

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Scott Williams , Lauren Tackman, Fire Chief Zach Avery, Cathy Kline, Dan Lewis, Clyde Lewis, Elwood Engelbrekt, Paul Baxter, Roy Reehil, Andy
Absent: Trustee Joseph Domachowski

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Elwood Engelbrekt inquired as to when the leaves going to get picked up? The Mayor responded that the pick-up begins the Monday, October 20th and will be Mondays and Tuesdays until the snow flies. Andy Inquired about the storm drain problem at his wife, Jennifer Gritton's house at 29 Clay Street. He inquired as to when it is going in and stated that the trees that were taken down in preparation for this are still sitting on the property. Mayor Youmans stated the DPW is working on the Caswell Street section and will be working on this within the next couple of weeks and they have to notify Dig Safely prior to beginning the project. He also stated if the wood is not taken care of in the next 2 weeks, the DPW will take the wood away. Trustee Schreiber suggested that possibly the code officer could send a letter to the homeowner stating he has 2 weeks to take care of it. Resident Clyde Lewis asked if the Town of Constantia could come and take the wood since they heat their building with wood, but the Mayor responded that the Town is not responsible for work in the Village. The Village will make sure this is addressed.

DPW REPORT: Zack Avery gave the following report: during the last month the seasonal employees have sealed the driveway at the Village Hall. The retaining wall at the Hall was also removed and the hill was graded and seeded. He stated they have repaired many grinder pumps, flushed the water mains and have finished the diffusers at Tank #2 at the WWTP. They have also pulled a beaver dam from the pond at Bridge Street. There was a 2 foot drop in the pond after the dam was removed. They have also repaired Center and Kathern Streets with hot top. They have sent a blower to Siewert for repair and are getting equipment ready for winter. Spring-type hydrant markers have been ordered and will be put on when they arrive. They are spring type and will be on all the time as opposed to on/off in the Spring. The Mayor also stated they are moving ahead with the purchase of a new pick up truck for the DPW and are looking at the State Bids.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter reported that on 9/30 the Tughill Commission had their strategic planning meeting and there was good information shared and they will be having another meeting at some point. He also reported the Village's website is up to date.

LEGISLATOR'S REPORT: Roy Reehil began with the DEC has misjudged the depth at the dock in the Village and nothing will happen now till late fall or early winter. Trustee Tackman asked if all the money for the dock project went to Brewerton? Mr. Reehil stated the the dam property on Division Street has been purchased and the new owner would like to restore its hydroelectric capabilities and keep up the ponds. The Mayor stated this could be a big problem resolved for the Village. Mr. Reehil commented that perhaps now we can get help from Senator Ritchie's office regarding connecting the trail to the dock. He also stated that the legislature passed Resolution 485-A which allows a tax break for mixed use properties. It is a sliding scale for County taxes and the Village could look to pass a similar resolution. Mr. Reehil stated there is a potential 5% tax increase in the County Budget, but that could change due to the status of the nuke plant and that the transfer stations may close another day of the week in order to save money. He stated we made the Fire Coordinators report as it was mentioned at a public meeting that there were some problems with the system and the improvements have been made. Zack Avery asked Mr. Reehil about the salt, and he stated he would check on it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Avery read the monthly report. He stated there were 2 boat accidents due to the race that took place a couple weeks ago and that even though they were in Constantia, Cleveland was called. He stated that lake rescues are way down due to a new 911 policy and boat tow companies that take the pressure off the Fire Department. He commented on the funding/grant proposal from the USDA, but stated we are looking at other sources. He stated when 462 is ready, the old one will be stripped and ready for trade and we would be without a rescue truck for about 2 weeks. Some additional work will need to be done, but the lettering will be done for free and it will need a brush guard and wiring done and a C-Bar light. We are also working on the financing for the new truck as we are in the process of getting quotes now. Chief Avery also stated that the department received a \$1,000 grant from the DEC toward the purchase of a new portable pump that is carried on the tanker and pumper. He has collected 3 quotes and the cost of a new pump is about \$2205. He also stated that the surplus equipment has been sold through Auctions International and the Fire Department received \$9,600 from the sale. That being said, he stated that the Department has a 4 wheeler and a snowmobile currently and he would like to replace them with one piece of equipment that would be a 2 seater-4-wheeler with a track system. The cost of that would be about \$10,000 and the Department would sell the other 2 pieces of equipment. Trustee Tackman inquired what the new piece of equipment would be used for and Chief Avery responded that it would go in the woods for logging accidents, rescues, snowmobile accidents, brush fires, etc. The tracks

would come off in the summer also. It would be very useful to the Department. Trustee Williams commented it would be a consolidation piece. The Mayor commented that they need to get 3 quotes and that it will be a useful piece of equipment. The Mayor commented that he and Trustee Domachowske are going to meet with the Fire Company to discuss their budget.

CODE OFFICER REPORT: Trustee Williams read the code officer Hamacher's report: 5 field inspections and 15 septic inspections, 4 complaints, 1 permit renewal, 1 certificate of occupancy, 4 violations and 2 unsafe buildings. He has also posted 2 no occupancy certificates at 17 Center Street and 112 Bridge Street. The Mayor commented that Mr. Hamacher has only found 2 illegal sump pump hook-ups so far and that he continues on with the inspections. Mr. Hamacher is working with preservation companies on keeping bank owned properties clean up and he is keeping track of violations to keep the Village clean.

DOG CONTROL REPORT: Clayton Conover submitted the following report: This month I have been dealing with a dangerous dog case. It has been transferred to a Judge he has never been in front of before and handled differently than he was used to. At the present time, all information has been passed on to the Village attorney who will sort out the legal side of the situation. As always, if anyone has any concerns, they should feel free to call me or stop by the Village Hall to fill out a complaint. Complaints are anonymous and are only for his records in case he needs more information. The Mayor commented that the dog case is being re-filed and we didn't want to have to get our attorney involved but we have. He stated this dog is threatening and frightening to all. Mr. Reehil commented that he was afraid of this dog and he wouldn't walk his dog down the street. The Mayor stated that the owners have not been cooperative or sorry about this at all, in fact they have fought it, but hopefully it will be resolved soon.

PAY BILLS: The Mayor made a motion to approve abstract #5, vouchers 196-235, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES: The next meeting will be November 11, 2014. (Amendment to this record, the next meeting will be November 18, 2014 due to the Veterans Day Holiday. The Mayor also stated that the Village Hall is being used more. We now have Yoga and Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts meeting here. The leaf pick up for the Village will begin on 10/20/14.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Mayor made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.