

**PRESENT:** Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Joseph Domachowske, John Hinds, Laureen Tackman and Stephanie Hamacher, Bunny Vella, Anne Hinds, Clara Winn, Cathy Kline, Wayne Woolridge, Jack Taskey, Clyde Lewis, Debbie Kite, Elwood Engelbrekt, Nancy Griesmyer, Joni Hinds, Ralph Riggs, Elaine Davis, Debra Everson, Mark Everson, Anthony Williams Sr., Anthony Williams Jr., Louis Brockway, Paul Brown, John Benedict, Michael Tylee, Rick Sorensen, Paul Morse, Edward Whitney, Lila Netzband, Cody Netzband, Charlene Weed, Fred Friedel

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

**CEMETERY FUND:** Trustee Domachowske discussed moving the Cemetery Savings account from Bank of America to Pathfinder. We are earning only \$.09 interest monthly. Mayor Youmans made a motion to change banks, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

**PROPERTY VIOLATION REPORT:** Thirteen violation notices have gone out to residents. Most have done a good job cleaning up, however some still need to complete the cleanup. Four notices of penalties have also gone out. The overall objective is to keep properties neat and cleaned up.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ALARM REPORT:** Fire Chief Carl Avery was not able to attend the meeting so Mayor Youmans read the monthly report. Mayor Youmans made a motion to accept the report, second by Trustee Hamacher, all in favor, motion carried.

**BIDS FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:** Opened sealed bids for the two pieces of equipment. Bid accepted in the amount of \$3690.00 for the Ward LaFrance Squirt Fire Truck and bid accepted in the amount of \$657.00 for the Ford Explorer. Mayor Youmans made a motion to accept these bids, second by Trustee Hinds, all in favor, motion carried.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** The Codes report was submitted and read by Mayor Youmans.

**DPW REPORT:** Mayor Youmans read the report submitted by the DPW. The report stated that the Village will likely need to replace the sander next year. The ladder at the water tower has been repaired to comply with the Health Department recommendations. The beavers have been an issue again and the trapper has been hired to handle the situation.

**SPIRIT COMMITTEE:** Joni Hinds stated the "Light Up The Park" was well attended and thanked the DPW workers for their help in decorating the park. The holiday spirit award will be given out again this year and nominations will be accepted until December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Hinds discussed the water system grant application and thanked Constantia Town Supervisor Gilkey for his help with the application processes. He also stated that there needs to be a back flow preventer at the Golf Course and the minutes need to reflect this. The Mayor stated that the water at the Golf Course will not be turned back on until the back flow preventer has been installed. The Health Department has been made aware of this and no water will be turned on until this is fixed. Mayor Youmans made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting, second by Trustee Domachowske, motion carried.

**FISCAL ADVISORS REPORT:** Discussion followed regarding this service. Now that the Village has new accounting software, the Mayor and Trustee Domachowske feel there is no need to keep this service as it is a duplication of effort. The cost to the Village is more than \$5600 per year and the new software produces more detailed reports. Many towns and villages use this software and do not have an additional service such as Fiscal Advisors. Mayor Youmans made a motion to cancel Fiscal Advisors, second by Trustee Domachowske, Trustees Tackman and Hamacher yes, Trustee Hinds, no, motion carried.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve Abstract #7, Vouchers 276-317, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR VARIANCE:** Variance request from Mike Tylee for 11 Division Street. The Mayor stated Mr. Tylee owns this property and tore down the house there and wants to build a smaller home on the property. As we do not have a variance board, according to the NYCOM, the board may act in this capacity. It was discussed that this new house be centered on the existing property, which Mr. Tylee agreed to. He stated he was building the home for his

parents and was told previously he could build on the same or smaller footprint. Mayor Youmans made a motion to grant the variance, second by Trustee Domachowske, Trustee Hamacher, yes, Trustee Hinds, abstain, Trustee Tackman, abstain as she was not at the last meeting. Variance granted. Trustee Hinds wanted to clarify why he abstained. He feels we need a properly trained board and does not want to make a habit of buildings being built so close together. Mayor Youmans stated that there is a required training of four hours to serve on the variance board and would like to have volunteers to help out.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Next board meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:30PM.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT GAS BILLS:** Trustee Tackman stated the cards 2 & 3 were used the most and had the least amount of documentation. The Village needs a report of how these are being used. Discussion followed regarding a stipend for the chief as is done in Central Square. This issue will continue to be looked at and addressed at the next board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Mayor stated a time limit would be given for public comment as there were many residents in attendance. Many residents commented regarding the termination of Superintendent Riggs. Many supported him and were upset that he no longer worked for the village as he had been a hard working employee for many years. The Mayor thanked them for their comments and stated out of respect for Mr. Riggs he would not openly discuss the reasons he was terminated but that he would discuss it with them one on one.

Trustee Hinds shared a letter that each trustee received from attorneys Mackenzie Hughes regarding the termination of Mr. Riggs. The letter stated Mr. Riggs had consulted with the firm and they requested that he be reinstated. Trustee Hinds stated he felt it was a mistake to discharge Mr. Riggs as he had been an employee for 27 years. He feels it will cost the village a lot of money in the long run. Trustee Hinds made a motion to reinstate Mr. Riggs, second by Trustee Tackman, no Trustees Hamacher and Domachowske, no Mayor Youmans. No motion. The board went into executive session and returned at 7:50pm. Trustee Hinds requested that until the situation is resolved that the Village make no other promotions or grant any raises. A tentative date of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 was discussed for a work meeting.

**MOTION TO AJOURN:** Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Domachowske, yes Trustees Tackman and Hamacher, no Trustee Hinds. Motion carried.