

PRESENT: Mayor Lauren Tackman, Trustees Christine Schreiber, Randy Blowers, Robin Wilson, DPW Superintendent Zack Avery. Cathy Kline, Clyde and Dan Lewis, Mike Davis, Levi Currier, Paul Baxter, Roy Reehil

Absent: Trustee John Scatena

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Clyde Lewis inquired about the property at 92 Martin Road needs to be mowed, will it get done by the Village? The Mayor stated she will have the Code Officer look into it. He also asked when the dog warden will enumerate the dogs in the Village? The Mayor responded the Town is technically responsible for this as we do not receive any fees for dog licenses. She will send a letter to the Town regarding this. Resident Dan Lewis asked if the board reviewed the electric credits for the sewer and he was told that National Grid is going to be raising rates, so we will evaluate once we know their new rates.

**TUGHILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter reported that there will be an Emerald Ash Borer workshop on Wed. Aug. 16 at the West Monroe town hall and there will be a town budget process workshop on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Parish Village Gym. The date of the Tug Hill Local Government Conference will be Thursday, March 29, 2018 and the CNY Economic Development Council will meet on Friday, August 25 at SUNY Oswego Metro Center, Syracuse. Trustee Schreiber suggested a workshop for safety, including buildings and workplace violence.

**DPW REPORT:** Zack Avery gave the following report:

This is an overview of the month, not intended to be a minute by minute account of the DPW.

- Fill in road cut from 176 North and 78 North from heavy rain over weekend.
- Mowed and trimmed everything along Rt. 49 for July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Installed 110' ft. of drainage pipe and graded property at 78 North St.
- Supplies from Vella's for sand box at North St. Park
- Ask town to haul 2 – 10 wheeler loads of sand for park
- Fixed swing sets and merry go round and ruts at playground
- Called 811 for water leak in front of Kirkoffs on Center St.
- Finished installation of drain on east side of North Street – Geesamans
- Checked over and washed equipment from previous job – maintenance
- Toured Hasting WWTP with B&L Engineer and toured Central Square Plant and checked out their belt press operation
- Picked up throughout the Village – 4 loads
- Picked up Kodiak from Fulton Spring
- Had a meeting with BCA about plant updates
- Discussed findings of meetings with Mayor and Clerk

- Got Kodiak set up with dump box
- Called to 144 Center St. about water and sewer issues to find grinder pump is not hooked up.
- Dug up and repaired leaking water service that appeared to have been broken during sewer main installation years ago.
- Got certifications together for sewer license renewal
- Hauled 74 yards of item 4 for culvert pipe replacement at Village Park
- Issue with grinder pump station at 136 Bridge St. (school) found broken alarm wire
- Went to lab
- DMR Report for month
- Met with Chris from Eastern Shore Associates for yearly equipment insurance update
- Received top soil from Carl West for various projects throughout the Village
- Had meeting with Town regarding sewer project
- Took both trucks to Schinns for inspection and they passed with no major issues
- Change grinder pumps at 20 Martin Road and 85 Center Street
- Finished restoration of drain at 78 North Street and topsoiled and seeded.
- Ordered new plate tamper

Mr. Avery also stated the Town did not charge the Village for hauling sand for the park. He discussed when he visited the Central Square WWTP that they have a belt press and he prefers this over a screw press that is proposed for our plant due to the fact that the belt press extracts more water. He stated that the sewer line at 144 Center St. has been disconnected and the water service has issues due to the fact that a bulldozer (not ours) ripped out the curb box. He mentioned that his sewer license renewal was for 5 years and requires 40 hours of contact time to renew this license. He would like to post Village Roads for Local Delivery Only due to that fact that our streets are taking a beating with log trucks and beer trucks going up and down the streets several times a week and many are at least 80,000 lbs. The Clerk will contact the Village attorney to discuss and work on a local law.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Avery gave the monthly report. In addition to his report he stated that boat calls have decreased and they have 29 regular firefighters and about 15 show up to most calls. Mike Davis presented the board with a roster of Fire Company officers. Mayor Tackman asked for a buildings and grounds update. She stated she thought it was looking a little shabby. Mr. Davis responded as in many organizations, they have many members, but the same people doing the work. He used to mow, but needs others to step up. He stated the training to become an interior firefighter is 180hrs a year and many members don't have more time to devote. The Mayor asked about a rotation schedule and he stated its hard to get people to do what we need. The parking lot needs work, it's a 45 year old pole barn that needs work. They are looking at grants and have set aside boot money for improvements and are planning to pay off the building loan of \$14,000 soon, which will put them in a better position to get a loan to do some improvements. Mr. Davis stated he met with the former Mayor Youmans and Trustee

Domachowske and the Clerk and discussed the village taking over the building, and it was decided then to see how the rest of the year went and things were left as they were. Mr. Davis thinks maybe he should have let the Village take it over then, less headaches for him. He stated 99% of the time members are at the station, they are training, responding or working on equipment. Need to find a way to get people more invested and responsible for things there. The Mayor would like to form a committee to look at the Village taking over the company and what would the benefit be and see their books and look at all options. Mr. Davis thinks it will take a lot of money to take over a private corporation. Mr. Davis asked when the Fire Department's \$170,000 budget was audited. Mayor Tackman responded she just wants to see how the money is spent and if they are asking for more money, this shouldn't be an issue. Mr. Davis stated that the bills get paid but the maintenance of the building is the issue. The Mayor wants to meet with the President of the Fire Company. Mr. Davis would like to see a board liaison with the Fire Company and Trustee Blowers said he would do this. A committee will be formed with Trustees Wilson and Schreiber and Mr. Davis and maybe John Hinds also to report back to the board with information gathered. Mayor Tackman made a motion to form a committee to assist the Fire Department and the Village to research the buildings and maintenance of the Fire Company, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

**LEGISLATOR'S REPORT:** Roy reported that it is the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Oswego County Fair. He also spoke with Matt Marko the head of the DEC regarding the dock. They believe this will be worked on likely next year and they should have enough money by then to do it. The County has changed the tipping fees for a 50% discount for municipalities that want to demo properties. He stated the house at 112 Center is in bad shape and will be torn down and the lot maybe purchased by the neighbor. The County is negotiating with Onondaga County for a shared services purchasing department. It is still the exploration phase. The state will match the savings up to \$180,000. He stated the County will hold a Public Hearing to change the time frame on taxes in arrears from 4 years to 2 years.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:** Mayor Tackman read the following report submitted by Clayton Conover: It has been quite the busy month in Cleveland (most likely because I went on vacation, lol). There were a total of seven calls. A couple of calls were regarding stray dogs. If I know who the owner is I try to have them respond as it helps to save the Village money. If I am not sure who the owner is, I do respond to try to capture the dog. If the dog is caught, I hold the dog for at least five days in hopes that the owner comes forward. If the owner does not come forward, the dog may be adopted out or taken to the Humane Society. No dogs needed to be help this month.

The majority of calls were for complaints. Summer usually finds more complaints regarding dogs running at large. Obviously, very similar to calls regarding stray dogs, these calls usually come from citizens who have a continuing problem with the same dog owner. Though NYS does not have a leash law, Cleveland does have a law stating dogs must be in the control of their owner at all times when not on their own property. This is a law that I enforce first with a warning, and if needed an appearance ticket. This law is for the safety of both the dogs and the citizens.

The other main complaint I have been receiving is for barking dogs. The law does not try to

presume that owners can keep their dogs from never barking. Obviously, no more than you can keep your child from occasionally yelling, dogs have minds of their own and will do as they please. The law is there to keep peace in the Village so a dog is not habitually annoying another citizen. Again, this is something that I deal with starting with a warning, and if it can not be solved to the satisfaction of the complainant, may eventually go before a judge. There are many new ways to keep dogs from habitually barking including training devices that give off a discouraging noise that only dogs can hear.

I would like to remind everyone that it is a NYS law to keep all dogs up to date on their rabies vaccinations and to keep them licensed. All licensing for the Village is handled at the Town of Constantia. There are often clinics held at local towns that can help reduce the cost of vaccinations as well as at companies such as Tractor Supply. If anyone has any further questions, they can feel free to contact me at 315-245-0787.

**OFFICE CLEANING:** Mayor Tackman asked the Fire Department how much they pay their person to clean the fire house and Mr. Davis stated 37.50 a week for 2.5 hours. The Village is looking to change the way they pay their cleaning person and wanted an idea of how the FD did it. We need to see if we do it by the hour or by the week. This will be discussed further.

**QUOTE FOR SEALING PARKING LOT:** Mayor Tackman stated the received 2 quotes to seal the parking lot, Lewis Paving quoted \$1233.00 and Liberty Sealing quoted \$966.54. The lot will be stripped by the DPW after it's sealed. Mayor Tackman made a motion to accept the bid from Liberty Sealing to seal the parking lot, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

**PLAYGROUND:** We received a quote for the base of \$4,600 from Parkitects and Zack will be measuring the perimeter for the surround. We hope to have this installed by mid September.

**FIRE TRUCK BAN:** Mayor Tackman made a resolution the renew the BAN for the fire truck with Pathfinder Bank, second by Trustee Blowers, all in favor.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve Abstract #3, vouchers 108-159 for \$97,014.44 Second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:30pm due the Primary Election being held on Sept. 12.

Mayor Tackman made a motion to go into executive session at 7:50pm, second by Trustee Blowers for the purpose of discussing the fire department. At 8:45pm Mayor Tackman made a motion to come out of executive session and adjourn the regular meeting, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.