Village of Cleveland **Board Meeting** **May 8, 2012**

PRESENT: Mayor Youmans, Trustees Debbie Kite, Joseph Domachowske and John Hinds, Fire Chief Carl Avery, Code Enforcement Officer Zack Avery, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, Cathy Kline, Anthony Williams Sr. and Jr, Sherry Kaderli, Joni Hinds, David Claven, Elwood Engelbrekt, Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission, Stephanie and William Hamacher, Joe Pawlikowski, Matthew Martin.

ABSENT: Trustee Laureen Tackman

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

OPEN 1ST PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Youmans opened the first public hearing in regards to the 2012/2013 proposed Village Budget.

Board and Public Comments:
- Mayor Youmans stated they held costs down and there will be no tax increase. The budget is pretty much the same as last year. However, property assessments are down by one million; that will bring in about 5,000 less than last year for Village operation in the general fund. The increase costs in the budget was about $4,000 which meant $9,000 had to be cut. There were no raises given to Village Employees for the third year in a row. The Code Enforcement Officer, paid on a contractual basis will receive a $2,000 a year raise. The sewer bond will be paid off this year.
- Trustee Hinds said over all it's a tough issue. He doesn't agree with cuts made to the fund for the removal of trees and feels money will need to be used anyway before the end of the year. He was in favor a small increase in taxes.
- Trustee Kite agrees with Trustee Hinds who both at the time of budget planning put forth a plan to save approx. 3,000 by reducing the Village Board's wages by 50%. The others were not in favor.
- Trustee Domachowske briefly discussed the water and sewer budgets. There were a few cuts made but over all very little change. There are no rate changes for water or sewer this year.
- There were no comments made from the public.

CLOSE 1ST PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Youmans made a motion to close the 1st public hearing, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

OPEN 2ND PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Youmans opened the 2nd public hearing regarding proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2012, a local law regarding property maintenance and outdoor storage on private property in the Village of Cleveland.

Board and Public Comments:
- Mayor Youmans stated that clutter around some houses in the Village is an ongoing problem, a situation that needs to be corrected.
- David Claven suggested the Village clean up their own property. The Mayor said he would look into to it. He then asked how the Board plans to enforce this law.
- Trustee Domachowske said the homeowner would receive a notice to come before the Board to express their thoughts. If after another notice is sent the homeowner takes no action, the Board will have the authority to clean the property and charge it to the homeowner.
- Mayor Youmans said the Code Enforcement Officer determines if a violation notice is given. The objective is just to get people to clean up their yards.
- David Hinds asked if the Town has a similar law. The Mayor said he believes they do.
- The Code Enforcement Officer stated that Village Law is a little stricter than State Law is.

CLOSE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor made motion to close the 2nd Public Hearing, second by Trustee Hinds, all

in favor, motion carried.

OPEN REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Mayor made a motion to open the regular Board Meeting, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

ADOPT 2012/2013 VILLAGE BUDGET: Mayor Youmans made a motion to adopt the proposed 2012/2013 Village Budget as written and presented at the public hearing, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

ADOPT LOCAL LAW: Mayor Youmans made a motion to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2012, a local law regarding property maintenance and outdoor storage on private property in the Village of Cleveland, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the minutes from Apr 10, 2012 Board Meeting, second by Trustee Kite, Trustee Domachowske abstained, all others in favor. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the minutes from Apr. 17 and Apr. 23, 2012 Work Meetings, second by Trustee Domachowke, all in favor, motion carried.

FISCAL ADVISOR REPORTS: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the monthly financial report for March 31, 2012, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Youmans made a motion to pay bills on Abstract # 12 vouchers #505-544, second by Trustee Hinds, all in favor, motion carried. Bills discussed: Fire truck payment, dog officer: payment, leash law, and court fees were discussed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Zack Avery read monthly report from April 2012: 1 alteration (roof/windows), 1 renewal permit, 2 field inspections, 1 unsafe building, 1 stop work order, $125 collected. He briefly discussed the problem with the new violation letter stating that there is no direction given in the new law to hold a hearing. The Board will also need to determine when they will hold hearings to meet with property owners given violation notices. Zack has a violation letter ready to send for the property at 134 Center Street as soon as these dates are determined. Mayor made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement's April Report, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

FIRE DEPT: Fire Chief Carl Avery read the Fire Dept monthly report as written and presented to the Board. He introduced Anthony S. Williams Sr. as the new President of the Cleveland Fire Company. The Mayor talked about the fire this past weekend in the Village at United Wire Technologies who is the largest supplier of guitar strings. He complimented the Fire Dept and all that participated. There were no other buildings effected by the fire and there were no injuries. Chief Avery said there were 22 fire companies within three counties assisting with the fire. It was a great team effort. The Village Water System along with other sources provided 6000 or more gallon of water per minute but it was a downhill fight with a fire of that magnitude. He feels that sprinkler systems should be mandatory for businesses within the Village. State Code does mandate this for new commercial structures per Code Officer Zack Avery . It was said that the owner plans to rebuild his business in the Village. Sherry Kaderli stated that Paul Brown's basement was flooded and his furnace was ruined due to the water used during the fire. The Fire Chief is aware of the situation.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE: Joni Hinds gave an update for the Spirit Committee. A new heron was purchased for the gazebo. Earth Day Clean-up day went well; 26 participants, not too much trash. New blue ribbons were placed on poles along Rte 49 in honor of our National Blue Ribbon School. Joni asked members of the committee to attend School Board meetings to show support for Cleveland Elementary School. She asked the Village Board for their support for the planned event on July 28th from 5pm –8 pm. It will include a cruise-in/walk-in concert on the lawn at Memorial Park on North Street. The concert will be an Elvis Tribute. Due to Tyler's Automotive and Vella's North Shore Market offering to sponsor the event there will be no cost to the Spirit Committee. The event is free

and open to the public. Mayor Youmans put forth a motion to support this event, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor. Another concert at Lakeview Park at the gazebo is planned for later in the summer/early fall. David Seeburger has once again donated his services to spray the gazebo for bees, wasps and spiders, a $75.00 value. The next meeting is planned for Aug 7 at 7:00 pm.

PHONE NUMBERS: The Board would like important Village phone numbers such as dog control, fire dept and the Village Office to be made available to the public. It was suggested that these numbers be sent to residents by mail.

CLERK/TREASURER: 1. Local Law #2 of 2012 regarding new stop signs has been filed with the State. Trustee Hinds will check with DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs regarding the stop signs.
2. The invoice for membership in the North Shore Council of Governments received from Paul Baxter in the amount of $1100. was discussed. This membership fee was not planned in the new budget. The Board questioned what benefits are received. The invoice states that it includes membership and municipal web site hosting for calendar year 2011. The Board will ask Paul Baxter for more information regarding this fee.
3. The Village has received only one application for Director of the Parks & Rec program so far.

VILLAGE HALL: 1.) Trustee Hinds put forth a motion asking for approval to hire David Seeburger, Bug Man Pest Control, to spray for bugs at the Village Hall in the amount of $162, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried. Trustee Hinds will coordinate with Clerk. 2) Trustee Hinds recommends that an estimate for a smoke detector system that calls off premise be looked into for the protection of the Village. Chief Avery stated that sprinkler systems are the best. Maybe look into a grant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Elwood Engelbrekt asked if the Superintendent submitted a monthly report? Trustee Kite said she would discuss this with the Superintendent this week.
Trustee Kite stated the Board members received an anonymous letter that she refused to address unless who ever wrote it wants to sign their name to it. Trustees Hinds and Domachowske feel the same way. Mayor Youmans said it's good to know who wrote the letter.
David Hinds told the Board that the beavers have a dam started. There could be a problem at the pond.
Stephanie Hamacher asked if the goal for Cleveland is to have a park or not. She said she is trying to raise children and it would be nice to have a park for her children to play in. She wondered if the swings would be put back up. Mayor Youmans will check with the insurance again pertaining to the specifications necessary for placing the proper material under the swings for the safety of the children. Safety is important. Joni Hinds said the cost to replace the current playground equipment is too much for the Spirit Committee to raise.

IMPORTANT DATES:
Board Meeting: Tues June 12, 2012 6:30 pm at Village Hall
Village General Election: Tues June 19, 2012 12:00 –9:00 pm at Village hall

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Youmans made motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten/Clerk Treasurer 5/14/2012