

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Deputy Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Anthony S. Williams, Sr., Christine Schreiber, Fire Chief Zach Avery, Chuck Gilkey, Roy Reehil, Randy Blowers, Shawn House, Mick Martin, Paul Baxter, Victoria Biela, Scott Duggleby. Absent: Trustee Domachowske

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

MAYOR YOUMANS: Mayor Youmans began the meeting by thanking Deputy Mayor Tackman and the board for all of their work. He complimented the Clerk and Codes Officer for keeping things running while he was away. He is very pleased with the way things are running. He also commended Clayton the dog warden. He has received not one complaint regarding dog control. Most of all he wanted to thank the DPW for their hard work. They had a broken water main and they did a great job taking care of it. He couldn't ask for a better situation, everyone is doing their job.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Randy Blowers inquired about a program that the Village of Camden has regarding leaving a truck at a property to be loaded with garbage and retrieved and dumped the next day. The Mayor liked the idea but stated we don't have extra vehicles to allow this at this point. Currently the Village has its annual clean up coming and we want to keep the properties looking good. Resident Diane Ross discussed the closing of Cleveland Elementary. She stated even though her kids no longer attend there, she is extremely upset and wondering if the village could put forth a petition to stop the closure. She stated people will move out of the Village if there is not a good school here. We have water and sewer and a great school. Home values will decrease and we will lose young families. She suggested residents band together and possibly get a legal petition to stop this. Mayor Youmans commented that we will do anything we can to stop this at the Village level and that everyone here feels the same way. A comment was also shared by Victoria Biela that someone has contacted the Blue Ribbon people and that there folks working on this. The comment was made that the way the budget was presented, it was skewed to close Cleveland. Legislator Reehil stated the petition would need to be district wide and we are a minority in the district. He stated he sent a letter to the Board of Education stating regarding the water looping the lake and he has had no response. He also stated the County has the Industrial Development League to look to in the final event if the school does close. They have been instrumental in the repurposing of other schools in the surrounding areas. The ultimate goal is to stop the closure. The Mayor reiterated the Village Board will do all it can to help.

PAUL BAXTER: Paul Baxter of the Tughill Commission stated he has worked with other towns and villages in the conversion of their buildings. We need to look at sewer law and use of units regarding the rates for the school to make sure the Village is covered. He also stated the Village website is up to date with information and that he met with the Mayor and Clerk to work on the Tax Cap filing and will be back to finalize. The Mayor thanked Paul for his help. Paul said there is an upcoming class on red flags for fraud and given the trouble the Village of Altmar experienced, it's a good idea to review the information and the Comptroller's office always encourages training.

DPW REPORT: Zack Avery reported that they have been patching the roads as the weather permitted and they have been repairing several grinder pumps. They have rebuilt 12 so far. An altitude valve failed and had to be rebuilt. He and Rod met with TWC regarding a security system for the plant for remote monitoring of levels. If there is a storm and power goes out, the plant must be monitored for changes and this would be a way to do it also. The Mayor commented we are saving money due to the plant running more efficiently.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Avery stated the Fire Department held their elections last week and ask the Board for a motion to approve the officers as follows: Chief-Zack Avery, Deputy Chief-David “Mick” Martin, 1st Assistant Chief – Shaun House, 2nd Assistant Chief-John Hinds, Captain-Joe Pawlikowski, Lieutenant-Matt Martin, Lieutenant-Anthony “Scotty” Williams. Chief Avery stated that Dave and Shaun are in attendance and that Dave has over 10 years with the Department and Shaun has rejoined. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the officers, second by Trustee Schreiber, Trustee Williams abstained, motion carried. Chief Avery also read the monthly alarm report. He stated everyone is working very well together. He also commented he received a quote of \$2500 for lettering the trailer which he felt was very high and he is looking for others. He asked that the funds that will be left over in this year’s budget be put in the reserve account for the future. He will work with the clerk to determine what is left in the budget. He also stated that a boater safety course will be held at the Fire Department on May 7 and 10th and to contact Shaun House if interested. Deputy Kite will be teaching this.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Deputy Mayor Tackman read the codes report. There has been one demo permit issued, 1 fire inspection for the head start program, 3 chimney fire inspections, 2 letters for expired building permits and 1 annual budget report.

CREDIT CARDS: The cost of the proposal thru the company is about \$100 per year. There will be a nominal service charge to the user. The Mayor made a motion that the Village accept credit cards, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

GIRL SCOUTS: The Girl Scouts are here to ask if they can plant a tree at the park that has been donated in order to receive their globalization patch. They would like to see a fast growing tree possibly a flowering crab apple or cherry. The DPW will select a place and help with the planting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Scott Duggleby asked if he could address the Village Board. He discussed his background as a member of the School Board for 9 years. He stated the vote can be repealed. The previous vote was for redistricting, closing and or repurposing CSI and keeping a school in every community. This was overturned twice. The BOE’s goals are shortsighted and they have chosen not to explore other options. He has talked with board members and the Superintendent regarding this. Scott’s feeling is that after serving 9 years, CSI is the school to be closed. He also asked Town Supervisor Gilkey what has the Town of Constantia done to save Cleveland? Mr. Gilkey responded that he is not the School Board. Scott also commented that Hastings was originally an option to be closed but was not presented. This decision has not been equitable. Mayor Youmans asked Mr. Duggleby what he thought was the best course of action, and Mr. Duggleby replied going to meetings and speaking on behalf of your constituents and he stated the Mr. Reehil has done this. Be visible, ask questions. We need to bring people to the area, and now more than ever that North Bay is closing also. We will have 15-20 miles of no school. A question was raised about the food pantry. Mr. Reehil stated he has asked Mr. Duggleby to help draft a letter to be sent to Sen. Pattie Ritchie, and Congressman Hanna. Mr. Duggleby also stated the School Board has caved in the past without strong leadership and this was due to only a very few negative letters. We need a grass roots actions and need to keep writing letters. We cannot break the cycle of poverty by closing this school and we need to start with strong leadership and stay focused in the same direction.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Youmans made a motion to pay abstract #11, vouchers 441-482, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

ELECTION: Mayor Youmans made a resolution identifying polling place and hours open for the general election on June 17, 2014 and a Resolution to appoint Election Inspectors Marge Thomas and Donna Wolf the Village General Election, second by Trustee Williams, all in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES: Public Hearing on the budget, Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:30PM.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REEHIL: Roy Reehil shared the following information: The County would be the lead agency for the tax freeze proposal. He discussed the memorandum of understanding regarding the water project and this will work as part of the shared services portion of the tax freeze program. The Mayor commented that working together is a good thing all around.

MOTION TO AJOURN: Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn, second by Deputy Mayor Tackman, motion carried.