

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Deputy Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees, Anthony S. Williams, Sr., Christine Schreiber, Legislator Roy Reehil, Zack Avery

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Youmans at 5:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Joseph Domachowske arrived at 5:10

Deputy Mayor Laureen Tackman introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that:

We, the Cleveland Village Board do respectfully request that the Central Square School District Board of Education rescind their resolution to close Cleveland Elementary School in order to study the impact that closing the school will have on our residents and our economy.

Given the fundamental value of an elementary school to an outlying community,

and given the significance placed on community schools since the establishment of the school district and by resolution of your board on February 15, 2012,

and given the outstanding performance of the Cleveland Elementary School, including recognition by the United States Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School for Academic Excellence in 2010 and as a National School of Character in 2013,

and given the guidance provided in NY State School Law 402-a that was not followed, that at least six months in advance of a proposed school closing a board should establish an advisory committee which should prepare an impact statement in writing which should include the ramifications of closing on the community,

and given that the school board made no effort to enlist the assistance or counsel of any elected official representing the Village of Cleveland concerning the fiscal or logistical impacts that closing the school would have on the vitality of the village,

and given that the school board has provided neither a plan concerning closure, nor any justification in writing of the virtue of closing Cleveland Elementary over any other building run by the district,

and that closing the building on July 1, 2014, as proscribed by your resolution will have an immediate impact of the North Shore Food Pantry's ability to service the poor of the area and served 34,000 meals last year,

and given that you passed resolutions on March 5, 2012, to close the district office building and to repurpose parts of the CSI building that were never acted upon,

and given that, with the help of elected representatives, at the Village, Town, County and State level including the resources of the Oswego County Industrial Development Agency viable and less detrimental alternatives to closing any community school might be found,

We therefore, as concerned residents of Oswego County, do respectfully request that the School Board rescind its decision to close the Cleveland Elementary School, or to at least defer its closure in order to provide an opportunity for local representatives to be included in the discussion of alternatives to closure.

Seconded by Mayor Norman Youmans

Aye: Tackman, Schreiber, Williams, Domachowske

Nay:

Absent:

State of New York  
County of Oswego  
Village of Cleveland

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original thereof now in my possession and that the same is a true and complete transcript thereof and of the whole thereof; and I further certify that said resolution was duly adopted at a special Meeting of the Cleveland Village Board on the 27th day of May 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the seal of the Village of Cleveland, 27th day of May 2014.

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Julie Simpson  
Clerk of the Village of Cleveland

The Clerk will send this resolution by Certified Mail to the School Board.

Mayor Youmans and the Board discussed the following: The railing at the Gazebo needs to be inspected and repaired as needed. He would like the Clerk to send a letter on behalf of the Board to Sue Batte thanking her for the flowers that she planted at the Village Hall and around the Village.

County Legislator Reehil asked that each board member to send a letter along with the adopted resolution to our elected representative as to why closing Cleveland Elementary is a bad idea. He also discussed all the changes that could increase the population such as the new water line coming through and the upgrades to the State dock. He discussed the possible appeal on behalf of the Village to the NYS Commissioner of Education. He likened the school board's decision to taxation with representation and that they took the path of least resistance. Finally, he also stated the County Tourism Committee would like to hold their monthly meeting at the Village Hall on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Zack Avery reported that the Town of Constantia DPW dropped off the street sweeper today.

Deputy Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn at 6:00pm, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.