

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees John Hinds, Laureen Tackman and Debbie Kite, Fire Chief Carl Avery, Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, Joni Hinds, Elwood Engelbrekt, Clyde Lewis, Tom Mirizio, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission.

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 November 15, 2011 Board Meeting, second by Trustee Hinds, Trustee Tackman abstained, all others in favor, motion carried. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the minutes from December 13, 2011 Board Meeting, second by Trustee Hinds, Trustee Kite abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.

FISCAL ADVISOR REPORTS: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the monthly financial report for October 31, 2011 and November 30, 2011, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO BILLS: Mayor made motion to pay the additions to Abstract # 7 voucher # 340, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS: Mayor made a motion to pay bills on Abstract # 8 vouchers #341-377, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried. Bills discussed: Har-Rob Fire Appar – fire truck accident.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Mayor made a motion regarding the purchase of the Backhoe to approve a budget amendment to increase the general budget by moving \$11,500 from A911 to A5110.2 and the water budget by moving \$28,000 from FX911 to FX8340.2 and the sewer budget by moving \$9,800 from G911 to G8130.2, second by Trustee Hinds, all in favor.

PAUL BAXTER-TUG HILL COMMISSION: “I Love NY” and Winter Activities in New York Brochures were given to Board members. Applications were handed out to attend the Local Government Conference on March 29th in Watertown. Also Paul presented the Board with a report on Property Taxes showing trends over time. The North Shore Council of Government plan to meet sometime in February.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Mayor read monthly report as written and filed. Motion to accept the report by the Mayor, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

FIRE DEPT: 1. Fire Chief Carl Avery read monthly report as written and filed.

2. The Mayor put forth a resolution to accept the 2012 Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Vienna and the Village of Cleveland. In consideration of the Village providing fire protection services as stated in the contract, the Village shall receive from the Town \$78,810.00 on or before March 1, 2012. This amount includes a 1% raise from last year, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

3. The 73 Ward Fire Truck has a rusty frame and may not be repairable. Being a historical vehicle, Trustee Hinds and Chief Avery feel it would be a shame to scrap.

4. Through the Fire Dept. Trustee Hinds has been working on the ISO Survey with Chief Avery. This Insurance Service Offices Survey helps determine the insurance rates on property within the Village. The survey is very time consuming, has included information regarding our water system from Operator Doug Riggs and is about 99% complete.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE UPDATE: No update given

TJ'S PROPERTY WATER BILL: A few weeks ago Mr. Tom Mirizio asked for information on how the water and sewer bonds were originally set up to determine debt recovery. With several businesses on his property Mr. Mirizio feels only one debt service should be charged with the multiple units of water and sewer assessed to each

of his businesses rather than what is dictated by Local Law. As in the past, he would like a reduction on his water and sewer bill. Trustee Hinds, in an effort to make the Village a more business friendly community, has been trying to find a way to reduce Mr. Mirizio's cost for water and sewer in a manner that would be fair to all. He feels that without meters it is hard to determine what is fair, but feels Mr. Mirizio is being charged too much. Attracting new business in the Village will mean making it a more business friendly place, per Chief Avery. The Mayor wants to revamp the water and sewer law to allow the Board to make these changes to his bill. The Mayor agrees with Mr. Mirizio, stating he should be billed for one business on his property, even though it goes against Village Law; but told him he can't do anything right now. Trustee Hinds feels an adjustment could be made to his water bill according to the water law, but the sewer law being more definitive leaves less wiggle room. Trustee Tackman thinks usage should be monitored. Meters are the best way to go to determine usage. Mr. Mirizio would like his bill cut in half. Joni Hinds suggested having a work session on this topic as soon as possible. The Board agreed to meet on Thursday January 19, 2012 at 6:30pm to discuss this issue further. The Mayor will be out of town for more than a month and will not be able to attend this meeting.

STOP SIGNS: Trustee Hinds did some research and found that stop signs do not help control the flow or speed of traffic, however, residents would like cars to slow down. So in an effort to do something, Trustee Hinds suggested to amend the Local Traffic Law by making the intersections at Center /Bridge, Clay/Bridge West/Bridge and Center/Caswell 4-way stops. He will have the paperwork prepared by the Attorney and set up a public hearing for residents to voice their opinion sometime in March.

TRASH COLLECTION: More discussions and specifics are needed before a vote is presented to the public regarding Village trash collection. The Board will wait until March to discuss further.

CONTRACT FOR COPIER: Trustee Hinds made a motion to accept the contract/maintenance agreement for the period of one year in the amount of \$700. with 5 Star Business Machines to furnish maintenance service to the 7022 Konica Copier located at the Village Hall including everything except paper and staples, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

CLERK'S ITEMS:

The Clerk asked if the Board had addressed the September letter from Joe Carr requesting an inspection of his property on Division Street regarding reducing water and sewer charges as one apartment is no longer livable and will not be rented out. They plan to demolish the building. The Mayor spoke with Mr. Carr and asked that he inform the Board of his plans for the building so the Board can make an informed decision.

BEAVER PROBLEM: The Mayor thanked Mr. Gilkey for helping with the beaver problem at Mr. Lockerby's property.

VILLAGE SIGN: The sign at the Village Hall is now functional. It needed a covering and was completed today. The power will be completed in the spring. Trustee Hinds offered to run the power as soon as possible to the sign and flagpole, as a gift to the Mayor. The Mayor would like any non-profit organization in the Village to unitize the sign as needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING: Trustee Kite will preside over the February Board meeting as Mayor Youmans and Deputy Mayor Hinds will be out of town.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Work Meeting: Tues Jan 19, 2012 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

Next regular Board Meeting: Tues Feb 14, 2012 6:30 pm at Village Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Youmans made motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm, seconded by Trustee Hinds, all in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 1/13/2012