abstract # 4 vouchers #144-195, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor. Bills discussed: Martisco- Bridge St. water main project, Cronk – annual insurance policy.

SENIOR CONTRACT: Mayor Youmans made a motion for the Village of Cleveland to contract with the Cleveland Senior Citizen Group for the sum of \$500.00. In exchange the Cleveland Senior Citizen Group will provide a dinner for the Cleveland Senior Citizens for the year 2010/11, Second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor.

AMBULANCE CONTRACT: Mayor Youmans made a motion for the Village of Cleveland to contract with the North Shore Emergency Squad for the sum of \$500.00. In exchange the North Shore Emergency Squad shall provide ambulance service on an as needed basis for the year 2010/11, Second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: No monthly report was given. Mayor Youmans suggested sending out a letter to all taxpayers titled “Keeping Cleveland Green”. He feels the Board should be more involved. This letter will emphasize the importance of keeping their properties clean. Then, non-compliant residents will be sent form letters stating they are violating Village Local Law. For those who are unable to do the work themselves or cannot afford the cost of cleanup, the Village will ask for volunteers to help clean these properties. Trustee Carr pointed out that the plan of action for violators is already spelled out in the Village Local Laws. Trustee Domachowse and Mayor Youmans will review the Village Local Law and draft a letter. Mayor Youmans also suggested including a notice regarding the Village e-mail newsletter with this mailing.

SIGNS: Trustee Domachowse and Mayor Youmans will work on signs for the Village Park, Village Hall and Cemetery.

THOMA Development Consultants: Bernie Thoma addressed the Board regarding grants that may be available. The Village hired Mr. Thoma’s company to write grants for the Village depending on what projects the Village chose to do and would be eligible for. The Village now has \$3000 credit toward grant writing. Some of the grants discussed were through HUD – Community Dev Fund. Mr. Thoma explained that the village doesn’t, at this time, qualify for this funding because 51% of the residents must be at the low to moderate income level. As of the 2000 Census, the Village was at 49% low to moderate income level. He suggested either waiting until the 2010 Census comes out or conduct a Village wide survey to obtain the needed information before applying for one of these grants. Once the information is obtained regarding income levels and if the Village qualifies, grants could be requested for water and sewer upgrades and block grants including individual housing renovation. The Environmental Protection Fund could offer grants in the areas of recreation, historic preservation and the acquisition of property. There are grants that could assist in the upgrading of Cemetery records through the State

Archives. Some of these grants would be matching grants.

PAUL BAXTER: Tug Hill Commission: Thursday October 7th Parish will hold a workshop regarding energy efficiency, alternatives and supply sources for electricity.

ROY REEHIL: Mr. Reehil asked the Board to please consider acquisition of the Morse Property on the corner of Bridge and Division Streets. Oswego County will put the property up for auction on October 2nd. If the property is sold the owner will have no idea what they will be getting, a dam and a possible brownfield on the property. If the boards of the dam were removed the pond would become a swampy stream. The pond enhances the aesthetics of the Village and is utilized by many for fishing. He reminded the Board that there was once a hydroelectric plant in the early 1900's creating electricity for some residents in the village. There have been previous discussions regarding the pond being included in a trail from the rec. trail to the lake, dock and store and possibly drawing those interested in outdoor recreation to the area. If the owner chooses not to do anything and let it go back to the County again the property would be in limbo again for years.

Malchoff Davis added that when he was Mayor the property was up for auction and an extension was granted as there were no excess funds available to bring the property up to standards, at the time, if it were acquired. The dam would require yearly inspections and liability insurance, if the dam fails, could be costly. There are Brownfield grants available. Trustee Carr agreed with Mr. Reehil and feels the pond on Bridge Street has been used more than the park. He suggested the Board ask for another extension. Mayor Youmans would like to look into this more and possibly ask the Village residents what they think, maybe by referendum, before the Village would acquire the property. Mayor Youmans put forth a resolution for permission to ask Oswego County for an extension on the Morse Property, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor.

FIRE DEPT: Fire Chief Joni Hinds read the Fire Alarm report for August.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE UPDATE: Joni Hinds gave update: 911 Remembrance on Sept 11th was very nice and well attended. Village Garage Sale Day on Sept 18th was a perfect day and money was made. Thursday Sept 23rd will be the last Market Day. Next meeting will be held on October 5th at 7:00pm.

DPW Report:

The project to replace the 8" pipeline on Bridge Street from the ambulance to West Street has been going well. Mayor complimented the Town of Constantia and Village Crews for the great job they did and for working together. Still to come is the hot tap on West Street and to disconnect the old pipe. The Village will hire someone to bore under the road for 5 property connections.

MORATORIUM ON MOBILE HOMES: A public hearing will be held on Thursday September 30th at 7:00pm regarding a moratorium being placed on mobile homes.

SEWER LAW DELINQUENT ACCT FEE: Mayor Youmans reviewed Section 1218 of the Sewer Law with the Board and stated that the addition of the delinquent account processing fee was to offset the cost of collecting on delinquent accounts. The \$25.00 fee is added to an account that has been delinquent for more than 45 days. A shut off notice will then be sent stating the new amount due. Another \$25.00 will be added to the account if their water is shut off.

JOHN HINDS: Mr. Hinds presented a letter to the Board requesting the assistance of the Village DPW with a drainage project in the parking lot of the Fire Dept on West Street. This project would be in-kind services by the Village in exchange for services the Fire Company provided to the Village over the past years including opening their doors for monthly Board meetings, work meetings, election and primary voting. Mayor Youmans made the motion to approve the above request, asking DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs to make arrangements for this service, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING: Mayor Youmans feels Senior Citizen Housing would be an asset to the Village. Funding was unattainable in a previous attempt a few years ago. Senior Housing being built seems to be in areas where there is more population. He would like to continue pursuing the plan for sometime in the future. John Hinds reminded the Board that the property behind the Fire Co. has been considered for this purpose in the past. Access to the property is a problem. The property for sale on Bridge Street would make a great access point.

BOARD MEETINGS TIME CHANGE: After some discussion Mayor Youmans made a motion to change the starting time for all Board meetings from 7:30pm to 6:30pm beginning with the October 12, 2010 Board Meeting, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor.

NEWSLETTER: Trustee Tackman has been sending out test e-mails in preparation for the Village wide E-mail Newsletter.

WATER LAW: Mayor made a motion as follows to change fees for delinquent water bills pending the approval of the Village Attorney, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor.

Resolution to amend the delinquent water bill fee:

(1) Amend Local Law # 1 of 1981 Section (5), subparagraph (1):

Change 10% to 3%, eliminate 1% per month thereafter and the entire next sentence, then add, 'Any account which shall have been delinquent as of the Third Thursday of the second month in the billing quarter, will be sent a shut-off notice, due by the First Thursday of the third month in the billing quarter, and will include a \$25.00 non-refundable processing fee. (note: *Shut-off* means shut-off water service as permitted by this law). The maximum processing fee shall be \$25.00 and charged in conjunction with Section 1218 (4) of the Sewer Law if both Water and Sewer services are provided to customer'.

(2) Amend Local Law #2 of 2003 Section (2), previously amended from Local Law #1 of 1981 by changing \$50.00 water turn on fee to \$25.00.

The Village Attorney may make changes after review.

IMPORTANT DATES: Public Hearing/Work Mtg: Sept 30, 2010 at 7:00 at Village Hall

Next regular Board Meeting: Oct 12, 2010 at 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Youmans made motion to adjourn at 9:30pm, seconded by Trustee Kite, all in favor.

Submitted by: Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 9/27/10