

PRESENT: Mayor Youmans, Trustees Debbie Kite, John Hinds, Laureen Tackman and Joseph Domachowske, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, David Hinds, Elwood Engelbrekt, Malchoff Davis, Keziah Jones

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

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAW: The new Property Maintenance Law draft was given to the Board for review prior to the Public Hearing on Tuesday May 8th at 6:30.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Mayor read a letter received from Cleveland Fire Company President Joseph Pawlikowski asking for clarification in writing as to the reason the decision was made to not approve Fire Chief Carl Avery as Fire Chief for 2012/13. He also stated that the Fire Company would be contacting their attorney to determine the correct course of action for re-election. Trustee Kite read from a letter she wrote (*attached) regarding this situation that she feels clarifies why Fire Chief Carl Avery should be removed. A statement (*attached) from Trustee Hinds was also read. He feels that lack of leadership sums it up and reminded the Board that they are responsible for the Village including the Fire Dept, advising the Board to remove Mr. Avery as of May 1, 2012. Mayor Youmans became upset and said, "this is no big deal". The minutes from April 17 not approving the Line Officers clarify Mr. Pawlikowski's request. A motion to provide the minutes to Mr. Pawlikowski from April 17 was presented, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor. Mayor Youmans said he attended the Fire Company meeting, a new election is planned, although no date has been given and Carl Avery will be Chief until the re-election. Mal Davis feels the letter that Trustee Kite read documents the reason for not wanting to approve the Fire Chief.

Trustee Hinds put forth a resolution asking for Board approval to remove Fire Chief Carl Avery as Cleveland Fire Chief effective May 1, 2012, second by Trustee Kite, vote as follows: Youmans-NO, Domachowske-YES, Kite-YES, Tackman-YES, Hinds-YES. The resolution was there-upon declared to be passed. The Village Attorney will be contacted to advise and prepare a letter to be sent to the Fire Company.

BUDGET REVIEW: The Mayor asked each Trustee to present their thoughts regarding the 2012-13 Budget.:

- Trustees Kite and Hinds stated that with the overall assessment down almost one million from last year they will be about \$4900 short from last year's amount raised by taxes. They suggested reducing spending by asking the Board members to reduce their wages by 50% saving the Village \$3000. This was not well received by the other 3 members of the Board. The Mayor feels that if the Board gives up wages then they should ask the employees to give up theirs too. Trustee Hinds also suggested reducing adult recreation and Historical Society contracts by 50%. He also presented a way to save \$5000 between the Code Enforcement Officer and the DPW salaries by reducing Zack Avery's DPW hours to 30 per week, allowing him to have more time for Code Enforcement, which is something that the Mayor stated was a problem for Zack. Also bumping the tax rate from 5.00 per thousand to 5.05 per thousand would bring in about \$1400.
- Trustee Tackman would like to see the employees pay for a portion of their fringe benefits. She suggested that Rod take over some or all of the weekend work for water and sewer and possibly all of the snow plowing to save on overtime. Staggering days worked for the DPW would eliminate overtime on Fridays. She asked if there might be a less expensive way to purchase gas rather than where they purchase it now. Reductions for buildings, central garage and maintenance of streets were suggested.
- Trustee Domachowske and Mayor presented their thoughts together also. After some discussion regarding General Fund spending reductions it was decided that A1640.4 would be reduced by \$1000, A1620.4 by \$800, A5110.2 by \$2000, A5110.4 by \$2000, A8560.4 by \$2000. This would balance the General Budget. By making these spending cuts the tax rate would not be raised. However, the Village will be operating on less due to the property assessment reductions. There will be no employee raises other than Rod Batte who will receive a \$1.00 per hour raise upon receipt of his water operator license at which time he will assume the duties of an assistant water operator.

- Tree work will not be hired out, the Mayor would like to work with Constantia as in the past.
- Trustee Tackman would like the dog control officer to bill the Village quarterly.
- Trustee Hinds and Kite once again asked the Board to reconsider reducing the Board's pay by 50% for the community. The Mayor did not agree and responded by saying the employees should be asked to contribute to retirement and health insurance instead. These benefits are continuing to increase each year, they are a big cost to the Village. Trustee Hinds responded by saying he would even consider working this next year for no pay, he would like to see his idea for Zack be considered and feels the Board needs to look at different ways to do things next year. The Mayor gave Trustee Hinds permission to talk to DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs and Zack Avery regarding the possible future reduction of Zack's DPW hours.
- Trustee Tackman finds it hard to approve these benefits for the employees of the Village because she does not get retirement where she works. She uses her wages from the Village to help pay for her taxes.
- Trustee Tackman and Kite stated that Code Enforcement Officer Zack Avery expressed his desire to leave the Code position at a recent meeting. Mayor Youmans also talked to him and said he is willing to stay.
- The Water budget was balanced by adding \$854 as revenue from new services.
- The Sewer Budget was balanced by adding \$1240 as expenditure in the contingency fund.

BUDGET CHANGES: Mayor Youmans put forth a motion asking the Board to accept the changes to the 2012-13 preliminary budget as discussed; to be presented at the public hearing on May 8, 2012, second by Trustee Domachowske, vote as follows: Youman-Yes, Domakowske-Yes, Tackman-Yes, Kite-No, Hinds-No. The motion was passed.

WATER SURVEY: Mal Davis asked the Board if they knew anything regarding the Bernhard's Bay Water Survey that has recently been sent to residents included in the district. He was concerned that Mr. Gilkey stated at a previous Village Board meeting that a survey had already been sent at some prior time justifying the reason why certain residents could not be excluded from the district. The Board was not aware of this survey.

ELECTION INSPECTORS: Due to miss information given to the Clerk the Mayor put forth a resolution to rescind the resolution passed on April 10, 2012 whereas election inspectors were appointed and, to appoint Donna Wolf and Doris Mazi as election inspectors for the June 19, 2012 Village General Election. Each Inspector will be paid \$80.00 for poll coverage from 12-9 pm arriving no later than 11:30 am and to perform all duties and undertakings in relation thereto as prescribed by the Village Law and Election Law, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Board Meeting/Public Hearing (Budget, Local Law 3): Tues May 8, 2012 6:30 pm at Village Hall

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Youmans made motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Hinds, all in favor.

Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk-Treasurer 5/1/2012

*Attachments may be reviewed at the Village Hall.