

Village of Cleveland Monthly Board Meeting 6:30PM May 8, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Christine Schreiber, John Scatena, Robin Wilson, Zack Avery, Levi Currier, Mike Davis, Matt Martin, Debra Everson, Cathy Kline, Dan Lewis.
Absent Dave Donovan.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zack Avery inquired about the chickens running at large in the Village, particularly on Kathern Street. He has spoken to the Code Officer and would like to see an ordinance of some kind to prevent them from running at large. Deb Everson asked if residents are aware to limit water use when the power is out and also that there are questions in the public regarding when and if the gazebo will be rebuilt. Mayor Tackman stated that a newsletter will be mailed to residents this week that covers all of these issues. The gazebo will be rebuilt on site in June. Cathy Kline asked about street lights on Gale Road. The Mayor will look into the lighting issue.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the budget modifications as presented to the board, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

General Fund – Transfer \$5019.58 from fund balance to codes as presented cover deficits

Water Fund – Transfer \$5026.66 fund balance to codes as presented to cover deficits.

Sewer Fund – Transfer \$1,618.41 from fund balance to codes as presented to cover deficits.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve abstract #12 for \$21,231.93 – vouchers 549-587, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

DPW REPORT: Trustee Wilson read the report:

- Assist the contractor at Apps for boring
- Work at treatment plant and calculations for volume in the tank for the vac truck project
- Hauled sludge
- Sanded roads
- Took Western Star to Tracey for warranty work
- Extensive storm damage cleanup and maintaining utilities during prolonged power outage– in at 4:00am – 1:00am next day (Tom and Zack)
- Worked with BCA Engineers locating utilities for upcoming water project
- Employee evaluations
- Cleared trees in easements for residents
- Pulled sander and plow on Kodiak and got ready for summer, ditched Bridge Street for drainage project at Methodist Church.

Mayor Tackman asked about the purchase of one tube of caulk at Vella's and why not have it on hand and that time and resources could be better utilized to go for one item. She also asked him about the proposals for cleaning the WWTP and when does it need to be done? Zack stated this

year due to the plant being plugged over the winter. Its due to rags, etc. going into the plant. This cleaning hasn't been done since 2009/10 and the DPW did it the last time. We received 2 quotes: One from Sun Environmental for \$12,125 and one from NRC for \$15,750. The DPW cannot do it this time as they do not have confined space training (but could get it) or a vac truck. Mayor Tackman would like to see another quote, maybe from Paragon. Trustee Scatena was not in favor of Paragon, but the Mayor would like another quote. Zack responded we need to send fine notices to residents who are abusing the sewer system, rather than warning letters. They are causing this issue at the plant. The overall issue is to get the rag material that is in the tank out. Maybe there is a way to reduce the overall cost of the job. Zack reported that the village wide pick up is complete except for some brush. Due to the weather change, they are working at the plant, flooding beds. Mayor Tackman asked about the WaterPoint Network software and what has been done with it. Zack said nothing further with it, but they will be in the coming weeks.

TUG HILL REPORT:

1. The village clerk has forwarded a copy of the **annual water quality report for 2017**, and this has been posted to the village web site.
2. The Tug Hill Commission's **once-every-five-years survey of local government leaders** in the Tug Hill Commission area is underway. A second survey has been sent out today to those who have not yet responded. The Commission really appreciates the time you spend to answer these surveys, as they are one of the ways they make sure the Commission stays on target for the services they deliver. Thanks in advance for your thoughtful consideration of the survey, and any comments you might wish to add to the survey that you feel the Commission should hear about.
3. Invitations have gone out to area towns and villages for the **SuperCOG** meeting to be held **Wednesday, May 30 in Redfield**. I have an extra copy of the invitation if anyone needs one. Topics to be discussed will include release of the draft results of Local Leaders Survey responses received to date. We welcome everyone's attendance and participation in these meetings.
4. I will be attending the **next meeting of the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council**, to be held on next Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 3:00pm – 5:00pm at LeMoyne College - Grewen Auditorium, 1419 Salt Springs Road, Syracuse, NY 13214. The next round of Consolidated Funding Applications has opened; applications will be due July 27. The closest workshop for those considering CFA application will be held at Onondaga Community College – Academic II/Performing Arts Center, 4584 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse NY 13215 on Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until noon.
5. We are in the process of scheduling the next **North Shore Council of Governments meeting**, most likely later this month prior to the SuperCOG meeting if possible.

CODE REPORT: Mayor Tackman read the monthly report. The code officer has completed his 24 hour in service training for the year. He completed 3 building permits, 17 property violation letters and 8 inspections for the month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Asst. Chief Mike Davis gave the monthly report. A couple highlights

are the response time of 2.87 minutes to the scene and number of personnel is 6.63. Mayor Tackman asked for the response time of the ambulance, and Mr. Davis responded it depended on their location to the call. Asst. Chief Davis brought the up use of personal vehicles. He is asking for a different system for reimbursement for the chiefs and assistants for calls. Currently, each of the 4 chiefs receive \$50.00 per month. He presented a letter to the Board with the following proposal:

I am asked the Village Board to consider a different system to reimburse Chiefs for the use of their personal vehicles for responding to Fire/EMS calls. I believe my proposal will be fair to both the Village Board and the Cleveland Chiefs. I propose the Cleveland Chiefs be reimbursed for use of their personal vehicles based on actual miles driven and at the 2018 IRS auto mileage rate of 54.5 cents per mile. I will use myself as an example. Last year I responded to 289 calls. If I use average round trip mileage for calls of 10 miles and multiply that by 289 calls would represent 2,890 miles driven last year. That would be a reimbursement of \$1,575.05 for the year. At \$50 per month reimbursement, I received \$600 for the use of my personal vehicle. Four Chiefs receiving \$600 per year total \$2,400.

Let's use my example of 10 miles per call for the four chiefs last year.

Shaun House – 96 calls – 960 miles = \$423.20

Zack Avery – 126 calls – 1,260 miles = \$686.70

Matt Martin – 99 calls - \$990 miles = \$539.55

Mike Davis – 289 calls = \$1,575.05

Total cost for four chiefs - \$3,224.50

Calls per year and average miles per call with obviously be different. Mileage log for each call would be kept by each Chief and mileage can be verified by the incident number. If Chiefs don't keep track of the mileage per call and turn them into the Village monthly, too bad for them.

If 462 is used by a Chief for a duty day/night, the fuel is paid by the department and no need for mileage reimbursement. Example of myself, if I responded in 462 for 100 calls, I would have used my personal vehicle for 189 calls at 1,890 miles at 54.5 per mile for a total reimbursement of \$1030.05. We cannot afford chiefs vehicles and it is not fair to some chiefs who use their personal vehicles for only \$600 per year.

Further discussion about Chiefs vehicles and how they would be used, gassed and how other department do it was discussed. Asst. Chief Davis would like the board to consider this proposal and discuss at the next meeting. Mayor Tackman asked Asst. Chief Davis if during the winter months, if the FD would like a larger portion of their utility to be paid out in order to accommodate heating bills. He responded that wasn't necessary as they are managing well right now. She also asked about the 2 checks that were lost and reissued, would the company like to explore an ACH deposit for their checks to prevent future occurrences. The Clerk will look into this for the future. Trustee Scatena asked how many miles would be put on a Chief's vehicle each year and what type of vehicle would be needed; something with towing capabilities. Captain Avery stated that it isn't taken into account idle time, as the any vehicle needs to run in order to run the radios. One Chiefs vehicle would not be enough. Need to modify the mileage stipend. Trustee Schreiber will talk to Contantia fire commissions and see how they handle their vehicles. There is liability issues using personal vehicles as well and all this will be looked into.

NEWSLETTERS: Mayor Tackman stated our newsletters will be mailed out next week and it covers a lot of pertinent information for residents. She also stated there is a playground committee formed with members Trustee Dave Donovan, resident Michelle Farrand and Cleveland Park Director Brenda Williams. They will announce a meeting date in the near future to work on our park.

Next meeting is June 12, 2018 Mayor Tackman stated she had attended the Shared Services Committee meeting and gathered some very useful information. DPW Supt. Avery spoke about the DEC being notified of our last power outage and that we need to have a back up generator for the plant. Mayor Tackman responded that we are applying for a grant to cover this as part of our hazard mitigation plan. Trustee Scatena commented we need to be sure it can accommodate expansion as we move toward an expanded sewer plant. DEC will grant us lenience due to the proposed project. At 7:28 pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. At 7:35pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to close executive session, second by Trustee Wilson and close the regular meeting, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.