

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Christine Schreiber, Trustees Joe Domachowske, Scott Williams, Rod Batte, Fire Chief Zach Avery, Cathy Kline, Paul Baxter, Roy Reehi, Tom Moran, Richard Colesante, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, Phil Schreiber, Suzanne Walters. Absent: Mayor Norm Youmans and Trustee Lauren Tackman.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Deputy Mayor Schreiber welcomed the members of the Town of Constantia Board and offered the Village’s condolences on the loss of their supervisor and commented that we look forward to new beginnings with the Town. Mr. Lewis asked why the siren at the Fire Department doesn’t work. Chief Avery replied that when the siren goes off, it increases the power demand, which raises the electric rate. Deputy Mayor Schreiber asked if a review of the system has been conducted, and Chief Avery stated he will ask the President of the Company to review. Resident Suzanne Walters spoke up regarding being bothered and chased by several dogs in the Village. She stated this is an on-going problem for people who walk in the Village and she would like to see something done. Deputy Mayor Schreiber stated that she needs to call the Village office or dog warden any time this happens and the dog warden will take care of it. She also stated that action is being taken regarding one of these dogs and thanked Ms. Walters for her comments.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter reported that local government conference was coming up on March 26th in Watertown. On 3/19 at 7:00pm the Town of West Monroe will host the Zoning Board of Appeals training. This training counts toward the hours necessary for the Board of Appeals. He also stated that the Village’s website is up to date as well. A meeting date of 4/28 was set for Karla from the Tug Hill Assoc. to come and speak to the Village Board regarding Grants.

DPW REPORT: Rod Batte gave the following report: The DPW has been very busy plowing snow and keeping lots clear and cutting the banks. They have had to deal with several frozen sewer lines, pumping down tanks on a daily basis especially on end of the line connections. They have also had to locate several frozen connections. They have also been keeping the ice off the treatment plant. He also stated that the power has been reconnected at 97 Center Street, which had been shut-off due to vacancy and was causing pump issues. Deputy Mayor Schreiber mentioned that the DPW received a nice thank you from Lance Vella for their help with his grinder pump.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Avery read the monthly alarm and drill report. He commented that the new ATV was used on its first successful rescue on Oneida Lake and proved to be “just the right tool for the job” as spoken by two of the Contantia Fire Chiefs. He also stated that the Kawasaki mule and Chevy mini pumper both sold on Auctions International as did the Village’s pick-up truck. They will be having a demo of a Scott-Rit Pack on the 11th of this month

in anticipation of purchasing one in the upcoming budget year. The cost is approximately \$6,500. This is like a back-pack to get a firefighter or victim out of a fire with an air pack. Chief Avery stated that they are trying to drill with the Town of Constantia on a monthly basis. There is no update on a timeframe in which the new truck will be ready as each piece is built in a different location.

LEGISLATOR’S REPORT: Legislator Reehil gave the following report: Legislature Chairman Gardner created a new Advisory Committee -- The Community Health and Poverty Reduction Task Force -- in partnership with every School District in the County. I have been assigned to Chair the Committee.

The Task Force was created in response to worsening negative trends regarding health behaviors, child abuse, and poverty in the County. All the school districts in the county and the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation (CiTi) are our equal partners in the effort (both financially and in committee voting rights.)

The task force is comprised of a bipartisan split of Legislators, Roy Reehil (R) Chairman, Marie Schadt (D) Vice-Chair, Jacob Mulcahey (D) and Daniel LeClair (R). Our school district representatives include Stewart Amell, Superintendent, Sandy Creek Central School District; Anita Murphy, Superintendent, Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District; Lisa Roman, Counselor, Oswego City School District; and John Shelmidine, Board President of (CiTi) and Sandy Creek Central Schools.

Advisors appointed to the Task Force are Gregg Heffner, Oswego County Commissioner of Social Services, Jiancheng Huang, Director of Public Health Oswego County Health Department, Legislator Shane Broadwell, Chairman of the County Legislature’s Human Services Committee; Oswego County Administrator Philip Church; Chris Todd, District Superintendent of the CiTi, and Kevin Gardner, Chairman of the Oswego County Legislature.

The task force will serve as a steering committee to work with CZB consulting group of Alexandria, VA to guide a comprehensive study of programs and services in Oswego County and to develop programs or recommendations for improving or reforming current practices.

Concurrent with our data collection we are focusing in on researching and developing community based multi-disciplinary treatment teams, to treat whole families in ways that are not happening now, to attempt to treat every aspect of the layers of problems that lead to child abuse and neglect, substance abuse, crime and poverty within family units.

Complete list of Committee Assignments:
Chairman, Community Health and Poverty Reduction Task Force, an Advisory Committee
Economic Development and Planning Committee
Government, Courts and Consumer Affairs Committee
Oswego County Tourism Advisory Council

In addition to the report, he also stated that with the passing of Town Supervisor Gilkey, there is a lot to do. Mr. Gilkey served as the Chair of the County Planning Board and the County would like to see someone from the Town of Constantia fill that seat. He also stated the new Rabies Clinic schedule is out and there will be a clinic in West Monroe coming in June.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Code Officer William Hamacher submitted the following: The month of February has been a little slow and quiet. Now that Spring is on its way, I am anticipating a busy Spring and Summer with several new houses, violations and inspections to begin very soon. There were 2 complaints reported regarding snow removal at 23 North Street.

APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING REPORT: Deputy Mayor Schreiber made a motion to approve the Sewer Study Engineering Report that was submitted by Barton & Loguidice, second by Trustee Williams, all in favor.

PAY BILLS: Trustee Williams inquired as to how the garbage pick-up was going and have we had any complaints, and the Deputy Mayor responded it is going well and no complaints. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve Abstract #10, vouchers 404-440, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor. Mr. Reehil suggested we offer new residents a welcome packet that details the Village services of water, sewer and garbage.

Mr. Colesante inquired about the possible Charter School. Mr. Reehil responded that the group is applying for a charter and they have asked the School District to possibly donate the school to the Village. There are many steps that need to be followed in order for this to occur, and this puts the closure of Cleveland Elementary in a new light. Deputy Mayor Schreiber read the letter that Mr. Chris Flaherty submitted to the Board of Education regarding the charter school and the possible donation of the building to the Village of Cleveland.

IMPORTANT DATES: Next meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:30pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Deputy Mayor Schreiber made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor.