

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Randy Blowers, Clyde and Dan Lewis, Zack Avery, Mike Davis, Cathy Kline, Legislator Roy Reehil, Bill James, Joe Mazi. William Hamacher. Trustee Joe Domachowske via video conference.

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

**CODE REPORT:** William Hamacher read his monthly report: 1 building permit for 176 North St, 1 Certificate of Compliance for 113 St. Rt. 49, 3 inspections for 114 North, 8 inspections for 176 North. Trustee Schreiber complimented Mr. Hamacher for going above and beyond his duties by accompanying her on an inspection of St. Mary's Church, where it was found to have frozen pipes due to a furnace issue. He did a full inspection and helped identify the problems and remedy the situation.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:** Trustee Randy Blowers read the following report submitted by Clayton Conover:

It was quiet in the Village this past month. There was one dog running stray that the owner had already gotten to and one complaint. I found the complaint to be without merit and instead made some friendly suggestions to the owner. There have been a few dogs missing from Cleveland and the local area lately so I encourage anyone with any information to contact myself or the Village. I would like to mention that if your dog goes missing to please contact me. There are several reasons this will be helpful to you. Though Facebook is great for getting the information out, it may not be seen by the people who most need to see it. If I pick up a stray dog I only have to hold it for five days; at which point I can adopt it out or take it to the Humane Society. If I don't see your Facebook post your pet could end up at the Humane Society or even legally adopted by a new family. On the other hand, if I know you are missing a dog I can have you pick up the dog when it is spotted, saving both you and taxpayers money.

If you need any information or to contact me you can reach me at 315-245-0787 or just call the Village Hall and I will receive the information.

**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AND TRUSTEE:** Trustee Christine Schreiber made a motion to appoint Deputy Mayor Laureen Tackman to the position of Mayor for the unexpired 1 year term, left vacant due to the resignation of Mayor Youmans in December, second by Trustee Blowers. Trustee Domachowske voted yes via video conference, motion carried. The Clerk administered the oath of office to the Mayor. Mayor Tackman then made a motion to appoint John Scatena to the 1 year unexpired term of trustee, open due the resignation of Trustee Tackman. The clerk administered the oath of office for Mr. Scatena. Mayor Tackman appointed Trustee Christine Schreiber to Deputy Mayor. Trustee Domachowske left the meeting via video.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Joe Mazi inquired about his bill and the increased garbage cost. The increase was due to the tipping fees at the county increasing and the Village and Bliss met according to the terms of the contract and agreed upon a price increase of \$1.00 per month

for residents.

**INCOME SURVEY:** Mayor Tackman read the income survey letter that will be sent to residents next week in order to get an accurate income assessment of residents in order to be eligible for grants. Some questions arose regarding some of the questions on the survey. The Clerk will clarify these inquiries with the survey company and will amend the letter if necessary. Mayor Tackman made a motion to accept the letter with any applicable changes, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

**DPW REPORT:** Zack Avery gave the DPW report. They have been doing maintenance at the treatment plant. Jim Bell diagnosed the wire problems with the pump and it is now repaired. They have had some water lines frozen and have been plowing. They have repaired several curb boxes, shut off water for non-payment and hung the wreathes on the poles. They had a sewer leak at 20 Bridge Street that required them to call in a contractor to bring a piece of equipment due to the location of the break. Zack feels the break was due to poor installation of the original pump years ago. Randy inquired as to when the bathroom at the garage would be completed and Zack stated they have been busy but it will be completed soon. Trustee Scatena inquired as to how the DPW receives their assignments. Mayor Tackman stated she will sit down with the DPW and Trustee Scatena to discuss this further. Zack asked the Village Board to look at raising the fees for water shut-offs due to non-payments.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Zack read the monthly report. In addition, he reported a fire department from Minnesota is coming to look at 412 to purchase for their department. They have tentatively agreed on \$70,000. Trustee Scatena inquired as to how the value is established and Chief Avery responded that there is no real “blue book” value, but the manufacturer has been out of business for 9 years and parts are very hard to come by, so based on the purchased price and these factors, they can roughly determine a value. Assistant Chief Mike Davis spoke up and introduced Bill James as the new President of the Fire Company. Mr. Davis reminded the Board that the Company provides the manpower to the Village owned equipment. He thanked Trustee Domachowske for completing their audit and presented two hats from the Fire Department for his work. Mr. Davis also provided a list of members and how many alarms the members have gone to. He will provide this list monthly. Trustee Scatena inquired about how mutual aid works, and Mr. Davis explained they are contacted via radio thru the fire dispatch.

**LEGISLATOR’S REPORT:** Legislator Reehil congratulated Mayor Tackman and suggested attending the County Assoc. of Mayors meetings, which Mayor Tackman will be attending tomorrow. He reported again that the County has approved running the funding of the money allocated for the Cleveland dock project. He stated there is \$900,000 available. After the reorganization meeting at the County, he was appointed Majority Whip and is the Chairman of the Anti-Poverty Task Force and Economic Development Committee so he continues to have a strong voice for the Town of Constantia. He reported that the CSSD school board voted to close CSI and have offered to have CITI (BOCES) lease the space and bring their programs closer. He had a few comments regarding the income survey which the clerk will address with the company doing the survey in regard to some data that may sway the district regarding reopening Cleveland

Elementary.

**VANDERKAMP:** Bill James reported that Vanderkamp will take over hosting what is known as “Bernadette’s Bistro” beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. He would like to get press releases out to let people know it’s moving. Mr. Reehil stated this is great news and a great program and we need to keep it going, as it provides socialization for seniors. He stated we need to promote Vanderkamp more and what they have to offer the community. The Clerk will post on the Village’s facebook page. The Mayor commented we need to re-start the community calendar.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:** Mayor Tackman asked Zack to look into guard rails in the Village and how much they would cost. She reminded everyone of the upcoming annual Tug Hill Conference in Watertown at the end of March. She asked that board members take turns attending local meetings, such as the joint school/town/village meeting at the district office as well as the Town of Constantia meetings.

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:** The Mayor made a motion to approve the transfer of \$5,000 from fund balance to FX8340.4 to cover engineering costs for the water project, \$2,000 from fund balance to A7140.4 to cover paving at the gazebo and \$2,500 from fund balance to A8510.4 to cover the wreathes, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve Abstract #8, Vouchers 346-394 for \$37,130.16, second by Trustee Blowers, all in favor.

**NEXT MEETING:** Work meeting to discuss water billing and issues on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 and next regular board meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:30pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to enter executive session at 8:04pm, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. At 8:25pm, the Mayor made a motion to close executive session, and resume the meeting, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

Trustee Blowers made a motion to approve Resolution #1 as written, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor.

#### RESOLUTION #1

Since the Village of Cleveland does not have a board of fire commissioners, the Village board thereby acts to serve and enforce the duties of the board of fire commissioners:

WHEREAS, Village Law 10-1012 requires a general convention to be convened in order to nominate the chief and assistant Chiefs of the department;

WHEREAS, Village Law 10-1012 permits the village to dispense with the general convention;

NOW therefore, it is hereby resolved that the nominations for Lieutenants, Captains, Assistant Chiefs, Deputy Chief, and Chief be made by those members as are permitted to vote in the

bylaws of the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. on the first Tuesday in April. The secretary of the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. must provide the village clerk with a certificate of such nominations immediately thereafter;

It is further resolved that the term of office for all officers of the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., shall be a term of two years. The terms to be staggered so that half of the officers shall be elected every year to give continuity of command and service to the community (just as the village board terms).

Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve Resolution #2 as written, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

#### RESOLUTION #2

The village board acting as the board of fire commissioners of the Village of Cleveland requires the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to have in place a list of Line Officer qualifications for all officers of the Company. Such list shall be in the spirit of the “best practices for Line Officers” as mandated by the Office of Fire Prevention and Control and P.E.S.H.

Mayor Tackman thanked former Mayor Norman Youmans for his commitment to the Village and for his vision and contributions to the Village of Cleveland as a Trustee and as Mayor.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** At 8:30pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.