Village of Cleveland

Board Meeting

October 11, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Deborah Kite, John Hinds and Laureen Tackman, Spirit Committee Chair Joni Hinds, Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, Malchoff Davis, Cathy Kline, Anthony Williams, Sherry Kaderli, Lila Netzband, Joe Mazzi, Lance Vella, Elwood Engelbrekt.

ABSENT: Trustee Joseph Domachowske

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the minutes from September 20, 2011 Board Meeting, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the minutes from October 4, 2011 Work Meeting with the following corrections: 1). Name Lenore to Laureen. 2). Cost of lights for the water tower is for materials only, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

FISCAL ADVISOR REPORTS: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the monthly financial report for August 31, 2011, second by Trustee Hinds, all in favor, Motion Carried. Treasurer Sweeten and Trustee Domachowske audited the statements and found no discrepancies.

PAY BILLS: Mayor made a motion to pay bills on Abstract # 5 vouchers #197-240, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried. Bills discussed: Trustee Tackman asked where the bills were for the abstract, the Clerk brings them to every meeting, #226 Morrisville College for water operator cert, #229 Babcock Hwy Supply for culverts, #200 Reimbursement to Mayor for the purchase of a lighted sign for the Village Hall. The sign had to be paid in cash.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Mayor Youmans read monthly report: 1 Field Inspection, Unsafe buildings questioned by Trustee Hinds, Fees collected: none. Mayor put forth resolution to accept report, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motioned carried.

FIRE DEPT: Trustee Kite read a portion of the monthly report as written and filed. The Mayor made a motion to accept the Fire Chief's Monthly Report, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE UPDATE: Joni Hinds presented a report from the Spirit Committee. Two additional benches were purchased for the Gazebo, no bills yet, two solar lamps were donated and placed on the lamp posts on the deck, a solar light for the 911 flagpole will be purchased, the 911 Memorial Account can now be closed out and the money transferred to the Spirit Committee fund, the Spirit Committee received \$85.00 in donations from the garage sale day, the new online calendar is available at the village website, new residents in the Village will be greeted by Marge Thomas with a welcome basket, Light Up The Park will be held on November 26 at 6pm - tree lighting, Santa, cookies, hot cocoa and singing by the North Shore Community Chorus, house decorating contest in December, 911 Memorial quilt will be hung in the Village Hall, Jeannie Ridgeway will be recognized for her accomplishments by the spirit committee. Events for 2012 may include concerts in the park, a summer festival at Memorial Park and a fishing derby. The next meeting will be held on November 1 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

OCWA- Trustee Kite read a letter dated October 7, 2011 from Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey attempting to clarify some of the Village's concerns and stating the Town plans to establish itself as lead agency for the Bernhards Bay Ocwa water project at their next meeting. Trustee Hinds stated that the Village base rate for water is lower than OCWA's, so loosing effected customers shouldn't be an issue. Mayor Youmans said they will have a choice for usage but will be required to pay debt service to the Town. Trustee Kite reminded them that even if they do not want OCWA water they will be paying approx \$430. per year for the debt or approx \$635, depending on amount of usage, if they want OCWA water . Mr. Gilkey stated the EDU for the district has not yet

been determined. Mal Davis expressed the following concerns regarding the interconnect: How long before OCWA starts charging the Village? Will the Village be forced to have meters? The Village sewer lines run under Martin Road and serve some residents on the west side of the road. Those lines will be disrupted when OCWA lines are placed down Martin Road. Mr. Davis feels the Village can take care of itself and should fight OCWA to the fullest extent. Mayor Youmans will contact Supervisor Gilkey with a meeting date to discuss further.

VILLAGE EQUIPMENT: Mayor Youmans feels the Village backhoe is in need of many repairs. A backhoe is something that the Village absolutely needs. Trustee Hinds asked the Board to consider approving the purchase of a backhoe from NYS Contract allowing municipalities to purchase these type of items at a lower rate. He quoted \$49,873 compared to \$78,293 list price. The contract price is due to expire on 10/31/11. He feels this would be a good time to move on the purchase. How to finance the backhoe was briefly discussed, BAN's are a possibility. Trustee Hinds made a motion asking the Board to allow Superintendent Doug Riggs to order a backhoe from the State Contract not to exceed \$60,000, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

SIGNS:

- 1. The Cemetery Sign has been completed thanks to Trustees Hinds and Domachowske. The cost was approx \$139 for the painting and lettering and \$75.00 for the plywood. Wood posts or iron supports were suggested as placement posts. Trustee Hinds will consider the options. Lila Netzband suggested putting Cemetery Rules on the back of the sign.
- 2. Mayor Youmans purchased a lighted sign in the amount of \$450. to be placed at the Village Hall. Further purchases needed will include a glass for the front, letters (approx \$300), sign on top similar to the new cemetery sign, placement posts and electrical connections.

CLERK'S ITEMS:

- 1. At the request of the Dept of Labor the Clerk presented a Work Place Violence Prevention Policy to the Board for approval. Mayor Youmans put forth a motion asking for approval of the new Workplace Violence Prevention Policy, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.
- 2. The USDA recently held a Civil Rights Compliance Review with the Village and has asked the Village to place a nondiscrimination statement on all materials. Action has been taken by the Clerk to be compliant.
- 3. An update was given for the Fuel Oil Spill that occurred in Dec 2010 at a Village resident's home. The Village has so far been reimbursed \$8630.11. Once the final steps have been completed another request for reimbursement will be made for approx. \$12,280.
- 4. The Bridge Street Water Main Project report was presented to the board. The total water line replacement cost was \$28,666.24 and the drainage project was \$5417.40. The engineer's quote for this portion of the water system upgrade was \$108,000 (this quote did not include drainage).

FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT: Trustee John Hinds put forth a resolution to accept the proposal for creating a new Fire Protection District with the Town of Constantia and the Village of Cleveland as per the map presented at the October 4, 2011 work meeting at which time it was discussed at length.

Trustee Kite seconded the motion. It was unanimously passed with the vote as follows:

Youmans-Yes, Hinds-Yes, Kite-Yes, Domachowske-Absent, Tackman-Yes.

Joni Hinds said this gives the opportunity to ask for only what the Village needs instead of getting an increase just because the Town needs one, and vise versa. It will save money for taxpayers.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Tackman made a list of the street light outages and had them faxed to National Grid. She spoke with Jim at Queen Central News regarding the printing of Village Minutes. The minutes will be somewhat condensed but he will try to get as much printed as possible. Guide rails are covered by the CHIPS program. All funds have been expended this year. She spoke with Superintendent Doug Riggs. Next year using funds for guide rails could possibly be considered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mal Davis: 1). The downed trees on the property previously owned by Morse, could be a problem during the winter. Could have major blockage of flow causing a washout. This being a potential dangerous situation and being backed by the property maintenance law the village could have this corrected and charged to the owner. The Mayor would like to write a letter to the owner requesting he address the problem. 2). Mr. Davis said that during heavy rain Sewer System flows jump in excess indicating there are sump pumps pumping water into our sewer system. He feels the Board needs to take extra steps to look at those who may be at fault. Mayor Youmans feels that inspections are the only way to know. The sewer law states inspections are legal. Trustees Hinds and Tackman would like random inspections done without notice given. The Board feels it is time to fine the homeowner for their illegal actions. Trustee Hinds and Mayor Youmans will look into this. Anthony Willams: Mr. Williams is concerned with excessive vehicular speeds and the growing amount of traffic in the village. 4-way stops, children at play signs, solar powered speed sign, neighborhood watch, and speed bumps were discussed. He would like more law enforcement in the area. Vandalism was also discussed. A work meeting has been set on October 25, 2011 at 6:30 pm to discuss this situation further. The Board will invite the Sheriff's Dept, the State Troopers and a Neighborhood Watch representative from other areas to speak on these issues. Lila Netzband: She was concerned regarding the dates of the leaf pick up scheduled for Oct 17-18. Not many leaves have fallen. The Board assured her that these were suggested dates and things would be worked out. Trustee Hinds would like to thank Bill Mosher for placing our flyers with the Queen Central News.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor made motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm, seconded by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Next regular Board Meeting: Tues. November 15, 2011 6:30 pm at Village Hall. (Changed due to Election on Nov 8th)

Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 10/14/11