

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Laureen Tackman, Joseph Domachowske, and William Hamacher, Joni Hinds, Jack Taskey, Jackie Taskey, Paul Brown, Clyde Lewis, Cathy Kline, Scott Mazi, Joni Hinds, Anne Hinds, Elwood Engelbrekt, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission, Irv Looock, Fire Chief Carl Avery, Jack and Andy Cottet, Dawn Morse, Absent: Trustee Hinds

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Youmans thanked the Taskeys for their excellent clean-up efforts on their property. They are leading the way for other residents. A round of applause for their efforts followed.

WATER LEAK: Resident Irv Looock addressed the water leak issue. He stated he received a letter from the village, but believes there is a difference of opinion as to where the leak is. He consulted with Carl West and they believe the leak is in the main line. They also suggested that Mr. LaFleur do a pressure test as the guarantee is still in effect. Mayor Youmans read a letter sent to DPW Superintendent Riggs asking for a report on the situation, and he has not yet received the report from Mr. Riggs. Mr. Looock stated that Joe Vella, his neighbor, also has a leak. Mr. Looock suggested shutting off his water while he is away to determine whether his property will dry out, or if there is still a leak. Mayor Youmans stated he will ask Mr. LaFleur to come and do the pressure test. Notice will be given to residents prior to the pressure test.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ALARM REPORT: Fire Chief Carl Avery read the monthly alarm report. He also stated that he would be working on the surplus of 411 and 471 with the Village Clerk. He also discussed the recent purchase of a new thermal-imaging camera and 3 new sets of turnout gear. Chief Avery also stated he had Deputy Chief Cote prepare this month's report as part of training. Mayor Youmans asked about dirt that has been piled at the Fire Department and asked that it be leveled off and cleaned up as we are asked all village residents to keep their properties neat. Mayor Youmans also inquired about the Fire Department's budget, which has a requested 1% increase. Mayor Youmans stated he is opposed to raising taxes to fund the increase and inquired about the Fire Departments reserve fund. He stated that as we look ahead, we owe it to the taxpayers to be fiscally responsible.

GAS LOG: Trustee Tackman presented the new gas log sheet to be used by the Fire Department and the DPW moving forward to better track fuel purchases and use. Chief Avery stated the department currently has four gas cards and all are necessary. He also stated that the majority of the fuel is purchased at Vellas. So research has been done to purchase fuel by state bid. There was discussion of a centrally located fuel depot in Bernhards Bay to service Constantia and Cleveland. The feeling that there are too many cards in use and that the more cards there are, the more the opportunity for misuse.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: The Codes report was submitted and read by William Hamacher. Mayor Youmans complimented Mr. Hamacher and Trustee Domachowske on the clean-up effort and their commitment to keeping the village looking good. Trustee Tackman asked about the \$75.00 fee for a permit for a new roof. She felt that it was penalizing the homeowner when they are trying to improve their property. It was stated that some codes officers handle things slightly differently when it comes to charging for permits. The purpose of these fees is to insure safe buildings in the village.

PROPERTY VIOLATION HEARINGS: Trustee Domachowske spoke about the upcoming hearings involving property owners who received notices of violations. These hearings are open to the public. Resident Scott Mazi commented that if homes are demolished, and the lots are too small to rebuild, the law needs to be looked at to ensure we don't have too many vacant lots. Many may need a variance to ensure new construction can happen.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE: Joni Hinds reported that Nov. 24th will be "Light Up The Park" at 6:00pm, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there, as well as gifts for the kids and refreshments will be served. She also stated that the Spirit Committee will be working with the Children's Glassworks Theater and that they will have a sneak peak at their upcoming play "Scrooge" that evening. Other upcoming events will be the Holiday Spirit Award for nicely decorated homes for the holidays. Mayor Youmans commended the Committee for all the work they do for the village.

MANGANO GRINDER PUMP: Mayor Youmans addressed the issue of the purchase of the grinder pump by the Village on behalf of the Manganos and their home that was to be built on North Street. They sent a letter to the village requesting the \$3000.00 deposit they gave the village be returned. The pump could not be restocked, as Doug had already poured the concrete base around the pump. The actual cost of the pump was over \$3900.00 as well as Doug's time in preparing the pump. Discussion followed and it was determined that the \$3000.00 would be returned to the Manganos only when the pump was sold to another user, minus the costs already incurred. The clerk will send a letter to the Manganos informing them of the board's decision.

NEW DPW HOURS: Mayor Youmans surveyed other villages in the county regarding their work week. All villages work 5 days per week, eight hours per day. We are the only village that works 4 days per week. With our current schedule, any work being done on Fridays is overtime. Mayor Youmans made a motion that the DPW, effective Thursday, October 18th, 2012 begin working 5 days per week, 8 hours per day, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried. Resident Dawn Morse inquired as to whether Doug's time is being shortened. The Mayor stated no, but that we didn't need the DPW Supervisor, the highest paid village employee, to plow the streets in the winter. The Mayor stated the other DPW employees are more than capable of doing the job.

PAUL BROWN: Mr. Brown sent a letter to village requesting that 8 Center Street be taken off his electric and grinder pump due to high usage. He states that the pump is in constant use and that if there is a power outage, the sewer backs up into his basement. He suggested that they be connected to a closer pump. Mayor Youmans suggested that elevation may be an issue, but that the board will look into it. Discussion followed as to the amount of people in a household in regard to usage. Mayor Youmans will have Doug look into this as well as contact Chuck Erler about the cost of the electric being switched.

PAUL BAXTER, TUG HILL COMMISSION: Paul discussed a legislative summit being held October 24 and hoped someone from the village could attend and communicate to the legislature the concerns of small villages. Mayor Youmans and Trustee Tackman stated they would attend.

MINUTES: Trustee Domachowske asked what was the outcome of the committee to honor Mal Davis. Jack Cottet stated they are getting estimates for a plaque to be placed on the front of the Village Hall. Mayor Youmans made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 18th meeting, second by Trustee Tackman, Trustees Hamacher and Domachowske, Yes, Mayor Youmans, abstain. Motion carried. Trustee Tackman commented that she would like to see the minutes posted in the Queen Central, and that they have been sent to the paper, but have not been printed.

SOFTWARE: The Mayor stated the new payroll software was going very well and the new accounting software was being installed on October 12th.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Mayor Youmans stated the cost of the DEC violations and the legal fees associated were over \$5000.00. The Mayor stated the potential penalty of \$67,900 has been suspended, as well as \$25,000 per day fine due to the work of attorney Bill Buchan on behalf of the village. It could have been much worse if we had a chemical spill. Trustee Tackman inquired as to whether we will be re-inspected. Mayor Youmans stated Doug Riggs is aware of what needs to be done and should be doing it to comply with the DEC.

PAY BILLS: Discussion followed about Abstract #5 and the large Har-Rob Voucher. Chief Avery noted the bill was large due to repairs, and the purchase of the camera and turn-out gear. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve Abstract #5, Vouchers 199-230, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

IMPORTANT DATES: Next meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:30pm.

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