

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Scott Williams, Laureen Tackman, Joe Domachowske, Fire Chief Zach Avery, Janelle Clarke, Rod Batte, Joni Hinds, Mike Davis, Tom Mirizio, Paul Baxter, Roy Reehil.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Joni Hinds commented that the new drainage on Clay Street is helping their basement and she thanked the DPW.

**MIRIZIO SUBDIVISION:** Tom Mirizio was present to ask for approval for a subdivision of his property. Mayor Youmans stated he needs to speak with the codes officer to verify frontage and to make sure it complies with the land use laws. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the subdivision pending the approval from the code enforcement officer, second by Trustee Williams, all in favor.

**DPW REPORT:** Rod Batte gave the following report. He and Zack have working on grinder pumps, put in a new drain on Caswell and Clay streets. They will finish in the Spring with seeding. They have installed permanent hydrant markers that are spring loaded. They have flooded the beds and are getting ready for their yearly inspection at the plant. They have flushed the mains and exercised the valves, winterize the park and are getting the plow ready. They have had lots of grinder pump repairs. They also removed a tree that had fallen on Caswell St. Trustee Williams asked if they are done with summer help and the Mayor responded they have cut back and will utilize him when necessary.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Avery read the monthly report. In addition to the monthly report, he stated that they are looking into consolidation of their special operations equipment, by replacing their snowmobile and UTV with a new Polaris Sportsman 570 Touring 4 wheeler with tracks. They will utilize Auctions International to sell the old equipment and use the proceeds from the previous sale of equipment to purchase and only need about \$1,000 which they feel they can get at least that much for the sale of their snowmobile and UTV. Chief Avery also stated they have submitted a new mutual aid plan to Oswego County so they are now active on the box alarm system. It is a 3-tiered system. Jack Cottet and John Hinds worked on this for the Fire Department. He also stated that hose testing is complete and we only lost two cub jumpers. He stated when the new truck arrives it will have 1,000 ft. of hose. He reported that the FD has a possibility of sending some members to Erie County with snowmobiles to help out with the blizzard. He stated this is good for the Department and they have done it before in Oneida and in Binghamton to help with flooding. The Mayor commented that is seems as Cleveland has been doing more drills with the Contantia Fire Dept. and he is pleased that they are working together. Chief Avery reported that John Hinds is working on a FEMA grant and that he has given the board a memo regarding this. This grant would allow for the purchase of new turnout gear and air packs which are very expensive and the current ones the department has are old. The Clerk is also working with Mr. Hinds regarding the DUNS and SAM numbers needed to pursue these grants. The Mayor put forth the following motion: The Village Board supports the project and matching funds up to 10% in order to file the application by the December 5<sup>th</sup> deadline, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor.

Trustee Domachowske commented that he had met with Fire Company President Mike Davis regarding and audit of the Company and after speaking with Mr. Davis and reviewing their procedures, he feels the Fire Company has good internal controls and he is satisfied with this.

**TUG HILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter reported that there will be a NORCOG meeting on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Central Square Village Hall. John Bartow will be there. He also stated that since the Village Board is acting as the Planning Board, there will be a training on 12/1 for SEQR at the Parish Village Gym. This will satisfy the 4 hour training requirement for Planning Board members.

**SPIRIT COMMITTEE:** Joni Hinds gave the following report.

- The committee has requested that the village purchase a display wall for the hallway. The request was approved by the village board, but has not been purchased as of this date.
- Farmer's Market – didn't work out well this year. Need a vendor as an anchor.
- 9/11 – good turn-out for service, but not as many as previous years when the Cleveland Elementary School staff and students participated. Cost: \$102.00 (flowers and sound system)
- Garage Sale – received \$90.00 in donations, \$15.00 was spent on ads in the Queen Central News. Profit of \$75.00.

**New Business:**

- Light up the Park – November 29
  - Bernhards Bay UMC will donate a used artificial tree
  - Lila will contact Richard Ostrowski to see if he would deliver Santa in his fire truck.
  - Joni will contact Jim Ransom about getting toys from Toys for Tots.
  - Northshore Community Choir will be invited to sing.
  - Lila will contact Mike Tylee for sound system.
  - Lila will be in charge of refreshments – cookies and hot chocolate.

- Holiday Decorating Contest
  - Renee' and Jack Ryan will coordinate this contest.
- Art displays
  - Lila will contact her friend at the Cortland Library to get copies of forms they use when an artists' work is displayed.
  - This project will be on hold until the display wall has been purchased and mounted.

The next meeting will be scheduled in January or February.

The Mayor commented that the Village was ready to purchase the display board, but a resident came in with another idea and it has been delayed. He stated that there is a place in Camden that has a nice display and we need to look at that. Joni stated that ideally there would be a locked cabinet but the Spirit Committee doesn't have the money to do it. The Mayor stated there are a lot of talented people in the Village and we should have a proper place to showcase their works as well as historical items. Joni stated she has been in touch with Peg Peck who is the historian of Constantia and they will be collaborating.

**CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mayor Youmans gave the Code Report: 1 new addition, 7 field inspections, 3 complaints and 4 violations. The Board would like to see a more detailed report from the Code Officer. The Mayor stated that the Code Officer has been working on a landlord/tenant issue and has gotten it resolved.

**LEGISLATOR'S REPORT:** Roy Reehil stated that he attended the fire advisory board meeting and that Don Forbes praised Cleveland having 100% of their reports in. He also mentioned them regarding working on the radios and the fact that the Sheriff's Dept. is getting new radios and possibly looking at picking up some of the ones they are getting rid of. He also brought copies of the Winter/Spring calendar to have at the Village Hall. He stated that starting in January, the Hastings transfer station will be closed a 2<sup>nd</sup> day a week. The Legislature has been working on the County Budget and that revenues are down. 83% of the budget is state and federal mandates so they only have 17% to work with. They will have final numbers by the end of December. He stated there will be some increased fees coming. In the past the highway department was allowing municipalities to use their equipment, but now there will be a fee assessed for doing this. The Mayor asked when the revenues were down, and Mr. Reehil stated that the assessments in the County going down and sales tax revenues are down also. There is some question as to the power plants and their assessments and PILOT programs are now ending. Mr. Reehil stated that a lot of money goes to emergency services and they also do a lot of training for other nuke plants. There was discussion regarding the Sheriff's Department budget and the fact that officers are allowed to bring patrol cars home but don't seem to patrol their local areas. Troopers don't bring their cars home, so why do the Sheriff's? If the County is looking to cut costs, is this an area that can be looked at. Mr. Reehil stated that 2 cars and \$50,000 has been cut from the Sheriff's budget. The Mayor feels that the Village has not raised taxes and has made sacrifices and he believes the County and the Town should also. Mr. Reehil stated that if anyone ever has questions of the County, to put them in writing and he will have them addressed.

**OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD:** Mayor Youmans stated there are a lot of people in our community who do good things such as the Food Pantry, Christmas Basket Program, Spirit Committee, etc. and it's time to recognize them. He suggested at each meeting or when necessary, they could be recognized and a letter be sent to them and published as a press release in the newspaper. The only opposition was that you don't want to leave anyone out and sometimes an oversight can cause hard feelings.

**DANGEROUS DOG UPDATE:** This has been ongoing and it was just dismissed again by the West Monroe Judge. The Mayor stated that the Village attorney was present in court and that this is costing the Village quite a bit of money, but this dog is a danger to the neighborhood and anyone who might walk down the street and needs to be handled.

**CREDIT CARDS:** Credit cards are now being accepted for water and sewer payments. Paul Baxter stated that Cleveland is a pioneer in this, that no other municipalities that he knows of accept credit cards.

**PAY BILLS:** Trustee Domachowske inquired about the different amount for the Fire Department Utility and the Clerk stated that it was due to the pre-pay of propane for the department. Trustee Tackman commented on the high cost of retirement, and the Mayor stated that the Village has saved quite a bit in retirement costs by only having 2 DPW employees and that it is working out well with only 2. Trustee Domachowske stated that we are at the ½ year mark and now is a good time to do a cost analysis of where we stand. The Mayor stated that with the school closure, we need to look at what the loss of revenue will do to our budget. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve Abstract #6, vouchers 236-282, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** The next meeting will be December 9, 2014.

Discussion followed regarding the bunking-in situation going on at the Fire Department. Mayor Youmans stated there have been a lot of comments from taxpayers regarding this. There is criteria in place and Trustee Williams discussed the Company's policy stating it had all the rules spelled out. He stated Cleveland is unique with this as most bunking-in occurs in city departments not local departments. The station was originally designed to have weekenders on call for fires. Chief Avery stated having a bunk-in helps with the ISO rating that the Department receives. Joni commented as a former fire chief, that given the fact that there are very serious radio issues going on right now and the siren is not going off, that having someone at the station

at all times is a benefit. They can hit the repeater and get the proper notification out to responders. She supports the bunk-in program and believes the benefit outweighs the negative. She also feels the Village has no oversight on this as the Company is an incorporated business, but the Mayor feels that the taxpayer is owed an explanation. Joni and Trustee Williams believe it should be up to the Board of Directors of the Fire Company to determine. The Mayor stated that the board is in agreement and will not move ahead with the Village getting involved, but Trustee Tackman stated that if the Board gets complaints regarding this, then it should be handled at that point. The Board is responsible for taxpayer money and we just want to be mindful and want to prevent fraud from occurring. It was suggested that the Board ask that President Mike Davis have the bunk-in agreement signed by whoever is bunking-in.

The Village Board has called an emergency meeting to discuss the water project on 11/19 at 4:00pm.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** The Mayor made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.