

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Deborah Kite, John Hinds, Laureen Tackman and Joseph Domachowske, Cathy Kline, Anthony Williams, State Trooper Andrew Reed.

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Youmans at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was called to discuss Village Safety in regards to vehicular traffic and vandalism. He welcomed State Trooper Andrew Reed and thanked him for attending.

**COMMENTS MADE REGARDING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND VANDELISM:**

*Anthony Williams:* The traffic speed is terrible on Caswell and Center Streets. The police are often called. Wife was sideswiped, not enough police presence.

*Officer Reed:* Cleveland is the furthest in the county and there just isn't enough help.

*Trustee Hinds:* The Office of Convenience doesn't mean there is more police presence in the village. Maybe it could be opened to the Sheriff's Dept also. Trooper Reed will check on this. As Troopers retire they are not being replaced. Speeding is a terrible problem. 4-way stops at Bridge Street intersections may help. Will need to amend the local law. Speed signs were discussed... not many are available in the county.

*Mayor Youmans* feels the community needs to get more involved, maybe have a neighborhood watch program. He thinks people are afraid to call in when they see something.

*Trustee Kite:* We will need to amend the laws, do a study and get input from the police so there will be options to look at.

*Trustee Tackman* stated that kids don't have enough to do in Cleveland and the economy is a big problem for families. More streetlights were discussed.

*Officer Reed:* There are no more criminal acts in the Village than anywhere else. He doesn't feel that the village needs to provide things for kids to do, it is the parent's responsibility. However part of the problem is that parents are now working multiple jobs to survive.

*Trustee Domachowske:* Boy Scouts and sports like basketball, soccer and football are available in our area for children to keep busy.

*Officer Reed* suggested getting a list of contact phone numbers out to the public. The Mayor agreed, maybe send out a flyer.

*Anthony Williams:* More speed limit signs were suggested and discussed.

*Clerk* mentioned that the portable basketball hoops that are placed on the road or in the Village right-of-way are a dangerous situation for the children that are allowed to play in the streets as well as the drivers.

*Trustee Hinds:* The placement of these hoops is insanity. Parents should not be allowing children to play in the road.

*Trustee Kite:* This is endangering the welfare of a child.

*Anthony Williams:* Feels that those who walk on the road instead of the sidewalk are just as bad. Trustee Hinds did not agree.

*Mayor Youmans:* The Board will look into new stop signs, stop ahead signs, amending the local law, and take notice of other areas to see what they are doing to correct these issues.

*Trustee Hinds* will come up with a proposal and a list of intersections that will be considered for new stop sign placement.

**CLERK'S ITEMS:**

1. Property at Division Street/Pond: As per Local Law No. 1 of 2005 a letter needs to be sent from the Code Enforcement Officer to the owner of the property to inform them of the potential hazard due to the downed trees in the pond. The Mayor will inform the Code Enforcement Officer.
2. Once a year for annual training, all employees of the Village are required to read the Village Policies regarding Sexual Harassment, Equal Employment Opportunity, Workplace Violence Prevention and Computer/Internet Use. They will then need to sign the Annual Training Log at the Village Hall once all policies have been read and understood.

3. The Mayor asked the clerk to look into the finances for the water fund. Some of the items discussed:  
The need for a 5-10 year long term plan. Possibly raising water rates a little bit every year to prepare for the future needs of the water system as suggested by USDA and other financial institutions. The Water Bond will be paid off in 2017-18 fiscal year (about 6 yrs). That will leave approx. an additional \$20,000 per year in the water budget. Capital reserve funds should be designated yearly from the water fund. In the past 1% of the yearly water budget was placed in the Capital Reserve Fund. Should we use a portion of the water funds to purchase a new backhoe? Interest earned is very low right now so using funds to purchase it outright may be more economical than a loan. She believes there is \$26,000 in the water capital reserve that could be used toward the purchase of the backhoe. As per the Health Dept, the water tank will need to be painted in the very near future. This should be included in the financial plan. The Sewer Bond will be paid off in 2012-13 fiscal year. The Sewer Bond is \$60,000 per year. Sewer moneys can be used only for sewer expenses. So the Water Fund needs to stop funding portions of the Sewer Fund as well as the General Fund, as it has in the past. It needs to reserve its funds for future repairs and upgrades. Also she believes they should think about paying off the wastewater tank-painting loan after the Sewer Bond is paid for. (Balance is approx \$78,000, 6yrs). This will help the Sewer Fund stand on its own. You may also want to think about setting up a reserve fund for grinder repair/replacement. The Board needs to review and study the financial reports, research the needs of the Village's Water System and do their homework to prepare for the future of Cleveland.
4. If anyone in the Village would still like their leaves picked up they should call the Village Hall at 675-8611 or Superintendent Doug Riggs at 657-4771 to request a pick-up.

**BACKHOE:** The state contract price for a backhoe increased since the last quote was received. The base price increased from \$49,000 to \$55,000. At the previous Board meeting a maximum of \$60,000 was voted on. The total price exceeds that at \$67,880. However, a trade-in of \$15,000 for the Village backhoe was offered leaving the final cost at \$52,880. This price will expire on Oct 31, 2011. The cost could possibly go up even more. Trustee Kite feels this is something that is needed. Mayor Youmans asked that a sixty-day delay of payment be negotiated for processing time.

Mayor Youmans put for a motion to approve the purchase of a backhoe from the state contract in the amount of \$52,880 (includes trade in amount of \$15,000) and if possible, negotiate a sixty-day delay of payment. The payment will be made by check from the following funds: \$12,000 from General Fund, \$30,000 from Water Fund and \$11,000 from Sewer Fund, second by Trustee Hinds, all in favor.

**FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT:** The fire protection contract amount with the Town of Constantia will be the same as last year. Items such as workers comp still need to be worked out regarding a Common Fire Protection District.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Mayor made motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm, seconded by Trustee Hinds, all in favor.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

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

Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 10/31/11