

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Lauren Tackman, Joe Domachowske, Fire Chief Zack Avery, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, Randy Blowers, Paul Baxter, Legislator Roy Reehil, Mike Davis. Absent: Trustee Scott Williams.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Randy Blowers asked if water meters are a necessary part of the water project. The Mayor responded that they are an equitable solution for residents. He also stated the meters would affect the sewer plant and would likely reduce the flow and water to be treated at the plant. He stated they are not a necessity, but most other areas have them and they are mandated if we drill a new well and if we receive any grant money as well. They are just a more equitable option for residents. Mr. Blowers inquired again about the cover for the plant. A quote has been requested.

A representative from Eric Koester's office was present to discuss his plans to build a small cottage on his Division Street property. He would like to remove the existing shed and replace it with a 16' x 18', 462sq.ft. structure. Mayor Youmans is very concerned as he feels it will bring down the value of surrounding property. What will it be worth? The code enforcement officer will review the plans and make sure it meets any requirements in Village laws. Zack Avery commented that there is a sewer hook-up there, but no water and that it will require a bore in the road.

**LEGISLATOR'S REPORT:** Legislator Reehil announced that he had spoken to the County highway Superintendent and that he was assured that a crew would be down to inspect the County Recreational Trail, to cut back brush and possibly to grade to fill holes and puddles. He also announced that the County had voted to create a County Land Bank, which would offer the County and the Town more options when it came to properties nearing at the end of their useful life. The Land Bank would be enacted if approved by the State. There are only going to be 20 in the state and currently there are only 4 slots left and Oswego County hopes to be one of those 4. People may have heard that the Fitzpatrick Nuclear Plant in Scriba may close. That decision is under consideration by the owner, Entergy and is said to be coming later this month. The Draft County Budget was released last week and is under the State Tax Cap with an initial projected increase of 12 cents per thousand of assessed value. Legislator Reehil has been appointed to Ad-Hoc Search committee for the recruitment for Commissioner of Social Services and he is on a total of 8 committees now. Mayor Youmans asked Mr. Reehil about the racetrack. Mr. Reehil stated it has been given the go-ahead by the Governor, but he is curious as to how it will impact the middle school next door.

**CLERK'S SALARY:** Mayor Youmans stated that in the spring during budget time he wanted to give everyone a raise. At this point everyone except the clerk has received a raise. He stated she is doing a very good job and made a motion to increase the Clerk's salary by \$1.00 per hour effective beginning the next pay period, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

**DPW REPORT:** Zack Avery stated they are looking for a machine to plow the sidewalks. He and the Mayor went and looked at a used tractor for \$4,000. He stated to purchase a new tractor would cost \$27,500 after trading in our current tractor. Mayor Youmans stated that there was money earmarked in last year's budget to purchase a snowblower for sidewalks already. Mayor Youmans made a motion to

approve the purchase of a used snow blower up to \$4,000, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor. He stated the Village is not getting rid of any equipment, and this will be utilized for other things as well and it has a cab with a heater. Mr. Avery continued that September had been a busy month. They set a culvert pipe on West Street, stripped the steel from the highway garage and then insulated and re-steered it. It went very well and they only have to finish the soffit and fascia on one wall. They expect to see a large savings in the heating of the building and it is in much better shape now. He stated they have also removed the old playground equipment at the park and graded the area. They took the sander off the truck and put the dump box on and hauled sand for the first time in 4 years. They ended up blowing a tire, but ended up getting a used set of 4 from a fire truck for \$400. A new set would have been about \$2,000. They have repaired the salt shed and it is ready for winter. They had a major breakdown with the backhoe, but fixed it themselves. They also fixed the Kabota and repaired 3 water shutoffs. He stated the company that did the sidewalks cleaned up and spread stone at Lakeview Park and hydroseeded at the highway garage also. In regard to the winter, the DPW workers went to a seminar that discussed brining the roads in the winter. Mr. Avery feels this will be a great way to maintain the roads as it can be done prior to a storm. It works up to 5 days and keeps the roads from getting icy. It will cost the Village less than \$1,000 to do this. We already have the tank and just need to purchase a little equipment to make it work.

Mr. Avery also stated the employee Joe Taskey went to his water class and passed his test. He will now need approval from the Health Department to use his license. He will need to be evaluated. Zack would like to see him receive a \$1.00 per hour raise with this water license. Joe is a very good mechanic and hard-working employee.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Fire Chief Avery gave the monthly report. He also stated that everything that has been listed on Auctions International has been sold and is in the process of being picked up. We should expect to see our money in a few weeks. He reported that they essentially purchased and placed into service the Pierce Tele Squirt for \$900 as a result of the sales of auction. The Board is very happy with this. Finally, the Safety Officer has resigned his position. As of right now, we will not be filling it with a dedicated safety officer, but will be rotating through the line officers for the remainder of the year. He stated there are currently 42 members on the roster and that they have more response to daytime calls than in the past.

**TUG HILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter presented a summary of key positions in surrounding towns. He stated the Village's website is up to date.

**CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Trustee Schreiber read the report. The Board complimented the code officer for an awesome report. This is far more detailed and shows all the permits and inspections that have been done.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:** Trustee Tackman read the report. Mr. Conover states that he has had a lot of calls regarding dogs running at large and reminds every one of the leash law in the Village and that under NYS law, dogs must be licensed and he will issue tickets if they are not.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve October Abstract #5, vouchers 192-239, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

Legislator Reehil inquired as to the status of the water project. Mayor Youmans stated the Village has backed off of the larger project. We have scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 5:00pm to decide

the actual size and scope of the project. We need to look at other sources of funding. The first project was \$3.8 million with 0% financing. We now need to see if they will lend us money at the same interest rate. Our engineer was understanding with our need to downsize the project and will help us move forward. We are mandated to do certain aspects of the project and we have a great system that just needs a few improvements. Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn at 7:25pm, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.