

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Christine Schreiber, John Scatena, Robin Wilson, Dave Donovan, Cathy Kline, Clyde Lewis, Dan Lewis, Joe Pawlowski, Bob Bird, Dave Hinds, Shaun House, Frank and Ryan Merkel, William Hamacher, Zack Avery, Tom Swistak, Levi Currier, Jason Farrand, Paul Baxter.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Lewis inquired who got the bid on the removal of the Gazebo. Mayor Tackman responded that Scott Duggleby/Meixell Construction with a bid of zero dollars. His bid was the only bid received. He wanted to know when the notices are posted, and the clerk told him it was on the bulletin board at the Village Hall and the Post Office, which was sufficient notice, but that the bid notice was run in the newspaper and posted. Discussion and questions from Mr. Lewis and Bob Bird followed regarding who determined the structure was unsafe and had to be taken down, why was an structural engineer needed, why couldn't it be saved, was the bid criteria met (certificate of insurance)? The Mayor and trustees stated this was dictated by our insurance company (NYMIR) and we followed what they told us to do, and that the bid criteria was met; an insurance certificate was provided. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Bird were unhappy with the way it was handled, and in their opinion could have been saved. Cathy Kline asked about street lights on Gale Road. Zack Avery responded that the poles for lights are on the town side of the road. Mayor Tackman stated she will talk to the Constantia Town Supervisor and see what can be done. Maybe we can split the cost. Jason Farrand spoke up and requested that the DPW remove the grinder pump at 112 Center Street, the house that is slated to be demolished by the County. Mr. Farrand has purchased the property and would like the pump/pit removed as to not be a hazard. Boy Scout Ryan Merkel asked to speak. He is an Eagle Scout candidate and would like to organize a community garden on the Village Hall property. He stated it is laid out to be 54x20 but can be made smaller to fit the space. He said each family could have their own plot and maintain it. This is a pilot project. Mayor Tackman and the board commended him on this effort and she stated that the food pantry director, Melissa Swistak should be contacted to coordinate with the food pantry. Trustee Scatena asked why he didn't do this in Constantia, and Ryan stated they don't have the room and we have the pantry here and the room. Ryan stated that he will maintain one time a month and hopes to get National Honor Society students who need service hours involved also.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Shaun House gave the monthly report. Fireman David Hinds spoke about the purchase of a new Fortuna boat for ice rescues. (Specs on the boat are available at the Village Hall) The current boat is in rough shape and was leaking last year and many leaks are unrepairable. They have had the boat since 1999. This will help handle rescues for large bodies of water but it is designed for ice. It is inflatable and can be inflated with an air bottle. Can also be pulled with the 4 wheeler with trax on and fits in the special opps trailer, inflated. The cost is \$4,500. Constantia and Sylvan Beach have one as well as the coast guard. Even though surrounding areas have them, in these type of rescues, time is of the essence, so you don't want to wait for one to arrive. Trustee Donovan asked if it will need accessories, and Chief

House stated yes, but not right away. It can hold several victims. Trustee Schreiber made a motion to approve the purchase of the Fortuna boat, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor. Chief House spoke about the issues the department has been having with the repair of 411 while at Northern Fire. He stated that the transmission valve was replaced as well as the radiator. It was just put back in service on 12/8/17. It was inspected, but the parts that were installed were bad and it never should have passed inspection. Due to the issues with the work performed, the Department only paid for the cost of the radiator repair (\$5,000). Northern didn't even argue with the cost reduction and the Chief House feels they know they didn't follow through properly with the inspection. Going forward, the department will utilize Churchville and HarRob for work. Currently Churchville has the 2 Pierce trucks and Harrob will do the other 2 trucks. Trustee Scatena asked why HarRob is higher, and the firemen assured him that they do very good work and it is worth the bit of extra cost. The department has checked out several places and gotten quotes on the work as far as what is needed. They have been working on this for the last 3 months. They have checklists of what needs to be done, no more, no less. They will be moving forward with the maintenance and repairs. Mayor Tackman asked how things are at the department otherwise, and Chief House responded very well. Chief House stated they are forming a committee to work on replacing fire apparatus. It will consist of 2 Village board members (Trustee Wilson and Schreiber), 2 chiefs (Shaun House and another Chief) and Jack Cottet and John Hinds. By having these people involved, it will help with consistency. Chief House stated there will be a fire inspection on Tuesday for their ISO rating. Trustee Schreiber stated that Joni Hinds and Mark Everson will be auditing the Fire Company's books shortly.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter reported on upcoming meetings. The county hazard mitigation update process continues, and includes communities in the southeast part of the county. The next meeting is Feb. 5, 2018 in Amboy and the county emergency management office is willing to meet with individual communities to assist them with their local updates. The county winter/spring events brochure is available and available for distribution. He also presented the bill for membership in NORCOG for the 2017 calendar year.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: William Hamacher read the monthly report. In addition to his report, he stated he had taken a class in Utica on distressed and abandoned properties on Nov. 29th. He said there is a website that will allow the Mayor to log on to see foreclosed properties in their areas.

STREET LIGHTS: Mayor Tackman commented that there are 5 new street lights on North Street and 3 on Center Street and we will look into getting new lights on Gale Road.

GAZEBO UPDATE: Demo completed on December 2, 2017, getting approval from insurance company for current bid for replacement.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve December Abstract # 7, Vouchers # 314-368 - \$63,307.34, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. Mayor Tackman commented that work needed to be done to the water tower for sanitary issues cited by the Health Department. The cost of these repairs was \$16,500 and therefore made a motion to approve a budget

modification to transfer \$12,000 from fund balance to FX8389.4 (water project) to cover cost of the work, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

Important Dates: Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 6:30 pm, Village Hall

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

- Finished hauling sand for the year...town helped out
- Repaired plugged sewer main on Gale Road, had to call On-The-Spot for sewer vac truck
- Picked up picnic tables at Lakeview park and stored them for winter
- Grinder pump replacement at Unique Woodworks and fixed electrical problem
- Seasonal shut off at 63 St. Rt. 49
- Winterized pavilion
- Picked up leaves in village
- Located additional poles on Center and North for streetlights
- Tracey Road Equipment came and picked up Western Star for maintenance
- Grinder pump call at 119 Martin Road
- Grinder pump call at 140 Martin 11/5
Grinder pump call at 180 Martin
- Grinder pump call at 71 Center Street
- Called back to 140 Martin for plugged discharge line on grinder pump and also found several inches of cat litter and fish gravel in the pit. Cleaned out and cleared plugged discharge.
- Rodney worked on grinder pumps
- Grinder pump call at 63 Center Street
- Determined there was a plugged sewer main on Martin Road, and had to call on the spot for vacuum truck and hooked on the main, and sucked the plug out. This was over a 3 day period, which then resulted in Central Square DPW coming with a sewer jet to clear the main.
- Grinder pump call at 19 West Street
- Henderson came to calibrate new plow truck for sander
- Finished putting sand and salt up at sand shed
- Ditched at 55 Clay Street due to drainage issue on the road
- Grinder pump call at 16 Martin Road
- Monthly water report
- Sanded roads
- Replace clarify drive on plant 1

- Winterized treatment plant
- Shoveled sludge of south drying bed
- Flooded north bed
- Took Western Star back apart for service back at Tracey due to power steering leak
- Shut off water at 7 St. Rt. 49
- Removed all playground equipment from former Cleveland Elementary
- Chemicals delivered
- Cleaned up equipment and greased
- Spoke with Bill Havener regarding upcoming water project
- Set shop up for winter
- Plowed roads
- Put markers up on sidewalks for snowblowing
- Decorated village hall
- Put wreathes up with help from the Town of Constantia
- P&T Tank came to do updates to water tower
- Serviced Kubota tractor
- Replaced tie downs on salt shed
- Repaired fence at pavilion, someone tore down and installed no trespassing signs
- Rebuilt crane at treatment plant for grinder pump servicing
- Ordered grinder pump parts
- Henderson came to fix warranty issues on plow equipment
- Modified backhoe buck for thumb on rear bucket
- Located water and sewer at 112 Center for house demolition.

Mr. Avery stated that a letter is to be sent to 140 Martin Road with a bill for \$1,700 for a new pump, parts and labor regarding the issue with cat litter and fish gravel. They received a letter previously and the issue still persists and we have threatened long enough and something needs to be done. Mayor Tackman asked if Rod is instructing the DPW employees on the repair of the pumps and Mr. Avery stated yes. Mr. Avery also stated that Vanderkamp was having issues with their grease trap and that we need to review their contract and be sure they are adhering to their policies. Mayor Tackman asked about ditching and Mr. Avery stated they will get to the 2 others in the spring that needed ditching. Zack stated that the Town left without finishing what needed to be done, so it will be done in the spring. Mayor Tackman asked if the bathroom at the barn is done and Zack said almost, and it will be soon. He also stated Bronze Construction will need to use the hydrant to hose down 112 Center if it is above freezing when they demo the house for asbestos abatement.

Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.