

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, John Scatena, Robin Wilson, Christine Schreiber, Zack Avery, William Hamacher.  
Absent: Trustee Dave Donovan.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Tackman at 6:00pm. As there was no public comment at the meeting for or against the signing of the AT&T Tower lease, Mayor Tackman closed the public hearing. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the signing of the AT&T Tower Lease, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

**BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Tackman at 6:30pm. PRESENT Cathy Kline, Dan Lewis, Mike Davis  
Absent: Trustee Dave Donovan.

**CODE REPORT:** William Hamacher read his report: He issued 3 building permits, 1 building permit open for inspections, 8 vacant buildings, 5 building permit inspections, 16 property maintenance violations open and 8 drive around inspections. He reported he attended ICC training on the significant changes to building codes. He has been working with National Grid regarding 8 Center St., as well as the state police and sheriff. A no occupancy sign has been posted due to violations due to no power and no water/sewer. He also reported the same people have violations month after month.

1. **TUGHILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter gave the following report:

An **executive summary of the Tug Hill 2019 Residents and Landowners Survey** is now available, and I have copies for the board. The entire report is available at <https://www.tughill.org/about/survey-2019/>, or on the Tug Hill web site, select About Us > Tug Hill Resident and Landowner Survey 2019. Beyond its basic usefulness, survey results are something the village may be able to use for support of grant applications the village may consider in the future. There is a breakout of the result to the NorCOG level, and further analysis is available on request.

2. The **Tug Hill Local Government Conference is coming up, Thursday, March 26, 2020**, once again at Jefferson Community College. The program and registration materials are scheduled to go out around the turn of the year. As always, if the village has training topics they'd like to see covered, we're always looking for suggestions, and we do individual community or group training sessions throughout the year.

3. The **2020 Federal Census** is coming up. I recently attended an informational session about the 2020 Census, and I have a folder with background material about it for the board. Participation in the Census is to the benefit to Tug Hill municipalities to make sure we are represented to the full extent in the decade to come.

4. The **Tug Hill Commission has adopted its 2020 meeting schedule**, and the first meeting of the year will be not too far away, at the Amboy Town Hall on Monday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting to be held in the NorCOG area in 2020 will be on Monday, September 21, at the Central Square Village Offices at 10:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cathy Kline commented she likes the new snowflake decorations.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve abstract #7, vouchers 307-355 for \$38,191.83, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Mayor Tackman read the report submitted by the Fire Department. The month of November, we responded to a total of 28 calls. Of those 12 were EMS, one motor vehicle collision, and nine hazardous condition calls. Highlights of the month were: A crew of 5 was sent to Whitesboro to assist in the evacuation of flooding victims. Two members began EMT training in Rome. Improvements on the firehouse began. New garage doors on the front and a third garage door on the south end of the building. And a new roof on the back of the building. These projects are now complete. Asst. Chief Hinds visited the Pierce factory in Florida to inspect the new pumper. A third trip was taken to Webbs Mills to pick up fire equipment and brackets from the former Tyler Fire Equipment. This was all new old stock and valued at over \$1,500.00 on this trip alone and all was given for free. Crews assisted with the Village tree lighting ceremony. As of this month, all annual maintenance and inspections are complete on our apparatus, apparatus pumps, ladders, hose and rescue equipment as required by NFPA and PESH. We are in the process of insuring the Jeep and it was assigned #471 by Oswego County. The new pumper is slated for completion on 12/17/19. Members of the truck committee will fly down for the final inspection in the next few weeks and then delivered to Churchville for some final adjustments and delivery to Cleveland in January. After mutual aid in Whitesboro, it was decided that we needed to purchase water rescue suits. These are lighter than ice rescue suits and are made for swift water, flooding and rescues in warmer water, not ice. Trustee Schreiber commented that the new fire truck was supposed to fit in the garage when she questioned it, but now it does not and the building has to be modified to fit it.

**DPW REPORT:** DPW Supt. Zack Avery read the following report:

- Met with Fisk Electric for electrical work needed at the plant
- Snaked out drain on Center St. and at the ambulance
- Serviced dump trailer
- Put plows on Western Star
- Switched over the backhoe
- Cleaned up from storm damage
- Washed and serviced mowers and put away for winter
- Sucked leaves
- Did several seasonal water shut offs
- Modified backhoe bucket for snow pusher
- Fixed water leak at 336 St. Rt. 49 (Vienna)
- Tom put up sand and salt
- Picked up and replaced parking barriers at hall and permanently installed them
- Set Kubota up for snowblowing, removed bucket and put blower on
- Got new plow for pick up truck
- Rebuilt grinder pumps
- Picked up brush
- Put lights up in back barn
- Got Christmas wreathes ready to be hung
- Cast concrete ballast for 17 Center St. (made several attempts to contact homeowner to get this replaced, but they haven't responded)
- Switched Kodiak over
- Home Depot for supplies
- Fixed gutter at Village hall
- Checked lights and put up tree and wrapped poles at Hall for Christmas
- Installed outlet on sign and put wreath up at Village Hall
- All auction items have been picked up
- Changed front steer tires on Kodiak (tires were from FD)
- Plowed snow
- Changed a few grinder pumps
- Sanitary survey for water
- Arranged grinder pump room for winter to get wagon inside

Zack asked the board for approval to move ahead with the quote from Fisk Electric and they said to go ahead. He also reported the curb stop at 8 Center St is broken and will need to be repaired. He stated the outfall runs under the sidewalk there for the sewer going to the lake. There is a pressure sewer main there also and an abandoned curb stop. He would like to move this when it is repaired to the house side of the sidewalk. They hope to wait till spring to repair, but will do it sooner if absolutely necessary. He will only go to this residence with law enforcement in the future. He stated we may need to order more salt, as all our supply has been mixed with sand. Lastly, the Village DPW now carry the Town Highway Dept. radios in the Village vehicles.

**SPIRIT COMMITTEE:** Mayor Tackman read the report submitted by Joni Hinds: Once again, we had a successful event on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> when we invited the community to participate in our Christmas in Cleveland event. Numerous village fire and DPW trucks along with Richard Ostrowski's antique fire truck, North Shore Ambulance and Mike Tylee's Christmas tree float lit up the night from the post office to the village hall where families were gathered to greet Santa. Christmas music was provided by Dena Collins and Mike Tylee along with the North Shore Community Chorus who sang Christmas songs until Santa arrived. The cookies and hot cocoa were provided by the Spirit Committee and served by members of our local girl scout troop. Santa was accompanied by Sparky the Fire Dog from the Cleveland Fire Department. Santa greeted each child inside and provided them a gift from Toys for Tots. We have been very fortunate to receive these gifts through the assistance of Jim Ransom. I estimated we handed out around 70 gifts. This event has become a tradition that I hope will continue. One local family gave a donation of \$25.00.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:** Trustee Schreiber read the report submitted by Clayton Conover: There were no calls to report at the November meeting. This month there were two. One was regarding cruelty. Because we currently do not have any cruelty laws, I checked out the situation myself and then contacted the State Police. There was also a call to follow up on a dog bite from the Oswego County Health Department. The bite happened to someone within the household. I received no calls regarding this however, when I get the report from the Health Dept, it's usually a good idea to double check the dogs license and follow up if the Health Dept is unable to. Currently the Village does not have any laws regarding cruelty, nor do many other towns. The State Police or a cruelty investigator are the only ones that are able to charge people with animal cruelty or neglect. If any citizens feel there is an issue with cruelty or neglect they can feel free to call the State Police to make a report. If I am called, I will look at the situation to see if I personally feel it is cruelty or neglect and then make a report myself. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns regarding any dog issues, they should feel free to contact me at 315-245-0787. Next meeting, January 14, 2020. At 7:01pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.