

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Joseph Domachowske, Christine Schreiber, Fire Chief Zach Avery, Shawn House, Joni Hinds, John Hinds, Jack and Andrea Cottet, Dan Ford, Roy Reehil, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, Paul Baxter, Absent: Trustees Lauren Tackman and Scott Williams, Sr.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Joni Hinds commented that the sidewalks in the Village looked very nice where they have been cut back. Mayor Youmans commented he wanted to pave the front of the gazebo, but the pavement would have been too high and the water would have run into the gazebo.

**PAUL BAXTER:** Mr. Baxter stated that all the minutes were up to date on the website as well as upcoming meetings. He stated the next Tug Hill Commission meeting was going to be in Altmar at the Tailwater Lodge on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>. On Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> there is a town budget process workshop and on Sept. 30 there is a Supercog meeting in Redfield for strategic planning. He also commented that he had spoken to the Village regarding grants and what we can do to be ready next year for them. He stated that Carla at the Tug Hill Commission would be happy to help us and we should set up a meeting with her.

**DPW REPORT:** Zack Avery gave the report. He stated that paving for the year has been completed and it turned out very well. This was covered by CHIPS money. He reported that the security cameras at the plant are hooked up. He stated that the DPW had budgeted for the cameras and now they can monitor the plant on their phone once they are connected to the internet. The sidewalks have been cleaned up as well. He also stated that they removed the broken playground equipment, so there are no swings now. They have also been ditching and getting the plow truck ready and moving the sides of the road. The deck at Lakeview Park has also been power washed and stained. It used 20 gallons of stain, but it is in good shape.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Avery gave the report. In addition to the alarms and drills for the month, Mayor Youmans asked about a couple vouchers for boat repairs. Chief Avery stated that there were some battery issues but it is in the water and hopefully all set. He stated we are still ahead of the game as we did not have to purchase the boat. He stated the new boat is in the water, the old one is out, but is on standby just in case.

Chief Avery stated that they are starting to experience frequent issues with the 462 rescue truck. It is a 1999 GMC with approx. 48,000 miles. It has some electrical issues and the department currently has no other apparatus that can tow. He stated that is the most frequently run vehicle and has served the department well, but it needs major work. He stated they need a utility vehicle. Fords are currently on state bid and that this is the best price. Shawn House reported that a 2015 Ford F250 is \$26,456 and we could receive \$5000 on a trade in bringing the cost to \$21,456. We could utilize our reserve fund for this. He stated they would like to trade this vehicle every 2 ½ years and get a new one for little to no cost as a new vehicle is about \$39,000 to the public. Mayor Youmans asked if the line officers are in favor of this. Chief Avery stated that with 462 going down hill, the consensus is they would like to replace it. The Mayor stated that this past year the department has saved enough money and they know what they need. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Ford truck on state bid, second by Trustee Domachoske, all in favor. This truck will be used as the EMS rescue truck. Shawn House also mentioned that the small white utility trailer, the 1999 Ford Ranger and some other items are being photographed to be put out for auction.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** The Mayor read the report which was 1 pool permit, 1 permit for new decks/porches and 3 field inspections, 1 certificate of occupancy and 35 sump pump inspections. Mayor Youmans stated that Mr. Hamacher has been away at training this week, but the inspections have been going very well.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:** Clayton Conover submitted the following report. The stray female pit-bull that had previously been running loose in the Village as finally caught with the help of some local citizens. They allowed me to set a "Have A Heart" trap in their yard. After she was caught, she was held for a week and they taken to the Rome Humane Society as her owner did not come forward and I felt she needed specialized training to possibly be suited for adoption. The Village has also had quite a few complaints in the last month. I am still checking on a few problems that need further investigation. The main problem has been dogs at large bothering other neighbors and we seem to have 2 possible cases of dogs acting aggressively when people walk past their houses. I am in the process of speaking with the complainants and the dog owners to try to figure out the exact occurrences to see the best way to proceed with each individual situation. I would like to remind everyone the best way for me to complete my job is for citizens with problems to fill out a complaint at the Village Hall with their contact information. This is for my records which are kept confidential unless the complainant allows me to use them in court. This way if I have any further questions or need to follow up, I have all the information. It also proves to a judge that there is an ongoing problem and could not be solved out of court.

**SPIRIT COMMITTEE:** Joni Hinds read the report which stated the Farmer's Market continues at Lakeview Park from 4-7 on Thursdays with several local gardeners have been selling their produce, weather permitting. The 9/11 Remembrance will be held this year beginning with a book of names and then a silent march from St. Mary's Church beginning at 6:45pm with a service at Lakeview Park at 7:00pm. September 13<sup>th</sup> will be the community wide garage sale. Joni also discussed the display rack for the Village Hall. She stated the committee would like the Village to install a display system in the hallway of the Village Hall. The purpose would be to give local residents a venue to display their artwork and photographs on a short-term basis. We have a lot of talented people in the area and this would be a way to show and promote their art. Two estimates which include panels, hardware to mount, hooks and shelf brackets: ULINE -\$230.00, Store Supply Warehouse - \$172.00 plus s&h. She stated she liked Store Supply Warehouse because we can purchase it in maple to match the hallway. Mayor Youmans thanked Joni and stated this would promote interest and give the Historical Society a place to display. He also stated there is money in the building fund for the shelving and we should measure and make a decision.

**BID OPENING:** Bids for the new fire truck were opened at 7:10pm and read aloud by Trustee Schreiber. The first bid was from Toyne for \$207,079.00 and the second bid was from HME Arens/Fox for :\$189,862.00. Chief Avery asked for a week to review the bids and we can discuss at a future meeting. He thanked the bidders for their submissions.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR REEHIL:** Roy Reehil shared the following information: He has been working with Chief Avery and the 911 Coordinator to address the issues for the radio system and hopefully get some new equipment. He had the opportunity to speak with the DEC Regional Manager at the OLA meeting regarding the dock project. He stated the designs are in progress and there is discussion regarding having dockage as opposed to fishing or both. There is approximately \$300,000 budgeted for this and he will keep us informed. He also reported the Oswego County Sheriff's Department received a \$40,000 grant for enforcement on the lake and trails. He stated that there are problems with the trails being improperly utilized and proper enforcement can benefit the area as people who use these trails will spend their money at local businesses. He stated if we have specific areas of enforcement we would like to see, let the County know where to target enforcement. Mr. Reehil has spoken with the DPW regarding a drainage issue on St. Rt. 49 across from the school. There used to be a berm there but it has washed away. The resident now has water running directly into his house. Mayor Youmans stated it is likely a state issue and he will contact the State DOT to see what can be done. The Mayor thanked Mr. Reehil for helping out setting up a new computer in the office.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Trustee Domachowske stated he reviewed the June financials and everything looks good. He stated there are still outstanding taxes due.

Discussion regarding the bill from Barton and Loguidice for \$3,600 and the Clerk stated it was for work as part of the sewer study. Mr. Reehil inquired about how it was determined how garbage service was charged. The Mayor stated that no vacant lots are charged and no commercial property. Mr. Reehil asked about a warehouse as he utilizes a building he owns as a warehouse. The Mayor stated that would not be subject to a garbage charge.

Mayor Youmans stated that the pond property is back up for sale. Mr. Reehil thinks the Village should still own this. The Mayor commented that he was previously against the Village owning it, but now believes it would be better to own it and preserve it as a historical site. Mr. Reehil will look at the possibility of this and how to keep it from negatively impacting the Village and not be a liability. The issues are the tanks in the ground as well as the dam repairs that may need to be made. Perhaps a grant may be available in the future and we should work on a plan to be ready for this. A work meeting should be set up to discuss this in the future.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Youmans made a motion to pay abstract #3, vouchers 99-143, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Next meeting, Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:30PM

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