Village of Cleveland Water Informational Meeting September 22, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Laureen Tackman, Joe Domachowske and Scott Williams, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, Constantia Town Supervisor Ken Mosley, Tom Moran, unknown resident and Village Engineer, Jack Dodson of Dodson and Associate.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Youmans at 6:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Dodson welcomed everyone and began his presentation. He had a power point presentation (on file at the Village Hall) that began with the history of the Village's water system dating back to 1897 and at the time cost \$30,000 and the updates on the system that happened in 1978. The presentation discussed:

- Compliance with NYS Dept. of Health and they NYS DEC
- Water source options
- Distribution Storage Options
- Recommended Improvements
- Hardship Award (0% interest loan)
- Cost Impact
- Plan of Action
 - 1. Source-Village New Primary Well
 - 2. OCWA Interconnect
 - 3. Water Treatment Building Improvements
 - 4. New Transmission Mains
 - 5. Distribution Mains
 - 6. Water Storage Tank
 - 7. Water Meters
 - 8. Soft Costs (engineering, legal, administrative, survey)

The overall cost of the project is projected to be \$3,800,000. The total projected service charge (PSC) would be approx. \$430 more per year per household. The Village applied for a hardship application with the Town of Constantia to the NYS Dept. of Health and to the NYS Environmental Facilities Corp (EFC) seeking financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The Village received a letter from EFC on May 11, 2015 informing them that the proposed project was eligible for \$8,003,000 interest free financing for a 30 year term. Village share estimated at \$3,800.000.

After the presentation, discussion followed. Will the Village separate the O&M (operations and maintenance) charge? Yes, it will be billed to property taxes. Outside users cannot be charged debt service, only water rate charge. They are a valuable part of our water system. Question, what if an outside user wants to drill a well rather than utilize Village Water? The Health Department won't allow someone who already has access to a water system to drill a well. The Town of Contantia residents are currently paying roughly \$650.00 per year for water and O&M charges. The information from this meeting and the date of the next meeting will be included on the next water billing. There will be future meetings to further discuss this potential project. Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.