

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Deborah Kite, John Hinds, and Lauren Tackman, DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs, Town Highway Superintendent Wayne Woolridge, Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission, and several Village residents.

ABSENT: Trustee Joseph Domachowske

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Youmans at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING REMARKS: Mayor Youmans recognized and thanked Joseph Carr for his three years of service to the Village as a Trustee.

2011-2012 APPOINTMENTS & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS:

OATH OF OFFICERS: Trustee Lauren Tackman was sworn into office by Clerk Sweeten. Trustee John Hinds' Oath of Office was taken at an earlier date.

BUDGET OFFICER: Mayor Norman Youmans

Motion: Trustee Kite, Seconded: Mayor Youmans, all in favor, motion carried.

DEPUTY MAYOR: John Hinds

Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor made a change thanking Trustee Kite for her service as Deputy Mayor over the past years.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT: Douglas Riggs

Motion: Mayor Youmans, Second: Trustee Hinds, all in favor, motion carried.

CLERK/TREASURER: Phyllis Sweeten, was appointed in 2010 for a two-year term.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Zacharia Avery

Motion: Mayor Youmans, Second: Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, Karen Ashley: to continue her services as stated in contract.

Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

VILLAGE HISTORIAN: Charlene Weed, this is a voluntary position

Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

VILLAGE NEWSPAPER: Citizen Outlet for the postings of all meetings, public notices, etc.

Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

VILLAGE BANK: Pathfinder Bank and Bank of America

Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS to be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., as posted, with the exception of holidays, then the meeting will be held on the third Tuesday.

Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

NEXT VILLAGE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday July 10, 2012

Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Hinds, all in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION: that the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges and all such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant of officer incurring or approving the same shall be jointly and severally liable for an amount disallowed by the Board of Trustees. That this resolution is effective immediately. Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Hinds, all in favor, motion carried.

PROCUREMENT POLICY: Mayor Youmans made a resolution to adopt the Village's Procurement Policy as written and attached, seconded by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT: The Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of 50 cents per mile, effective immediately.
Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, and SCHOOLS: all officers and employees are authorized to attend such that would benefit the Village. The Mayor and Trustees must obtain the Board approval. The Employees must obtain approval from the Mayor.
Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Nelson Law Firm, 89 East First Street, Oswego, NY for a period of one year.
Motion: Mayor Youmans, Seconded: Trustee Hinds, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD of APPEALS: The members have been on the Board of Appeals a long time. The Mayor will search for new members. This item will be tabled until new members are appointed.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS: Assignments will be given at a future meeting.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING BUSINESS:

Mayor Youmans made a motion for Board approval to attend the 4 Oswego County Conference of Mayors meetings to be held during the next year, second by Trustee Hinds, all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Youmans made motion to approve the minutes from June 14, 2011 Board Meeting, second by Trustee Kite, Trustee Hinds abstained, all in favor, motion carried.

FISCAL ADVISOR REPORTS: The approval of the May 31, 2011 financial report will be tabled until the next work meeting. The report was not received in time for auditing by Trustee Domachowske.

PAY BILLS: Mayor made motion to pay bills on Abstract # 2 vouchers #51-103, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried. Bills discussed: #89 Hawk Cable- \$3400. This was the company that did the pushes under the road for the Bridge Street water project, a very good price for the amount work done.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Trustee Kite read monthly report: 1 addition (Krause), 1 pool permit (Whitney), 236 miles for code class, 2 Field inspections (Beach Rd), 1 Cert of Compliance (Lister), Fees collected: \$251.60. Mayor put forth resolution to accept report, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

FIRE DEPT: Fire Chief Carl Avery read monthly report. Items included were alarm activity, finance, equipment, training, and other activities. This report may be reviewed at the Village Hall.

SPRIT COMMITTEE UPDATE: Joni Hinds gave an update on highlights of committee activity.

1. - The winner of golf bag raffle was Kathy Flaherty
 - Garage Sale Day, September 17 beginning at 9 am, Applications are available at the Village Hall.
 - 9/11 Service for the 10th anniversary of the terrorists attacks on 9/11/01. There will be a joint church service at St. Mary's Church at 11 am with the Cleveland Methodist Church. All are welcome. The silent walk will be early evening and a dedication of the 9/11 Memorial Gazebo to follow.
 - Cleveland PTO Blue Ribbon Banners, 5 banners and hardware will be purchased and integrated with the Village Banners.
 - Cleveland Calendars are available at the Village Hall and at various locations in Village.
 - Welcome Visits to new families in the Village will be continued by Marge Thomas.
 - Organizations: Cleveland Glasss Works Theater, drama camp 7/11-7/16, play is 7/15 and 7/16/11. Cleveland UMC, Back Pack Buddy Program is feeding 123 children (50 families) during summer weekends. Historical Society Open Air Art Demonstration & Fund Raiser will be 8/21/11, Cleveland Flower Power have placed beautiful pots along Route 49 all purchased and maintained by the group. They have offered a pot for the gazebo.
 - Gazebo: The date of the project is now 7/22-7/23/11. For the builders, the Hinds will host a cookout on Friday evening, the Cottets will provide housing at their home on Friday night, the Legion will provide drinks on Saturday, and subs and pizza will be ordered from Vella's for Saturday. Cookies and brownies may be donated for Friday and muffins/coffee cakes for Saturday. The Spirit Committee members are invited to have pizza at the park on Saturday. The Amish builders would prefer no pictures to be taken of them. Joni complimented the DPW crew for their hard work placing the concrete footer for the gazebo. Landscaping around the gazebo will be donated by Handy-Andy's Lawn Service. The Fire Company will donate a memorial sidewalk honoring the 343 firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty on 9/11/01. There will be memorial inscriptions on the inside of the gazebo. Joni stated that all funds have been donated for the gazebo project. The next meeting will be held on 8/2/11 at 7 pm at the Village Hall.
2. The Mayor put forth a motion to approve payments from the 911 Memorial Fund in the amount of \$4350. to Millcreek Fence & Farm- the final payment for the 16-ft gazebo to be delivered and erected on July 22 and 23, and the amount of \$122.38. to TJ's Restaurant and Motel to house the drivers for those building the gazebo, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.
3. The Mayor complimented the Spirit Committee on this great project stating that "all ought to go out of their way to thank them for their effort". Trustee Tackman feels the site work done by the Village DPW should be recognized as being paid by the Village and the committee should be more open about it. There has been a complaint that the DPW crew could be doing something else instead of the site work for the gazebo. The Mayor said, "now it is out there", but this project is a great addition to the Village and it won't cost the Village that much. The Town has helped with the fill used from the town pit. Their help has been a great service to the Village. He complimented Wayne Woolridge for his help.

LEAF VACUUM: Wayne Woolridge and Doug Riggs inspected the 1996-leaf vacuum and found it to be in great condition and a great price was offered - \$5000. A new one would cost \$14,000 and up. West Monroe is not interested. The cost would be \$2500. to the Village and \$2500 to the Town. Wayne is applying for a grant that could fund up to \$5000. The grant is due by 8/5/11. The leaf vacuum would benefit the Village and Town by eliminating burning hazards and mulch could be used to produce compost that would be free to residents. This pilot project would run approx. from Oct - Mid Nov utilizing 2 men, one from the Town and one from the Village. Wayne will check to see if there are any restrictions on Rte 49. Things will be worked out as the project unfolds. A letter of intent is needed from the Village for the grant showing support for the program. Mayor made a motion for the Board to allow the Mayor to sign a letter of intent and an agreement relating to the leaf vacuum, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

TOWNHOUSE SEWER LINE: The townhouses are ready to run the sewer line. The Board discussed the need for a warranty, an agreement regarding billing, making sure all is in order to protect the village and being included in a pre-construction meeting before a resolution can be approved to move forward. There are 2 potential sewer customers that have chipped in to extend the main to serve their homes, making 9 new sewer customers including the townhouses. Trustee Hinds and Mayor Youmans will discuss this further at another time.

JOINT MEETING WITH CONTANTIA: A joint work meeting with the Village of Cleveland and the Town of Constantia is scheduled for Monday July 25th at 6:30pm at the Village Hall to discuss the Town asking to be made lead agency for the purpose of fulfilling the SEQRA requirements relative to the proposed Bernhards Bay Water District Interconnection Project that would be located in the Town of Constantia, the Village of Cleveland and the Town of Vienna allowing OCWA to make their connection around Oneida Lake. Other items pertaining to the village may also be discussed.

CAMP COUNSELOR: Mayor made motion to hire a camp counselor at the rate of \$7.25 per hour for the 4 remaining weeks of the Parks & Rec Program due to the camper attendance ratio to counselors, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

CHANGE MEETING DATES: Due to the primary elections being held at the Village Hall the September 13th Board Meeting will be changed to September 20th, and due to the general election being held at the Village Hall the November 8th Board Meeting will be changed to November 15th. Both meetings will begin at the regular time at 6:30 pm.

PAUL BAXTER-TUG HILL COMMISSION: Paul informed the Village that there may be a change in about a year regarding the date for the primary election. The time frame may be earlier to accommodate military personnel needing to vote as an absentee voter. He recently attended a seminar titled "One For The Road" addressing right of way and boundary issues. The playground EPF grant is nearing its deadline in September. He will call to schedule a meeting with the Tug Hill Commission and the village to discuss the possibility of submitting a grant.

CLERK'S ITEMS: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Trustee Tackman: Asked what the Village Hall hours were. Then she suggested that the Hall open to the public on Fridays and some evenings to accommodate those who work.

Carl Avery: There needs to be a sign at the Village Hall. The Mayor said he would get some prices and maybe have some more information by next meeting.

Trustee Tackman: Asked where the banners are that fell down. They will be put back up when it can be done with a bucket truck.

Mal Davis: He is not pleased with the way the Village is going – need to plan 5-10 years out. The 1983 water upgrade, the sewer system and Village Hall were all done by planning ahead. He also said the new water upgrade was voted down, no one likes bills but major things will need to be done in the next 10 years. He can't understand why the Village has not met with Environmental Facilities Corp to get on a list for potential zero interest loans for water improvements or maybe even a new backhoe. He questioned why the Village has not fined the homeowner regarding the oil spill that caused much damage to the sewer treatment plant. He reminded the Board that the Village has been a leader in sewers on the North Shore and encouraged them to "move ahead".

Elwood Engelbrekt: Asked if money was available for the park repairs needed. Mayor informed him that the problem is time not the money right now.

Cathy Kline: She feels that the Village water system needs meters. The Mayor said meters would be great but it takes money. Meters were included in the water upgrade project that was turned down last year.

Sherry Kaderli: She asked for an update regarding the cemetery sign. The Mayor said he just needs to get the lettering done.

Jim Faulls: Asked why the Mayor had not checked into the drainage situation on North and Oneida Streets as addressed at the previous meeting. The Mayor said he would get up there soon.

Trustee Hinds: John addressed the audience and thanked everyone who supported him in the recent election. He continued stating when he was on the Board over 30 years ago the residents voted to save the water system by making some drastic improvements. This along with other challenges through the years have brought citizens of the Village together “realizing that the best way to assure that essential services are continued and accomplished in the most efficient way possible is to do it ourselves”. History tends to repeat itself and we are “less than 5 years from being debt free on both the water and sewer system improvements that our predecessors had the vision and courage to undertake”. Many residents in the village are in need of the services the village owns including water, sewer and fire protection. Continuing to offer these much needed services will take planning and re-investment just as our predecessors did. He also said if the Village chooses not to control their own costs by planning ahead, those costs will be decided for them by an outside agency. “The closer a government is to you, the citizen and taxpayer, the more responsive and efficient it can be.” Big government is not necessarily better. The time is fast approaching for big decisions to be made. Many other motivational topics relating to the Village including shared services utilizing Village equipment and employees has been made possible already by cooperation with the Village employees, the Village board and The Town of Constantia. He feels the needs and complaints of the citizens are important but it is also equally “important to treat the employees who carry out our mission in the village government with fairness and respect”. He “believes in listening to, investigating, and considering new ideas and alternatives, while at the same time challenging negative comments, innuendo, and falsehoods about the condition of our village services and overall condition and image”. He knows there are many areas in the Village that need improvement but he finished his statement by saying, “our picturesque lakeside community is evolving from the stagnant bedroom community it once was, ...that Cleveland is the best kept secret on the North Shore”
The complete speech is available at the Village Hall.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Work Meeting: Tues. July 25, 2011 at 6:30pm at Village Hall

Next regular Board Meeting: Tues. Aug. 9, 2011 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor made motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 7/18 /11