

Village of Cleveland Board Meeting 6:30PM October 10, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Christine Schreiber, John Scatena, Robin Wilson, DPW Superintendent Zack Avery. Cathy Kline, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, Mike Davis, Tom Swistak, Levi Currier, John and Joni Hinds, Deb Everson, Matt Martin, Paul Baxter, Carl Avery.

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

TUG HILL: Paul Baxter reported he completed the 2016 town's comparison and there will be upcoming NORCOG meeting. The Mayor asked him if he could post meeting minutes in a more timely fashion. He stated he posts minutes on a first come first served basis. He stated he will set a reminder in his calendar to ask the clerk for the minutes if he doesn't have them to post. He stated they are working a new web site that will allow others access to post their own minute so we don't have to wait so long to keep sites updated.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Caswell Street resident, Jeffrey Lamirande stated there are no street signs on either end of Caswell St. and asked that they be replaced. He also asked if anything can be done regarding chickens/roosters in the Village. His neighbor, who is a Village employee, has a shed that was converted to chicken coup that borders his property and the roosters wake him up. The Mayor stated farm animals have been an issue in the Village for years, but currently we have no laws prohibiting them. Water customer Cathy Kline commented that her water bill went up more than the stated \$10.00 and she was told it was \$10.00 per unit and as an outside customer, that rate is 1.33 x the inside rate, so that is why it was increased \$13.30. She also stated that there is garbage piled up at 127 Gale Road. Zack Avery stated that it is being dragged across the street from 124, which is not in the Village, nor part of the Village wide garbage pick-up. The Village has already had issues with the owner at 124 for illegally turning on their water after it was shut off for non-payment and the troopers were called. The DEC and the Health Department and the Town of Constantia code enforcement officer will be notified regarding the garbage issue. Resident John Hinds got up and spoke regarding the MVA that occurred that heavily damaged the 911 Gazebo. He offered a history of how the gazebo was built. It was built by Penncroft Manufactured Commerical Structure purchased from mill Creek Farm and Fence of Witmer, PA. Features include dare vinyl surfaces with pressure treated base framing, heavy duty aluminum sleeves in the custom main posts and railings. Much care was taken to assure the structure would be more or less maintenance free and constructed to withstand use by the public and abuse by our weather and wind. We have extensive files on costs and construction and the unbelievable volunteer effort to make this dream a reality. It is our sincere hope that the Memorial Gazebo will be returned to 100% of its former condition.

DPW REPORT: Mayor Tackman requests that the DPW garage needs to be off limits to anyone other than employees and trustees and there should be a sign stating this. DPW Supt. 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.

- Turned on water at 17 State Route 49

- Installed new door on Kodiak
- Got materials together for water leak on St. Rt. 49 and fixed leak in front cemetery.
- Picked up new signs for road construction from JC Smith
- Had a baby
- Shut off services for non payment
- Prepped equipment for upcoming pipe laying job
- Changed grinder pump at 110 Center St.
- Checked pump at 5 St. Rt. 49
- Started drain project at North St. Park
- Shut off water at 74 and 161 Center for non payment and discovered another resident had

reconnected

services illegally, then contacted the Mayor and troopers for further investigation.

- Finished pipe at park and need to finish grading
- Emergency call for water leak at Kowanes residence on Bridge St.
- Laid out and painted Village Hall parking lot
- Worked at DPW Garage for upcoming winter activities (salt/sand, etc.)
- Turned 161 and 74 Center back on for payment
- Tom and Levi have been out driving several times during month for practice
- Went to Henderson plant in Watertown to set up plow controls
- Joe rebuilt pumps
- Sampled 3 additional lead and copper samples
- Levi and Tom were fitted for uniforms
- DPW employees met to discuss how things will proceed moving forward

Discussion followed as to how to prevent theft of services in regard to water services being reconnected. Mr. Avery stated they can drop a steel plug into the curb box to prevent illegal turn-ons, but the best method is to keep checking on them once they are turned off for non-payment. These can also be entered in the Waterpoint network software to keep track of also. Mr. Avery stated the Rod Batte has been working with the DPW to help training the new employees, driving around with them and working on pumps. Tom and Levi hope to take their road tests by the end of November. Trustee Schreiber stated it was good to see them both at the meeting and Trustee Scatena commented that they are doing good work and that people notice what they are doing. Mr. Avery reported leaf pick up will begin next week and he will be going to Lake George for 3 days DPW and management training. There will be water and sewer credits available also. He will leave a list of jobs to be completed while he is gone and Rod will be available to help out as needed. He also reported the school district has removed the pea gravel and surround at the playground. Vanderkamp is going to be getting some of the equipment and they want to be involved in dismantling it. We are going to have our engineers take a look at it to see if it is still viable, as Zack feels it has some rotten wood below the

surface. Several community members have offered to help and Greg Foster has offered the use of his jackhammer to remove the concrete.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Tackman spoke up and wanted to thank Zack Avery for his years of service as Fire Chief and that he and the Mayor had spoken and it was a mutual decision for him to step down. He has a new baby and busy job with the DPW. She stated there have been rumors of people being fired and embezzlement, none of which are true and she wanted to set the record straight. Mike Davis gave the monthly report as Chief House was not able to attend the meeting. In addition to the monthly calls, the Department would like approval to purchase 4 new AED's. As of January 1, 2018 the old AED's will no longer be able to be serviced. This will allow every apparatus and chief vehicle to have an AED on board. The new ones have a 3 year battery life. The maker, Zoll, will honor the price paid previously. Trustee Schreiber made a motion to approve the purchase of 4 AED's for \$5118.84, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor. Captain Kenyon has resigned and the Dept. would like to appoint FF Chris Matteson to captain to complete the remainder of the year. Trustee Schreiber made the motion to approve Chris Matteson as captain, effective immediately, until the election in the spring, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor. Mr. Davis reported that the committee to review the Fire Company's procedures has met twice. He stated how they generate their reports getting better and that once this review is wrapped up, he will be stepping down as treasurer. He stated Bill James, who runs Vanderkamp will take over. This position needs someone who is better versed in computers and there needs to be more than one person looking at things. Mr. Davis had asked the Village for 3 years of FD budgets and expenditures to look at the whole picture of finances and look for patterns for efficiency. Carl Avery stated at the last meeting that Trustee Schreiber attended they didn't get to discuss how to better improve record keeping. He is asking that possibly non-firefighter personnel help them out for 2-3 hours a month, so they may better concentrate on the business of firefighting. He inquired about the Village's IT person and perhaps they could partner with them.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to transfer \$1,000 from General fund balance to A7140.4 (parks and rec) to cover unexpected cost of picnic tables and sand box, and transfer \$6,000 from General fund balance to A5182.4 (street lighting) to cover cost of LED street lights, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. Mayor Tackman asked Zack how the picnic tables were holding up and he said they had been marked up and will need to be painted. It was suggested to get kids involved to come up with a theme and paint the tables and have a contest for the best design.

Mayor Tackman announced that the Village received a call from the Governor's office that we were awarded \$2,188,800 grant toward the \$3,648,000 upcoming water project. This along with another grant we hope to receive will hopefully fund almost 90% of the project.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay September Abstract # 5 Vouchers # 208-253 - \$30,507.16, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

Next board Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 6:30 pm, Village Hall. Mayor Tackman asked the board to review the proposed laws that were in the boards packets last month so we may vote on these next month. At 7:43pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve Abstract #4, vouchers 160-207 for \$53,853.31 Second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:30pm. At 7:11pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing DPW employees, second by Trustee Wilson. At 7:33pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to come out of executive session and close the regular meeting, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.