

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber and Joseph Domachowske, Fire Chief Zack Avery, Cathy Kline, Mike Davis, Randy Blowers, Clyde Lewis. Absent: Trustees Williams and Tackman

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Randy Blowers inquired about the sewers in Constantia and the flow coming to Cleveland's plant. Mayor Youmans responded that at the present the time the cost to residents is very high and it will be some time before this happens. Mr. Blowers also inquired as to whether the Village would profit from this and again the Mayor stated that more research would need to be done and the sewer study didn't cover that.

**DPW REPORT:** Zack Avery gave the following report: The diffuser system at the beds was rebuilt, they have been mowing grass, put winter equipment away and took out summer. 4 dumpsters for the spring clean-up were hauled, this is about average pick up. We had several bed frames and couches, and picked up about 120 tires. Brush was also picked-up. Mr. Reehil contacted Frank Visser at the County regarding getting the tires to the dump and the electronics picked up.

**TUG HILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter he helped the Clerk with the Tax Cap filing. He also coordinated and participated in the workshop at the Village for grant preparedness. He thanked the Village also for hosting the North Shore meeting. Much was discussed. The Tughill Commission will help the Village with the application for funding for the dock project. In-kind services may be part of this. The Village board agrees this is a good idea and Mayor Youmans made a motion for the Tug Hill to proceed with the application on behalf of the Village, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. Paul stated there will be a meeting the Thur. May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Village dock with the DEC. Trustee Schreiber will attend on behalf of the Village. The Village website is also up to date. Mayor Youmans also commented he was pleased with the grant session with Carla and thank Paul for setting it up.

**LEGISLATOR'S REPORT:** Legislator Reehil stated he met the Oswego County Planning and the DEC people at the docks and Canal Corp happened to have a team of divers checking the dock. All is helps our process and he believes that the tourism connection has clicked with the State and that the upstate revitalization project, which has a pot of \$500,000,000. He hopes that there will be money for the Village to repair the docks and do signage to connect the trails for tourism. He also stated the County passed a tax relief program on a sliding scale for residential rehabs or additions as well as one for commercial property. The tax auction is July 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Discussion followed regarding the Constantia sewer project and what it means to the North Shore and economic development.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Avery read the monthly alarm and drill report. He thanked John Hinds for the great work on the FEMA grant that the department received. The award was \$142,810 for 18 new air packs, face masks and bottles. It only requires a \$7,500 matching amount from the department. He stated the department has tried 4 or 5 times in the past to get a grant like this. He also reported that the new fire boat has been at Brewerton Boat Yard and has 2 broken wires and was taking on water. There was a bad seal and they are looking at several thousand dollars of repairs. The Mayor commented its still better than buying a new boat, and that it will now be a safer vessel for rescuers. Chief Avery stated they hoped to have it by Memorial Day weekend and that is why it wasn't in the water. He also commented on the grant stating it couldn't have come at a better time as the packs we have now are coming up on their life expectancy.

Mike Davis, the President of the Fire Company stated the department has some new members, a husband/wife team who are now running Vandercamp. He said their numbers are growing. He stated when he took over, he was asked for a budget and he has done the best with what he had and the only big issue was due to having to replace the furnace and garage doors. He has made some changes to save money and he believes the Company does not need an increase from the Village in the Utility payment and that the Department agreed to help out with bigger issues (financially) should they arise. Trustee Schreiber asked about the Company's other income, such as donations? Trustee Domachowske asked about their savings account and how much was in there. Mr. Davis stated about \$5,500 and it mostly comes from donations and ½ of that goes into savings for big items. Mayor Youmans commented that the Village may eventually need to potentially increase the Utility budget by 1%, but overall they are doing well. Mr. Davis stated PESH stated the electric eyes on the 2 garage doors needed to be fixed and they cost \$400 each. He also reported that the fire whistle is back on.

**CODE REPORT:** Mayor Youmans read the code report. From April 13-May 12 there were 24 violations inspections, 5 building inspections and 1 building permit. The Code Officer is sending out letters for violations. Mr. Lewis inquired about the Blair property on North Street. Currently the County owns it and nothing can be done at this point. If people who are issued violations don't comply, they will be taken to court. More pressure needs to be put on residents to keep up their properties.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:** Trustee Schreiber read the following report from Clayton Conover: I am currently holding a dog that was found on Clay St. on April 27<sup>th</sup>. It's a large male black lab. He was found with a blue collar but no tags. If anyone is looking for him, please notify myself or the Clerk. As the five day hold period is over, he can be adopted out. The Village has a \$10 fee and he would need to be licensed in Constantia. There are a lot of calls regarding dogs running at large. This is not unusual with the nicer weather, however the local law states it is illegal to allow a dog to be unleashed off the owner's property.

**GARBAGE LAW:** The Board will review the proposed law and discuss at the next meeting.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve Abstract #12, vouchers 481-523, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

Zack inquired about the quotes for a 7x12 dump trailer to haul sludge. Mayor Youmans commented that this will be purchased from the sewer budget and it will be beneficial for other things. We will move ahead with the purchase by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed regarding the trees in the Village that need to be taken care of. Tall Timber has given us a quote of \$2,500 for the trees at 195 North St. The center is dead, and it is not near wires, but Reese is in town working for National Grid and perhaps something can be worked out with them as the Village DPW assisted them in an emergency situation. The trees and stump need to come out. There is also a tree at 62 Bridge that needs to be looked at. Trustee Schreiber commented that some of the pear trees down Rt. 49 don't look good and need to be maintained. The winter was harsh and has affected some of them.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6:30pm.

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