

PRESENT: Village Board: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Deborah Kite, John Kinds, Lauren Tackman and Joseph Domachowske. Town Board: Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, Councilman Tom Moran, Attorneys Allison Nelson and Warren Bader, Eric Pond and Mike Parker–Barton & Loguidice Engineers, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission, and several Village residents.

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

MAYOR YOUMANS opened the joint meeting with the Village of Cleveland and the Town of Constantia to discuss the Town being 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.

Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey introduced Eric Pond and Mike Parker, engineers working on the water project bringing OCWA water lines through Constantia and the proposed interconnect project that is part of the Bernhard's Bay Water District Project. Supervisor Gilkey stated that the interconnect project was not to supply water but to just go through the Village.

The following comments were made during the work session:

- Mike Parker stated that the North Shore Water System includes three districts, Toad Harbor, Constantia and Bernhard's Bay, which includes the proposed OCWA interconnect through Cleveland. The Map Plan report was approved for the B-Bay District with Constantia being made lead agency for the project.
- Eric Pond feels the logical interconnect would be on Rte 49. Cleveland could use the OCWA line as an emergency backup and vice versa if there is a need to move the distribution system. With this comes shared services. The whole region has limited transmission capabilities. To serve many communities and make the project affordable you must maximize benefits and push all the right buttons. He stated that OCWA would "pony up" and pay for the interconnect through Cleveland. He discussed briefly how the interconnect would function. A 16" transmission main would go through the village carrying 100 PSI of operating pressure. There would be a pressure-reducing valve attached to our system. An inter-municipal agreement would direct how the valve would be used. He feels running the new line would not disrupt the Village Water or Sewer System lines. There needs to be proper separation from the sewer. This project is about OCWA completing the line around the lake.
- Trustee Hinds suggested there would be a congestion problem. Water, sewer, storm drainage system and possible gas lines and buried electrical lines in the future. The railroad bed has been used with other projects.
- Eric Pond said that typically the main is run where the water taps would be, but the Village system has the taps. Hydrants would still be needed for flushing if the railroad bed is used. Ownership and rights of the railroad bed corridor would need to be resolved.
- Mal Davis- The railroad bed is owned by the county.
- Councilman Moran stated that an environmental impact study should be done regarding the interconnect to the railroad bed making it a separate issue for the SEQRA.
- Trustee Hinds – The Village sells water and is in the process of connecting 12 services to sewer outside of the Village. Has the Town considered using Cleveland water? Why can't OCWA run their line on the railroad bed from Bernhard's Bay to Vienna and let the Village sell water to Bernhard's Bay? The answer was that when the referendum for water improvements failed, the prospect was no longer considered.
- Supervisor Gilkey feels Cleveland is too far behind. He doesn't see much hope for Cleveland to sell water to Bernhard's Bay. This line is not meant to compete with Cleveland.
- Eric Pond: The cost for water to customers in the Bernhard's Bay District will be \$680. per year. 60 % of recent survey forms for Bernhard's Bay District were returned and 74% of those were in favor of purchasing water at the proposed rate. The town residents receiving Village water on the village outside line at the west-end of the Village are included in the district - the cost per year will be \$410. for debt service (this will not include water usage). The cost for the east-end, in the Town of Vienna, is unknown at

this time.

- Mai Davis: Town of constantia residents could sue to avoid paying capital costs,
- Stephanie Faulkner feels that the Village has sufficient good water and would like to see a cost comparison done for drilling a new well compared to the interconnection. She is against water from Lake Ontario.
- Eric Pond- The cost for the interconnect would be very little assuming the grant is received. However he did state that the cost for the Village's portion of the SMSI grant is \$5000-\$7000. It has not been determined who would pay the cost for the grant.
- Mal Davis: OCWA has planned on going through Cleveland for years and no one has ever come to Cleveland to talk about it. The Village will be torn apart. The cost was suppose to be born by the Bernhard's Bay District, they will have to pay and it doesn't seem fair. A leak under the Village main street could be a disaster. He feels an engineering plan should have been presented to Cleveland. Who will pay for the leaks and destruction? The Village water is pristine, contamination to our system with this interconnect is a huge concern. OCWA water has no value to the Village or community and in no way should tearing up the Village and compromising our system be considered. OCWA needs a story with figures to present to the Village Board. The Village is the only one on the North Shore that had the foresight to get the water we have....the Village system is unusual and should be protected.
- Eric Pond agreed that the Village Water System is an excellent source... low cost ...quality high. It will be up to the Village Board to determine if they want the interconnect. There will be a cost, but there are benefits. It will improve the infrastructure of the whole area. He stated that Bernhard's Bay IS going through and the "loop" will be closed at some point....its just a matter of time.
- Mayor Youmans sees no harm. The Village has no plans to use OCWA water and hydrant use will be a plus. He also feels it will happen down the road and the health dept has plenty of reason to insist on it. But running it down main street would be a problem.
- Trustee Hinds also agrees that the "loop" will happen. Where the line is placed is most important at this time. He conveyed his disappointment with the Town not allowing the Village time to deliver. He feels there needs to be more cooperation between the Town and the Village.
- Eric Pond said a district needed to be formed.
- Sherry Kaderli expressed her disgust with the Town for not helping the 12 at the west-end when wanting to form a district in the past.
- Mal Davis explained that there is one water intake from Lake Ontario outside of Oswego. One dedicated terrorist could take it out very quickly. Also a bigger system has more chance of breaking down. If the intake is lost who will supply water? How will OCWA mitigate a disaster? OCWA is at 95% capacity. It will take several million dollars for a new plant. All on the OCWA system will pay the cost. Their costs raise about 10% or more every year. The Village Water System can produce 400,000 gallons per day. There should be careful thought about Cleveland.
- The project is projected to start in Sept/Oct 2011 with completion date of 2013.
- Eric Pond: Constantia is not comfortable without Cleveland supporting the SEQRA agreement. Cleveland will need to be part of the shared services funding. Each community would receive \$200,000 from the SMSI grant helping to offset the Bernhard's Bay District cost.
- Allison Nelson questioned the SMSI grant parameters and the use of it. Eric Pond said they would recommend looking at the long-term use of the funds not the short term.
- Trustee Tackman was told that OCWA can put the line down 49 if they want to....without Cleveland's approval.
- Mal Davis: The Village's current DOT permit for Vienna states that lines cannot be run parallel or compete with the Cleveland Village water lines.
- Allison Nelson stated that OCWA would not be competing if we don't purchase their water and would not parallel our lines if they go through the railroad bed.
- Lila Netzband asked if the Village had adequate information to make an accurate decision.
- Eric Pond: An engineering report will need to be done. They will research the railroad bed as a venue for the interconnect through Cleveland, modify their plans for either main street or the railroad bed, work out the fees, revise the project description and prepare a letter for feed back.

The joint meeting was adjourned and the Village Board proceeded with their work meeting.

TOWNHOUSE- SEWER: The following items need to be addressed before a resolution is approved naming the Village as co-permittee for the DOT work permit needed to provide sewer to the townhouse project: A warranty in writing from the contractor for the water and sewer line, an agreement regarding billing and a pre-construction meeting that includes the Village. Sewer agreements have been prepared for Ryan and Argulski. Trustee Tackman will review and return agreements to the Village Clerk.

OCWA: Attorney Nelson advised the Village Board to be pro-active when determining where OCWA may place their line through Cleveland and to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of the interconnect. There may be a possibility that Cleveland's \$200,000 portion from the grant can be utilized by the village. Trustee Tackman feels there may be some advantage going down the main street with the line. The Board agrees that running the line down the railroad bed needs to be researched before any decision is made.

Trustee Kite asked to be excused from the meeting due to family needs.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the end of the year budget transfers as prepared and presented by Clerk Sweeten, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

FISCAL ADVISOR REPORTS: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the monthly financial report for May 31, 2011 with the changes from the year-end transfers, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried. Trustee Domachowske audited the statements and found no discrepancies.

ADDITION to BILLS: Mayor made motion to approve the addition to bills on Abstract # 2 voucher #104, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

INSURANCE BROKER: Mayor Youmans informed the Board that he is changing the Village's insurance broker from the Cronk Agency to Eastern Shore Associates because responses are slow from the Cronk Agency when he places a call. The Clerk stated that she has been very satisfied with the response from the Cronk Agency during the past 7 years. The Mayor made a motion to change the Village's insurance broker to Eastern Shore Associates in Fulton NY, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

TRASH COLLECTION: Trustee Hinds will be researching Village Trash Collection. He feels the roads in the Village are a hazard to our children due to the number a collection trucks in the village every day of the week.

4-WAY STOP: Trustee Hinds will also be researching the possibility of making the intersections at Bridge and Clay, Bridge and Center and Bridge and West, 4-way stops.

EFC APPLICATION: The Mayor, Trustees Hinds and Kite and Mal Davis met with Terry Deuel with Environmental Facilities Corp. earlier in the week to begin the process of submitting an application that will place the Village on a list for potential consideration for grants.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: The Mayor and Trustee Hinds met with Carla with the Tughill Commission to discuss a possible grant to assist the village with replacing some playground equipment at the Village Memorial Park on North Street. The EPF grant requires an archeological survey that would cost approx \$5000. The Tughill commission stated that the grant is better for larger projects.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

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

Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 7/29/11