

PRESENT: Mayor Youmans, Trustees, Laureen Tackman, A. Scott Williams, Sr., Joseph Domachowske, Fire Chief Zach Avery, Cathy Kline, Elwood Engelbrekt, Clyde Lewis, Paul Baxter, Chuck Gilkey, Amanda Smith, Travis Bliss, Tom Kane

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

OPENING OF TRASH BIDS: The Mayor asked each Trustee to open a bid. Six envelopes were opened and the results were as follows:

- Bliss: \$43,500 or \$137.22
- Butler: \$51,442.64 or \$162.28
- Spohn: \$60,864 or \$192.00
- Feher: \$85,300 or \$269.09
- Kevin's: \$86,940 or \$274.26

Syracuse Haulers sent a letter declining to bid. The Mayor stated that the bids would be carefully reviewed to determine the best cost, but looks as if Bliss is the lowest.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cathy Kline commented to the DPW that the newly installed signs looked nice. Village resident Amanda Smith of 191 North Street commented that North Street is used like a race track and she would like to see a stop sign installed at the intersection of Gale and North Street. The Mayor understood her concern, but stated that the intersection is actually in the Town of Constantia. She stated that even Central Square school bus drivers have commented how bad it is. Constantia Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey was in the audience and he stated the town would take a look at it. Ms. Smith also inquired as to whether anyone had complained of thefts in the Village. She stated she has had diesel, wood and other things stolen from her property. The Board replied they had not heard of other thefts but she definitely needs to report anything like that to the sheriff or troopers.

PAUL BAXTER: Paul left copies of brochures of upcoming events and stated that there would be a training session for newly elected officials in Parish on Dec. 12. It is good information and might be of interest to board members. A question was raised regarding the Affordable Care Act and Fire Departments and Mr. Baxter replied that Gov. Cuomo proposed a 2 year property tax freeze which is the same as staying within the tax cap. He stated the date of the 2014 Tug Hill Local Government Conference would be March 27, 2014 at Jefferson Community College.

DPW REPORT: Zack Avery gave the DPW monthly report. He stated that the new signs have been installed, and the sander is 100% ready. He mentioned that in the monthly bills there is one for welding for the plow truck due to corrosion from lack of prior maintenance. Metal fabrication had to be done. The plant is running great. A comment regarding the signs put up and speeding in the Village...maybe even more signs are necessary to slow traffic and possibly a call to the troopers to set up in certain places to catch speeders. Trustee Schreiber inquired for her neighbor regarding a water main break years ago and the erosion that is has created near her mailbox. The Mayor stated it would be looked at and if there is a way to resolve it, it would be done.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Fire Department responded to several calls this month including a fire a Winn's Trailer Park where a generator running during a power outage caused a fire in a shed burning it to the ground. Chief Avery reported that the ISO survey and inspection have been completed and we should hear back in January how we did. Gas meters have been installed and the boat was winterized but needs to be redone due to a late call on the lake. Mayor Youmans asked how many times a month does the Fire Department assist the ambulance on calls, and Chief Avery reported that they respond to every call. Mayor Youmans stated that one of the firemen fell and got hurt at the fire station and was transported by North Shore ambulance to St. Joe's, and while not a serious injury, the fireman received a bill for \$1,100 to drive him there, \$15.00 per mile. He stated something is wrong with this picture. \$276,000 is given to the ambulance by the Town and they get money from Amboy and Vienna and to charge someone who helps on all their calls is ridiculous. The Mayor stated Camden has their own ambulance and could this be something the Town can look at. Supervisor Gilkey responded they have been looking at this for 4 years and it is not a simple solution. County Legislator Roy Reehil suggested sending a letter to the ambulance to ask for a deal to be worked out. This can impact our worker's comp as the hospital bill was \$700 and the ambulance was \$1,100.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE: The report was read which thanked all who helped with "Light Up The Park" event on November 30. The Holiday Spirit Award decorating contest was mentioned and the winner will be selected during the week of December 16. The next meeting is January 7 at the Village Hall.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: There was nothing to report for the month of December.

DOG CONTROL REPORT: Cleveland Dog Control Officer Clayton Conover submitted the following report. On November 19th an inspection was completed by the NYS Ag and Markets. A "Satisfactory" rating was given on both dog control officer and municipal shelter inspection reports. This is done on a pass/fail system with no in-between ratings. Enumeration ticketing will begin for anyone who has not licensed their dog as of the date of the ticket. There were 2 reports of stray dogs, one on Nov.

12 on Center St. and one on Dec. 5 on Clay St.

WATER RE-EVALUATIONS: The Mayor addressed 3 requests from residents to change the status of their properties water status. The first was from Leroy and Therese Vollmer. They own the former bar on Rt. 49, which is for sale, and are stating it has been vacant for a number of years and will not be returned to commercial status and would like the bill to reflect this. It will be re-evaluated after it is sold. The Mayor made a motion to accept the change in status, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor. The second letter was from Joe Carr and Jennifer Leahy and their building on Division St. They would like to have it be one unit now with one water off and 1 sewer residential. The Mayor made a motion to accept this change, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. The third request was from Tom Mirizio of TJ's Restaurant. He feels he is overpaying for water and sewer. He had requested a change verbally, but was told it has to be in writing. He believes he should only repay the bond repayment on 1 unit of the many units he is charged for. We have spoken to our attorney and and we cannot find any place that breaks it out and states how it is to be repaid. We cannot create a record that does not exist. He has foiled this request numerous times to see how the bond is paid back. The Mayor stated he still needs to pay his bill, and if we find later there is an error, we can refund, but our law states we have to be paid. Roy Reehil commented that the debt service for the water was that we pay a dollar amount of the loan and divide it across the board. We possibly do have latitude in the sewer law to modify it by resolution rather than change the law. The DPW could verify a properties usage to determine how to charge. Mr. Mirizio's request was that he be reduced to 9 washers at the Laundromat. Mayor Youmans made a motion to accept this request, second by Trustee Williams, all in favor.

FINANCIAL UPDATE/PAY BILLS: Trustee Domachowske stated that 6 months have passed and he would like to do an analysis of the year to see where we stand, but that so far everything looks very good. We are under budget on worker's comp and unemployment and we are over on the collection of water and sewer penalties and we have contingency funds available. The Mayor commented that the Clerk and Trustee Domachowske work well together on the financials for the Village. The Mayor also stated that the Cemetery fund was moved from Bank of America to Pathfinder Bank. He also mentioned that the bill for \$9,999.00 was for the new sander. He made a motion to accept the Abstract #7, vouchers 277-316, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR ROY REEHIL: Roy stated he had met with the county administrator and the legislature and will be sworn in at the first meeting in January. Mayor Youmans commented the more we can work together, the better. The town workers cleaned up leaves in the village freeing up the Village's workers to do other things.

IMPORTANT DATES: Next meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:30PM.

Mayor Youmans stated we need to go thru the trash bids and price out per household. We were hoping to get a low price for pick-up and there would be no reason to have garbage around your house or to burn garbage. He stated a public hearing on this matter would be held in the very near future and see what we will do.

MOTION TO AJOURN: Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Williams. Motion carried.