

**Village of Cleveland      Work Board Meeting      5:30PM      May 10, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Norm Youmans, Trustees Laureen Tackman, Christine Schreiber, Joseph Domachowske, Scott Williams and grant writer Kristy LaManache.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** By Mayor Youmans at 5:30 pm.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss grant opportunities with a prospective grant writer Kristy LaManache. The Village is looking for guidance as to what opportunities are out there for grants. Kristy introduced herself and handed out a list of the grants she has obtained for other communities and her fee schedule. She stated most grants applications run approximately \$3,000-\$3,500. The board members offered ideas from grants such as improving main street with street lamps, redoing the playground on North Street, and our water project. She stated that community demographics play a part in the funding of the grants and that there is usually a local match of 25% for most projects. Kristy also suggested we register for Grants Gateway as a way to see what grants are out there. Mayor Youmans made a motion to close the special meeting at 6:25, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** By Mayor Youmans at 6:30 pm. In addition the board members, the following were in attendance: Fire Chief Zack Avery, County Legislator Roy Reehil, Constantia Town Supervisor Ken Mosley, Mudd Murphy, Clyde and Dan Lewis, Joni Hinds, Dan Swistak, Dave Martin, Mike Davis and Randy Blowers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Randy Blowers asked if the Village installs water meters, will they do a test run to evaluate consumption. Mayor Youmans responded we haven't gotten that far yet, but the idea is to collect roughly the same amount as we have been collecting for water and there would be a minimum rate for use.

Resident Clyde Lewis asked what is being done about Congdon's property on Martin Road. He stated nothing is being done to clean it up. Randy also stated that the Village is divided as far as garbage left around. The Town side of the Village has garbage left out that the Town won't pick up and the Village side is clean. Mayor Youmans stated some residents don't realize they are not part of the Village.

Resident Dan Swistak commented he has a problem with the truck that is parked at the Village DPW Barn. He stated it continues to run, and it was running on April 10 & 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Youmans stated he has spoken to the owner and he said he will not run it. Mr. Swistak stated if it runs again, he will be contacting any attorney.

**SPIRIT COMMITTEE:** Joni Hinds asked if some landscaping work could be done at Lakeview Park? Can the hole be filled in and Mayor Youmans responded yes it will be and stated this is the centerpiece of the Village and we would be happy to work on this. Joni stated the 9/11 ceremony will of course be held there along with the swearing in ceremony for Commander Chris Flaherty will be sworn in as Captain as he will then assume his own command of a base in Bahrain. The

9/11 Ceremony will begin with a silent march as well as reading of the names of the victims. Mayor Youmans again stated that we will be doing whatever is necessary to make the park look better.

**DPW REPORT:** Mr. Avery reported they have finished the Village wide clean up and even picked up late stuff. They filled 4 dumpsters and picked up 170 tires. We have hired our seasonal help, Kenji Leahy who worked for us last year. He reported that Joe will be in training at Morrisville for the next two weeks for his sewer classes and that he had passed his CDL test also. Zack reported that the sweeper is repaired and the truck will be going for inspection next week and the department is ready for summer work.

**TUGHILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter reported that NORCOG recently met and they will meet again on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Constantia. Also, the Oswego farm bureau will meet on 5/18 from 7-9pm in Mexico to discuss solar farms. Legislator Reehil commented that they are approaching residents with over 20 acres to lease out the property for the solar farms. Paul also reported there will be a FEMA flood plain meeting at the Cleveland Village hall on 5/25 from 1:30 to 4:00pm.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Avery read the monthly report. Mayor Youmans commented that the ladder truck has been a great piece of equipment for the Village and the whole north shore. Chief Avery also reported the fire boat is in the water and running well.

**CODES REPORT:** Trustee Schreiber read the monthly code report. Mayor Youmans commented that the CEO Hamcher and Legislator Reehil are working on 19 North St. to see if would work as a land bank house given that it has been up for back taxes several times over the last 10 years. Mr. Reehil stated it could be a nice piece of property and it could be donated to the village and torn down and tipping fees waived by the county. We need to find creative solutions to these types of properties to put them back on the tax rolls. CEO Hamacher will be contacting the owner of the adjacent property to see if he is interested purchasing the lot as well and Mr. Reehil will see if the county may waive the tipping fees once demolished.

**LEGISLATOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Reehil reported that he and Mayor Youmans had a meeting at the dock today with DEC, Canal Corp and Oswego County. We have \$350,000 allocated from DEC and \$400,000 in CFA and \$150,000 back from 1996 from the Environmental Bond Act that is still available. He stated the only way the work can get permitted is if it is a historic site. He believes this looks promising to be done and there are lots of ideas as to how to improve it such as extending the pier, and it would add to the appearance of the village. He reported the auction list is out and there are 5 properties in the Village. He also mentioned that the North Shore Ambulance offers a CPR course on the last Wednesday of the month for only a donation. He reported there will be a special commission created to explore a county wide fire district, but he doesn't believe it will fly. He reported the Anti-Poverty Task Force is the new name of the program to help enhance the County with a suite of services thru CITI and workforce development programs. The Mayor stated that towns and villages need a local contact and Roy stated this program will help with this. He is also looking to overhaul the Oswego County Opportunities bus schedule stating it needs to be run daily on a regular schedule. Mayor

Youmans asked about contacting at the county regarding renting or borrowing equipment and about paving. Roy stated the cost of paving is currently \$69.00 a ton.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:** Trustee Tackman read the dog control report as submitted by DCO Clayton Conover. In addition to his monthly report, he reminded residents of the Village Local Law #2 , section 5, part A stating it is unlawful for any dog owner to allow dog to run at large unless the dog is restrained by an adequate leash, this includes the village sidewalk, in the road or on another residents property.

**HEALTH INSURANCE CHANGE:** Mayor Youmans stated that we have looked at new health insurance coverage for employees that will ultimately cost the village less that it has been paying through the state and offer the same coverage as well as dental and vision and long and short term disability. Single employees receive 100% paid health coverage and family coverage the employee is responsible for 65%. Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve the health insurance change to Excellus BCBS, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

**PAY BILLS:** May abstract #12, vouchers 485-518, Mayor Youmans made a motion to approve Abstract #12, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor.

Mudd Murphy, former Mayor of Central Square and now heads up the Oswego County Mayors association stated he has been visiting Villages and has visiting the City of Oswego and met with the new Mayor there. He commented that he appreciates our village and seeing the participation by the residents who show up and offer suggestions to preserve and keep up the village. People are happy to be here and not complaining and he states that in many other villages this is not the case, either people don't ever show up or the ones that do only come to complain. He believes the best thing villages can do is have a good website to keep residents informed. He believes the better the communication the more people feel connected. He thinks we need to get the dock project out there and get more commercial development. The taxpayers cannot always be the ones paying for things. He believes the county is being more active and says he has seen Roy in action and he is working for us. He stressed young involvement such as having boy/girl scouts lead our pledge of allegiance. Communication is key. Mayor Youmans stated the village created a facebook page for this purpose also.

Town Supervisor Ken Mosley reported the town is looking to update Mill Street for lake access as it is such a great resource for the town.

Mayor Youmans made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.