

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Laureen Tackman, Joe Domachowske and Scott Williams Fire Chief Zack Avery, Cathy Kline, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, Randy Blowers, Paul Baxter, Legislator Roy Reehil, Constantia Town Supervisor Ken Mosley,

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Randy Blowers asked if the Village had given any more thought to covering the WWTP to keep out the snow and rain. Zack Avery stated they would like a cover for the clarifier and need to get a price on one. They would like a dome type structure in order to capture the methane gas. Mayor Youmans and Mr. Avery are going to look at Minoa's set up to see how they do it. Mr. Blowers also asked about the unused playground equipment and could they be removed? According to the health department they are safe, but they are old and not used. The Village Board all agreed that the DPW may remove these items from the park. Dan Lewis commented that it is difficult to see when you approach the intersection of Kathern and North Streets and has anything been done about this? Zack Avery spoke to the home owner and nothing as of yet has been done to rectify this. Is this a code violation? The Mayor and DPW will look at it and work on it. Trustee Schreiber suggested a follow up letter after the inspection. Mayor Youmans wanted to clarify a motion from the last meeting regarding Zack's appointment as DPW Superintendent and to read the agreement with Rod Batte into the minutes. The agreement is as follows, signed by the Mayor and Mr. Batte. For the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars), payable in bi-weekly installments for a period of one year, commencing August 28, 2015 – August 28, 2016 Rodney Batte hereby agrees to the following: Assist with training and consulting for **up to** 3 hours per week. Any services beyond those listed above would be paid at a rate of \$35.00 per hour. Trustee Tackman made a motion to approve this agreement, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor.

DPW REPORT: Zack Avery gave the following report: The Kodiak was at Schinns for maintenance. It has been sanded and painted and ready for winter. The dump trailer is being used at least once a week. They have been cutting brush. They overhauled the equipment and chemical rooms. Yvonne and Doug were in from Rural Water checking over the plant and water system and said everything was in running very well. Zack reported they did some repair work at the trailer park on grinder pump system there. They dug up the line and fixed it. The Mayor and Zack will send a letter to the park owner and let him know the damage this could have caused. This park has 22 units and is poorly designed. The Village could bill him for the DPW's time and we would like to work with him, but he needs to do things properly.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter reported that on 9/10 there will be a subdivision review workshop in Central Square that will be a 2 credit course. On 10/8 there will be a workshop in Constantia for Planning and Zoning boards for procedures and rules. There is also a town budget process workshop on 9/21 and on 9/24. He also reported that the Village's website is up to date.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Avery gave the monthly report. The 2015 mini pumper is currently being fitted with all its equipment and hoses. The department has been drilling with neighboring towns. The line officers are currently taking leadership training taught by Lyle Robbins. There are five new members in the department which brings their membership to 41, with 35 being active members. The Town of Constantia is requesting any budget increases be submitted to them by 9/10. Chief Avery stated they will not be asking for any increase this year. He did request that in the future, the Village Board be the ones to ask for any increase as they are actually responsible for the department. He further stated that the department will be bidding out the SEBA airpicks to be purchased with the grant that has been received. He requested that the bid packet be reviewed by the Village's attorney before being put out to bid. This money must be used by May of 2016 and it takes about 6 months to finalize the bid process. Mayor Youmans made a motion to advertise for bids for SEBAs once the Village's attorney has approved the bid packet, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

LEGISLATOR'S REPORT: Legislator Reehil reported that in case everyone was not aware, the Charter School application had been turned down and that no rural charter school applications were approved. He is however, more hopeful with the new school board that is in place. He inquired about the Village updating the LWRP and by doing so could potentially help the Village with grants. He also stated he will get us a copy of the grant that has been submitted on our behalf for the dock project. He asked about the sidewalks and whether it is being done by the state and was the Village consulted? He stated many other municipalities have complained that they were not consulted prior to the work being done and perhaps other projects could have tied in at the same time with the municipalities were aware ahead of time. He reported the sale prices of the three properties that

were sold at the County auction. 19 North St. sold for \$2,000, 30 Oneida St. sold for \$35,000 and 141 North St. sold for \$11,000. He further stated that the County is trying to form a Land Bank. This would help communities faced with vacant properties. There are currently about 15 in the state and it would facilitate moving these properties along to be resold. The Land Bank is funded by grants and the work by hiring workers to flip the homes and put them back on the tax rolls.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: No report submitted this month. Mayor Youmans will be meeting the codes officer.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE: Trustee Tackman read the following:

Cleveland is going to be busy this week! Starting on Thursday, there will be a guest speaker at the Historical Society followed by the annual 9/11/01 Remembrance on Friday and capped off by the annual Garage Sale Day/Weekend.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7pm - Jack Henke, author of several books on Oneida Lake, will present a special program covering areas of interest on the north shore

North Street (former St. James Episcopal Church). Free & open to the public

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Annual 9/11/01 Remembrance

6:30 pm - Silent Walk from St. Mary's Church parking lot along Bridge Street to Center Street, Center Street to 9/11 Memorial at Lakeview Park

7:00 pm - Remembrance Service & Honor our 1st Responders: Fire, Police, EMS & Military

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

9 am - ? Residents and organizations throughout the village and area community will be participating Saturday and/or Sunday
Maps will be available at Vella's Northshore Market and various vendors

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Domachowske had not had a chance to review this month's report, but stated June's report was good and he will report next month.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve Abstract #4, vouchers 153-191, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor.

Constantia Town Supervisor, Ken Mosley asked if the Village had received the Town's letter regarding the town being the lead agency on their project. The Village has indeed received the letter. Mayor Youmans stated the Village will hold an informational meeting the proposed water project on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:00pm. He stated the village has applied for additional grants also. The Town is forming their water districts and if the Village's project doesn't pass, it may change the funding for the Town. He also commented that the Village's well has fared very well in the recent drought. Legislator Reehil stated he will check with the County regarding the digging up of the trail for OCWA's part of the project. Mayor Youmans stated this is a big project for the Village and we are hopeful for a grant. The Oswego County Health Department started this whole process by stating the water tower needed to be painted. The cost alone for that is about \$750,000. A similar project was voted down years ago. A couple years ago, the Town and their engineers Barton & Loguidice, came to the Village to join projects and after a while, the Village felt they were not being properly represented by B&L, so they hired their own engineer to better represent the interest of the Village. Now the scope of the project has changed, but hopefully the Town and the Village will be able to work together to get this project done.

IMPORTANT DATES: Next meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:30pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.