

PRESENT: Mayor Youmans, Trustees, Lauren Tackman, A. Scott Williams, Sr., Joseph Domachowske, Christine Schreiber, Fire Chief Zach Avery, Cathy Kline, Elwood Engelbrekt, Clyde Lewis, Paul Baxter, Chuck Gilkey, Amanda Smith, Laurene Blowers, Randy Blowers, Scott Flower, Michael Coleman, Tom Moran, Joe Pawlikowski, Marge Thomas, Dave Thomas, Cveta Murphy, Jack Taskey, Jackie Taskey, Mike Parker, Dan Lewis, Dan Swistak, Rod Batte, Bonnie Dunham

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

OPEN OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TRASH PICK-UP: Mayor Youmans began by stating that several other villages saved their residents a lot of money by offering trash pick-up. The transfer stations are costing the county \$1,000,000 per year and encouraging contract pick-up. So, the village decided to request quotes. We currently have 4 or 5 different trucks a week in the village, people are burning garbage and some don't do anything with their garbage. Mayor Youmans referenced a house on Rt. 49 that was just storing garbage in the house. We are trying to clean up the village and this would eliminate piled up garbage and save residents money. This would likely save most residents 1/2 of what they are paying now. One resident commented that this sounds like a good idea, but asked how long the price was good? The Mayor responded the contract was for 2 years but the hauler stated it would keep that cost for 5 years. The hauler will pick up 3 – 33 gallon cans per week as well as recyclables, 1 truck 1 day a week. The cost of hauling to the transfer stations has increased to \$165.00 per year. Cveta Murphy asked if this was opened up to other bidders. The Mayor stated it was. Everyone had an opportunity to bid. Randy Blowers asked what happens if you don't pay, will it affect your water? No, it will be put on your taxes at the end of the year if not paid. The cost will be \$35.00 per quarter. Marge Thomas inquired as to whether the hauler will provide a container for recyclables...no, you can use your own can for those. A resident inquired if they can opt out of this, the answer is no, as that is the key to keeping the cost low to have everyone participate. Cveta Murphy also asked about items that won't be picked up. The Mayor responded that there is a separate charge to residents if they so choose to have these items picked up by the hauler. Most, if not all of these items can be picked up by the Village during regular Spring clean-up, which the Mayor would like to see expanded to pick up more items. We want to clean up the village, there is no reason to have junk laying around. The Mayor also stated that residents can rent a 96 gallon container from the hauler for \$15.00 per year. Another resident inquired about renters and who would be responsible for the bill. The answer was the landlord would be ultimately responsible, same as with water and sewer billing. Marge also inquired about the Historical Society, would they have to pay, and the answer was no. An inquiry about hazardous materials, ie: paint cans, etc. was addressed. The County offers dates that you can bring your hazardous materials to the dump for free. The Mayor commented that how could you not be in favor of saving money and keeping the village clean. This is not a lifetime commitment and this is no different than any other trash pick up service. He stated that Bliss has several other contracts with municipalities. This contract has a 30-day opt out clause to end it if we are not satisfied. A question was raised as to whether part-time residents have to pay for the full year, and the answer is yes, again to keep the cost consistent for all. Mayor Youmans made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. Mayor Youmans then made a motion to accept the contract for trash pick up with Bliss for the next 2 years, starting June 1, 2014 at a cost of \$35.00 per quarter, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor, motion carried. Mayor Youmans made a motion to open the regular meeting, second by Trustee Williams, all in favor. The Mayor stated that previous motion was to be carried over to the open meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT PROPOSAL: Mayor Youmans introduced Mike Parker, from Barton and Loguidice to discuss the grant. He stated they did a preliminary report and had a couple of alternatives where to send the flow... Hastings, Cleveland or a new plant in Constantia. The preferable alternative is to send the flow to Cleveland. A meeting was held and the Village of Cleveland said we would put in for a funding grant requiring 20% matching funds so we can do a \$30,000 study on the sewage treatment plant. The service area would be from the Contantia/West Monroe line to the Village of Cleveland line, including Doris Park and Kibbie Lake Road. The Town sent out surveys and about 40% responded with 2/3 in favor. Resident Randy Blowers inquired how much will this effect Cleveland's plant? Mr. Parker responded that an expansion to the Cleveland plant would be necessary. When they looked at the study, we were only at 20% capacity. There are challenges in winter with low flow and freezing pipes. This project will triple the EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Units) to 1,100 which is 2x more than we have now. Mayor Youmans responded by stating that Chuck Gilkey, Town Supervisor and Mike Parker had arranged a meeting regarding the project and the Mayor stated we would be interested, but may have spoken too soon. We have a board, and he cannot decide for the board. Our plant is running very well. Over 20 years ago the village decided to do this project and it wasn't easy to do and we have a lot invested in it. He would think long and hard about spending more money (\$6,000). Mr. Parker responded that other benefits of the study would be a larger work area for the guys to work on pumps and possible energy savings. The Mayor commented that maybe we could use some improvements, but we are a small village with a small budget and we don't even know if the sewer district will even be formed. He cannot ask taxpayers to come up with \$6,000. The question was raised what is the town of Constantia paying? Mr. Parker replied they paid \$7,500 last year. Trustee Schreiber stated that the town needs the village, not the other way around. We don't need to spend \$6,000 to know the DPW needs more room to work on the plant. Resident Dan Swistak commented before they consider doubling the size of the plant, it stinks now, what happens if we have 2x the flow? The Mayor stated we would like to have a cooperative agreement with the Town, but the residents have already bought and paid for the plant. The original placement of the treatment plant was ill placed to begin with and before we move ahead we need to decide whether we want to take on more sewage. We would like to see them form a sewer district and work with them, but we have to listen to village residents and go with what the people want. The consensus is that the village will not come up with the matching funds

DPW REPORT: Rod Batte reported the DPW has been busy plowing and during this cold weather many residents have had their pipes froze. The DPW has helped residents with this and shutting the water off at the curb stops. They are also working on the phone relay systems which needs to be repaired. He also noted a drainage issue on Clay Street. Mayor Youmans commented that nothing had been done with the ditches for years and it has created a problem for people trying to get the water from their sump pumps away from their homes. Rod and Zack helped the resident on Clay Street temporarily and this will need to be addressed in the near future. There are 2 massive maple trees in the way and there is no way for people to get rid of the water. If we don't want water pumped into the grinder pumps, we need to have a way to get rid of it. Rod stated emphatically that no sump pump water can be put into the grinder pumps, it is illegal.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Williams read the monthly report as Chief Avery was called out to a fire call. He read the monthly calls as well as stated that the department has added 2 new safety officers. The special operations trailer is nearly completed and stocked with equipment. Depending on the season and/or environmental disaster, the trailer can quickly move a few pieces of key equipment in a safe and very efficient manner. There was a call on back road where the ambulance couldn't get thru and they took the snowmobile and 4-wheeler in. The Mayor stated we have a great group at the Fire Dept. and we are fortunate to have them and they are always looking at cost efficiency. A resident inquired about water/ice rescues and the Mr. Williams responded it depended on the time of year. The Fire Department and the Village received the 2014 Fire Protection contract from the Town of Vienna and Mayor Youmans put forth the following resolution:

I, Norman Youmans, put forth this resolution to approve the 2014 Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Vienna and the Village of Cleveland. In consideration of the Village providing fire protection services as stated in the contract, the Village shall receive from the Town **\$80,394.00** on or before March 1, 2014, and

I ask the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cleveland to sign the aforementioned Fire Protection Contract. Second by Trustee Tackman, motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: The monthly report was read. The Mayor also stated that the Codes Officer is still working on having a property condemned and is working with the County on the issue.

DOG CONTROL REPORT: Cleveland Dog Control Officer Clayton Conover submitted the following report. It has been a quiet month, no complaints received, but 2 stray dog calls were received. We currently have a very young female black lab for adoption. The Village has a \$10.00 adoption fee and all adopted dogs must have a rabies shot and be licensed. If the adoptor would prefer I can get the rabies thru the Village Vet for \$12.00.

FINANCIAL UPDATE/PAY BILLS: Trustee Domachowske stated that 6 months have passed and he has done a 6 month analysis. He stated we are on target with Real Property Tax collection as well as sales tax. We have collected more than 1/2 of water and sewer for the year. Codes is over due to schooling for William. Maintenance of streets is over, which we are normally over. Workers Comp for the Village and the Fire Dept. are both under. We budgeted a greater amount, and we are under. We are also under in unemployment in all 3 funds. We budgeted \$3,000 in each and have only expended \$900. The funds that are over we will modify at our next meeting and some things have been misclassified. We are under budget on the power for the sewer plant due to cost saving measures the DPW has taken. Trustee Domachowske commented things look good and he and the clerk will go thru and work on the misclassified items. He also stated that if anyone ever wants to through the budget, he is available to explain. We paid a bit for the new software, but it works great and is very easy to follow. Mayor Youmans made a motion to accept the Abstract #8, vouchers 317-361, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

PAUL BAXTER: Paul mentioned the upcoming Local Government Conference on Thursday, March 27th at Jefferson County Community College. Members of the board have attended previously and there is a lot to be learned at the conference. He also mentioned there will be a super COG meeting with Tughill Commission staff that will address concerns and issues on May 29, 2014. He also stated he had updated the Villages website with minutes and water quality report.

Resident Amanda Smith inquired about the stop sign she asked about at the last meeting. Constantia Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey stated at the last meeting it was in the Town and he would look into it and he asked her if she had heard from the Constantia DPW Superintendent and she said she hadn't and he said he would check on it again. She also inquired about getting an Autistic Child sign put up as well and the Mayor said he will see what needs to be done to have one put up.

IMPORTANT DATES: Next meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6:30PM.

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