

PRESENT: Mayor Youmans, Trustees Lauren Tackman, Joseph Domachowske, John Hinds and William Hamacher, Fire Chief Carl Avery, Clyde Lewis, Cathy Kline, Anthony Williams Sr, Sherry Kaderli, Joni Hinds, Elwood Engelbrekt, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission, Mal Davis, Scott Mazi, Irv Loock, Ethel Hayes, Doris Mazi, Fred Friedel, Stephanie Hamacher, Jerry Erler, Bonnie McCollough

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

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK: Mayor Youmans made a motion to appoint Julie Simpson to a two year term as clerk/treasurer, second by Trustee Domachowske. Trustees Tackman and Hamacher yes, Trustee Hinds no. Motion carried.

BOARD: Mayor Youmans and Trustee Domachowske were sworn in as well to a two-year term. Trustee Hamacher as well as the rest of the trustees were welcomed to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the minutes from June 12, 2012 Board Meeting, second by Trustee Tackman. Trustee Domachowske abstained, Trustee Hamacher did not vote as he was not on the board prior. All in favor, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Zack Avery provided a report to the board but was unable to attend. Permits: 4, Field Inspections – 1, Unsafe Buildings - 1, Certificate of Compliance - 1, total fees collected: \$258.00. Zack feels he doesn't have time to be the codes officer any longer. The Mayor opened up the position to anyone who is interested. Training is provided. The position has paid \$5000.00 per year after training. Zack stated he would stay on until a replacement was found.

LAND USE LAW: Trustee Hinds requested we investigate the land use law and clean up some properties that are looking shabby. 134 Center Street was questioned in relation to an accusatory being filed to clean it up. They Mayor said a work session would be needed to discuss what could be done about lawns needing to be mowed and the bill for it put on their taxes. Bridge Street has been looking great and now there is a home on the corner of Center and Bridge that is empty and needs attention. The Mayor suggested a review of property and a letter be sent to homeowners to clean up their property.

FIRE DEPT: Fire Chief Carl Avery read the Fire Dept. monthly report as written and presented to the Board. Discussion followed about boat rescues for calls of boats that are out of gas. If the boat is in Brewerton, we would not go, as West Monroe or Brewerton are closer. Chief Avery responded by saying that they don't always know that it's an out of gas call, but if a boat is in the channel, it is a hazard and needs to be cleared. A policy is being developed with the County to determine the level of response required. This is a challenge as there are almost as many boat calls as EMS calls. A lot of effort goes into out of gas calls. Ideal is a tow service for boats, not utilizing the fire dept.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE: 1. Joni Hinds gave an update for the Spirit Committee. July 28th is the first free concert and cruise-in. The board gave permission for the Cleveland Fire Dept. to sell refreshments. The fire company has submitted a certificate of liability. A reservation application has been submitted and it was requested that the Village Board waive the deposit fee. The board agreed to waive the deposit fee. The cost of this event is \$300.00 which will be reimbursed by the concert sponsors: Tyler's Automotive and Vella's Northshore Market. Cleveland Elementary will be used in the event of rain.

2. August 23rd is the next free concert being held at the 9/11 Memorial Gazebo. The cost of this is \$150.00 which will be paid by the Spirit Committee budget. The committee asked for permission to sell refreshments. The Mayor made a motion to allow the sale of refreshments, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

LANCE VELLA: Owns a property at 51 Bridge Street which is in terrible shape. He wishes to take it down. It needs to be condemned. Mayor Youmans made a motion to condemn 51 Bridge Street, second Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Youmans asked for any comments. Village resident Ethel Hayes commented that her neighbors' house at 134 Center Street said the walls are pulling away from its foundation, has broken windows, standing water

breeding mosquitoes. There was a person mowing the lawn who was told to “button it up” by the owner and was “buying time” by just doing minimal upkeep. Ms. Hayes states it at one time had a condemned sign. The Mayor stated he would look into the status of the home.

PAUL BAXTER: Upcoming Property Maintenance Workshop at SUNY IT on Thursday, July 26th at 6:30pm Admission is \$15.00. Pre-registration is required.

MAL DAVIS: Mr. Davis commented if a property needs to be condemned, it is up to the board to handle it. Mr. Davis also questioned whether appointments of attorneys and such were going to be done at this meeting. The Mayor replied no, and Mr. Davis stated that these appointments needed to be done at a public meeting. Fred Friedel of the Cleveland Fire Dept. questioned what review policy of fuel at the Fire Dept. The Mayor stated it is Fire Chief’s responsibility to keep track of these costs. Trustee Tackman stated the Board was going to be reviewing more of the bills in all the departments. Chief Avery stated that the fuel costs were high due to training in other towns. Mr. Friedel suggested better gas review policy, fire personnel utilizing their own vehicles for training and reimburse mileage after training has been completed, as personal vehicles get better mileage than a fire truck. The Mayor stated the Board would possibly look to Mr. Friedel to help with these procedures. Debbie Kite asked the fire chief about an incident at the Constantia parade when a fire truck left the parade to go on a call with lights and sirens. The incident is under review. The Mayor stated that 2 of the best fireman we have were in the truck when it happened and a poor choice may have been made, but it was never life-threatening. The Mayor stated a piece of equipment should never be in a parade when it is on call. These are volunteers who are doing their job.

Stephanie Hamacher asked about the spider spray at the village hall. Trustee Hinds stated the building must be power washed before the spray can be done. She also inquired about the village truck being out on the Friday and Saturday and the Mayor stated that by NY State law the water and sewer system must be checked daily and that this is why the truck is out. The Mayor appreciated Mrs. Hamacher’s concern.

Mr. Mazi inquired as to the cost to train a new code enforcement officer. The Mayor stated the previous code enforcement officer was paid approximately \$8600.00 per year for up to 10 hours a week and it didn’t work out. Zack was the only person willing to take the position. It may have cost \$1000 to train him, but after Zack was trained, his salary increased, but was still a savings compared to the previous codes officer. We require by law, a code enforcement officer. The Mayor stated he thinks Zack has done a great job for the village. It is a difficult and time consuming job. Trustee Tackman suggested a fee schedule for permits be mailed to village residents.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICER ELECTION: This has been an on-going issue that has done harm to the village. The Mayor stated he has been on the Board for 6 years and for the first 5 years he never heard a complaint about the Fire Department even though there probably were issues, they were not made public. He believes Chief Avery has done a good job, mistakes have been made, but he believes it is very disruptive to not allow duly elected officers to remain. The chief has had 2 big fires and no one has been hurt. The Mayor has been satisfied with the Chief. Chief Avery stated the dept. needs to be more proactive and there are some irregularities according to the fire departments attorney. Changes are being instituted to be more proactive and Trustee Tackman stated we have issues related to the fire department and safety and moving forward we need to be fair to everyone. The Mayor stated everyone needs to put safety first and foremost.

The village cannot afford to have major issues, such as workers compensation due to past incidents.

The Mayor made a motion to accept the Election of:

Chief – Carl Avery

Deputy Chief – Paul Cote

Asst. Chief – Robert Glahn

2nd Asst. Chief – Zack Avery

Captain – Jami Cox

Lieutenant - Joe Pawlikowski

Safety Officer – Rodney Welton

Chief Engineer – Anthony Williams Sr.

Second by Trustee Hamacher, Trustee Domachowske yes, Trustee Tackman yes, Trustee Hinds no. Trustee Hinds requested his no vote be recorded.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Organziational Board Meeting: Tues July 24, 2012 6:30 pm at Village Hall

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Youmans made motion to adjourn at 7:47pm, seconded by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by Julie Simpson, Clerk /Treasurer 7/17/2012