

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Lauren Tackman, Joseph Domachowske, John Hinds and William Hamacher, Joni Hinds, Jack Taskey, Debbie Kite, Paul Brown, Clyde Lewis, Stephanie Hamacher, Charlene Weed, Jerry Erler, Bonnie McCollough, Cathy Kline, Joni Hinds, Elwood Engelbrekt, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission, Allan and Amy LaClair, Irv Loock, Paul Cote, Jack and Andy Cottet, Dawn Morse, Sherry Kaderli, Absent: Mayor Youmans

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Deputy Mayor Tackman at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Mal Davis.

134 CENTER STREET: Allan and Amy LaClair were present to respond the village's letter regarding their property and the violations cited by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer, William Hamacher stated it was on the top of the list from violations cited in 2008 and it was a danger to the general public and unfit for living. Mr. LaClair stated he was using it as storage. He stated he has it for sale on Craigslist. He also stated the property did have power currently in the house and the sump pump was working. Trustee Domachowske stated a letter was sent in 2008 regarding the violations and the Village received a letter from Mr. LaClair's attorney stating they were requesting 6 months to get the property in shape. Some work was done, putting in new windows and such. Trustee Domachowske stated that after that, no further work was done and it is in serious disrepair and unsafe. Mr. LaClair inquired was the village taking possession of the property now and condemning it. Trustee Domachowske stated the Village was not taking possession but they were taking steps to condemn the property. Trustee Domachowske thanked the LaClairs for appearing and stated he would get back to them with a decision. Residents inquired whether you can legally turn your property into storage. Trustee Domachowske stated again, that the building is unsafe and something needs to be done. Comments were also made regarding properties purchased at auction needing work, and that a time frame should be established in which any necessary repairs are made.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joni Hinds wished to thank Doug and the DPW crew for the work on the cemetery. A group of people who were there for a presentation on Asa Jennings complimented the village on the care of the public property.

COMMITTEE TO HONOR MAL DAVIS: Jack Cottet proposed in honor of Mal Davis and his 50 years of service to the village, that a committee be formed to properly honor him. Debbie Kite suggested the village hall be named for him. The committee, consisting of Jack Cottet, Lauren Tackman, Debbie Kite, Charlene Weed and will meet at a later date.

WATER LEAK: Resident Irv Loock wanted to bring to the attention of the Board a water leak. He would like the contractor, LaFleur Constructors to come back and fix the problem before the warranty is up and possibly do a pressure test to find the source of the leak.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ALARM REPORT: Deputy Fire Chief Paul Cote read the monthly alarm report. He also stated that Chief Avery with work the Village Clerk regarding the two vehicles that need to be put out for bid.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: The Codes report was submitted and read. The home that was to be built by the Manganos has been cancelled. The board discussed the fee schedule for the permits for new buildings and what was to be done with the purchased grinder pump.

PROPERTY VIOLATION HEARINGS: Trustee Domachowske spoke about the upcoming hearings involving property owners who received notices of violations. Sixty-five properties have been identified for violations, roughly twenty one percent of the homes in the village. If residents cannot do the maintenance themselves, a contractor will be hired at the cost of the homeowner and if it's not paid, the bill will be applied to their taxes. All residents are welcome to attend the hearings. Some of the violations go back to 2008.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE: Joni Hinds that the garage sale went very well. The committee is meeting to discuss upcoming events. She also wished to thank the 9/11 committee, Debbie Kite, Sherry Kaderli and Helen Bolen for their work and Jack Cottet for being the guest speaker.

FISCAL ADVISORS REPORT: Trustee Domachowske stated there was one change to the report. Deputy Mayor Tackman made a motion to accept the report, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES: Deputy Mayor Tackman made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 14th, 2012 meeting, second by Trustee Hamacher, all in favor, motion carried.

DEC VIOLATION: The DEC violations and the fines that were assessed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant were discussed. Trustee Hinds explained the new chemicals the procedures for handling them. Our current chemical supplier informed us that the tanks we had been using were not registered. Doug in turn, contacted the DEC who informed us that the Village never paid the permit fees associated with the tank registration. Mayor Youmans contacted attorney Bill Buchan to represent the village at a conference with the DEC. The board would like to thank Mr. Buchan for his expertise. We now have a new process for chemical handling as well closing the bulk tank storage program. A motion by Trustee Hinds to adopt the settlement by resolution:
A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the settlement agreement with the DEC as negotiated on our behalf by Bill Buchan of Buchan & Sutter, and further to authorize the Village Clerk to pay the registration fees and settlement agreement charges as outlined in the September 14th letter on file.
The motion was seconded by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried. The Board felt this could have been much worse, and were pleased with the final outcome. Joni Hinds requested Doug tell the Fire Department about the new chemical.

PAY BILLS: Discussion followed about Abstract #4 and some of the associated charges. Trustee Tackman gave the Fire Department and the DPW a new gas log to track the gas expenditures for both. Trustee Hinds explained the fire departments budget. Deputy Mayor Tackman shared some information regarding the laws governing the fire department. They are in part:

- (1) *In a village where there is no board of fire commissioners, the board of trustees shall have the powers and perform the duties of such board which are prescribed in this section.*
- (2) *General powers of the board of fire commissioners. The board of fire commissioners of a village, subject to the approval of the board of trustees*
 - A. *Has the care, custody and control of all village property of the fire department.*
 - B. *May appoint persons other than members or officers of the department to take charge of village property, and may fix their compensation.*
- (3) *Rules and regulations. The board of fire commissioners may adopt rules and regulartions for the following purposes:*
 - A. *To protect and preserve the village property and apparatus of the fire department.*

Trustee Hinds made a motion to accept Abstract #4, Vouchers 146-198, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor, motion carried.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: More discussion regarding the fire trucks to be surplus. Deputy Mayor Tackman made a motion to declare the 1999 Ford Explorer (#471) and 1973 American LaFrance TelaSquirt (#411) Surplus Equipment and put up for bid, second by Trustee Domachowske, Trustee Hamacher yes, Trustee Hinds abstain. Motion carried.

WATER PROJECT: Trustee Hinds discussed working with Constantia Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, Doug Riggs and Barton and Loguidice on the water project. The application has been send for consideration for funding.

LIGHTING AND SIGN: Trustee Hinds asked what residents thought of the new sign at the cemetery? Comment was made the date needs to be put on the sign. Trustee Hinds asked the boards permission to commission the completion of the sign at a cost of about \$100.00. Trustee Hinds made a motion to commission the sign, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Hinds also stated that the flag pole will be illuminated soon and that we need to better illuminate our Village Hall parking lot. He will work with Doug on this. Stephanie Hamacher asked if it was possible to get motion lights at Memorial Park to keep vandalism down.

IMPORTANT DATES: Next meeting is Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:30pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Deputy Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Hamacher, all in favor, motion carried.