

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Laureen Tackman and Scott Williams Fire Chief Zack Avery, Cathy Kline, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, Paul Baxter, Mike Davis, Cindy and Christopher Suchecki. Absent: Trustee Joseph Domachowski

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Boy Scout Chris Suchecki looking to do a project for the Village. Zack suggested painting the fire hydrants. Mayor Youmans suggested looking around the Village to see what he thinks needs to be done and come back to the board and discuss it. Trustee Schreiber suggested the North St. park and Trustee Tackman agreed that something other than Main St. (Rt. 49) should be looked at.

Dan Lewis commented that it is difficult to see when you approach the intersection of Kathern and North Streets and could something be done there.

**DPW REPORT:** Zack Avery gave the following report: The drain projects were finished in July. They have been doing maintenance on both mowers and they are running well. They purchased and installed a new garage door at the treatment plant and they have been doing housekeeping up there. They fixed the dump truck. New DPW employee, Joe Taskey started on July 20<sup>th</sup> and is doing very well. They have loaned the dump trailer to several residents and it is going well. Trustee Williams inquired about a second Village clean up. Mayor Youmans wasn't in favor of this and stated that people are used to the Spring clean up and also the County gives us a break for dumping in the Spring. Discussion of the pros and cons of a second clean up and it was decided that one clean up was enough. Mr. Williams also inquired about someone bringing in debris to the Village for the Village to clean up and the Mayor responded if he felt this is a problem he should file a complaint. Trustee Tackman asked if the Fire Department still has someone bringing garbage to the dumpster at the department and it was confirmed that it is still occurring. Zack continued with his report stating that they have cut the brush at the well site, installed a new toilet at the park, hauled material to Preston Hill, and replaced the culvert on North St. They are ready to receive 75 tons of salt from the County. They would like to build up their supply. He also commented that they had a grinder pump call at Unique Woodworks and that a grinder pump top had been removed due to plowing there. He said the pit was full and the pump was damaged, but repairable. He inquired who was responsible for the replacement of the grinder pump top and repair? This will be looked into. They cleaned up the brush around the pond as requested by resident Ms. Weed. They also dug two holes at Irv Loock's property and not a drop of water was in the holes so it is not the Village's issue. They replaced a 36x 45 culvert pipe on North Street. They dug 6 ft. in the ground and did it all in one day. Mayor Youmans commended the DPW for a great job. Zack also reported they have had a rash of sewer discharges going bad and they have had to replace many of them due to being installed incorrectly previously. The Village hired Tall Timber Tree Service to cut a tree on North St. and one on Bridge St. They came back and ground the stump down and had to remove a section of the sidewalk on Bridge St. to complete it. They did a nice job and then the Village finished it by seeding and haying the area. Mayor Youmans commented that we have lucked out with seasonal help. Kenji Leahy did a great job and was exactly what we needed and Randy Blowers also does a great job for us and continues to take on more responsibility. Trustee Williams inquired about how much longer we have Kenji and where does the seasonal budget stand and could we keep someone on longer to keep mowing. The Mayor stated after Kenji finishes, we still have Randy to continue mowing. Trustee Williams asked if Randy was more beneficial at the plant rather than mowing? The Mayor stated the budget was fine and that Kenji had other employment and we don't want to hold him back. Maybe he could help out in a pinch. Mayor Youmans stated Joe Taskey is doing a good job and Zack is training him very well and we have him signed up for water and sewer classes. Rod is retiring on 8/26/15 and we tried to give him a going away party, but he didn't want any big party. He felt he shouldn't be rewarded for doing the job he was hired to do.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Fire Chief Avery gave the monthly report. He also stated the new 1995 Pierce Arrow 65 Ft. Tele Squire is in service and has gone to its first call. The new mini pumper is due to arrive on August 19<sup>th</sup>. He stated that even though they are in the midst of a major equipment overhaul, we must keep the station clean and orderly. He thanked all the members for their extra work the last few weeks and the upcoming weeks. He stated that the Department is not spending nearly the amount of money that was spent years ago and they are saving money by repurposing equipment. Mr. Davis inquired if 421 is ready to be sold and Chief Avery stated it is cleaned up and ready to go to auction. Mayor Youmans inquired as to why 2 boats are in the marina and Chief Avery stated that the motor is bad in the new boat and they don't want to put more money into it until they get a full diagnosis. The boat calls die down usually by Labor Day and they will finish out the season with the old boat. Mr. Davis stated the Company will have another boat drive on Labor Day Weekend. They would like to use the sign in front of the Village Hall to advertise this. They raised \$1,700 in May and \$1,100 in July.

**TUG HILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter reported that they are in the process of filling the positing of Executive Director and plan to fill it by November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Commission wants to involve the towns and villages in the process. He also encouraged Cleveland to promote the history of the Village.

**CODE ENFORCMENT REPORT:** Mayor Youmans read the code officers report. Trustee Tackman asked about vacant houses in the village. Trustee Williams was to work with the code officer on this and Mr. Williams stated that the code officer has been in contact with the banks and has given written notices.

**SPIRIT COMMITTEE:** Joni Hinds submitted the following report:

- The village has purchased display cases which are in the entrance of the village hall. The Cleveland Historian, Cleveland Historical Society and Cleveland Spirit Committee are working on ideas for displays which include: 9/11 Remembrance during the month of September, displays of history with theme ideas throughout the year and displays by local artists, past and present.
- Joni planted flowers around the gazebo for Memorial Day and has put up banners for Memorial Day and July 4. The weeding is constant throughout the summer; volunteers are welcome to assist with weeding. The committee requests that the village workers use a blower to clean the sidewalks after mowing. This park is used on a daily basis by local residents and those passing through. It is a beautiful park which complements our village.

New Business:

It will be a busy week in September with the following events:

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| September 10, Thursday      | Jack Henke, author of books on Oneida Lake and Sylvan Beach, will be the guest speaker at the Cleveland Historical Society at 7:00 p.m.   |
| September 11, Friday        | 9/11 Remembrance: Display at the village hall during the month of September. We will contact the Cleveland Fire Department to coordinate a silent march and or service.   |
| September 12-13, Sat & Sun. | Cleveland’s Annual Garage Sale Weekend. Joni will prepare the application and advertising.  |
| September 13, Sunday        | The Master’s Touch Chorale, 4:00 p.m., Cleveland United Methodist Church.   |
| November 28, Saturday       | Annual “Light up the Park”. The committee requests assistance from the village to string lights in the park. This has become too big of a task for our members. Joni will be in charge of decorating the gazebo and Christmas tree. |

Trustee Williams inquired about missing banners on the telephone poles. Trustee Tackman wondered if we could see if anyone was interested in purchasing extra banners to fill the open spots. Trustee Williams will work with the clerk on this.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING BOUNCED CHECKS:** Mayor Youmans made the following resolution: Should a payer have 2 checks returned for insufficient funds, the Village of Cleveland will not accept any future payments from said payer in the form of a personal check. Payment must be made in cash or certified check or credit card. Second Trustee Williams, all in favor.

**DPW UNIFORMS:** The Village received quotes for uniforms for the DPW. They will supply 11 sets of uniforms, shop towels and rugs for the Village hall. They will be picked up once a week. This will keep employees looking professional and the uniforms will be sanitary. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the proposal from UniForce at a cost of \$25.69 per week, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

**CANAL CORP DOCK RESOLUTION:** Trustee Schreiber read the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

**RESTORATION OF AND ENHANCEMENTS TO THE HISTORIC CANAL DOCK AT CLEVELAND, NY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Cleveland has a long and proud history as a lakeside community welcoming and supporting

commercial and recreational activity on Oneida Lake, and  
WHEREAS, the NYS Canal Corp facility known as the Cleveland Dock has played a significant role in the development of the Village of Cleveland and Oneida Lake in general, and  
WHEREAS, the Dock has also been instrumental in the maintenance of the NYS Canal system within the Central NY region, and  
WHEREAS, the Dock's location near the mid-point of Oneida Lake has made it a strategic site for the safety of boating traffic on Oneida Lake which is known for sudden and violent storms, and  
WHEREAS, there are potentially funds available through the NYS Consolidated Funding Application process and federal sources such as the Northern Border Regional Commission and the Boating Infrastructure Grant program under the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, then therefore be it and it is hereby  
RESOLVED, that the Village of Cleveland desires to work with any and all local, state and federal agencies to acquire funding and permissions that may be necessary to restore and enhance the Cleveland Dock, and be it further  
RESOLVED, that the Village is prepared manage the project if funded and the facility once it is back in public service.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand as Village Clerk and affixed the corporate seal this 18th day of August 2015.

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Julie Simpson, Clerk

**EFC GRANT FOR WATER PROJECT:** Mayor Youmans stated the our engineer is preparing to file a grant on behalf of the Village regarding the upcoming domestic water project. This is the first step in the process and he made a motion to approve the filing of the grant with EFC, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mayor Youmans made a motion to accept the June Treasurer's report as presented, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve Abstract #3, vouchers 100-152, second by Trustee Williams, all in favor. Trustee Tackman asked if the clerk would add a tape to vouchers to be sure the correct amount is paid. She inquired about the gas bill for the Fire Department and Chief Avery reported there was a lot of gas for the boat.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Next meeting, Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:30pm.

At 8:08 pm, Mayor Youmans made a motion to enter into executive session, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor. At 9:00pm, Mayor Youmans made a motion to close executive session and return to regular session, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

Mayor Youmans made a motion to appoint Zack Avery as of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as DPW Superintendent/Chief Operator with a \$4.00 per hour raise, second by Trustee Williams, Trustees Tackman and Williams Yes, Mayor Youmans, Yes, Trustee Schreiber, Abstain, motion carried. Mayor Youmans discussed employee Randy Blowers and stated he is very reliable and has worked for the Village for 2 years and made a motion to increase his hourly rate by \$1.00, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor. Trustee Tackman made a motion to approve the Sewer License Agreement with Rodney Batte effective August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as stated, second by Trustee Williams, all in favor.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn at 9:20pm, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.