

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees John Scatena and Eric Cartier and Robin Wilson. Code Officer William Hamacher, Absent Trustee Dave Donovan.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Tackman at 6:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of the 2021-2022 budget. Mayor Tackman commented that with the decrease in sales tax to the Village and the rising costs of goods and services, the Village increased property taxes for the first time in 4 years but kept within the 2% tax cap. The budget is balanced with no use of fund balance. With no public comment regarding the budget, the Mayor made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

#### **OPEN REGULAR MEETING AT 6:30PM**

Present in addition to above, Vern Sundet reporting for the Tug Hill Commission and resident Chuck Lister.

Mayor Tackman made a motion to adopt the 2021-22 Village budget as presented, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. There was no public comment.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay abstract #11, vouchers 466-511 for \$37,065.74 and water project voucher 12-13 for \$17989.44, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

**DPW SCHEDULE UPDATE:** Mayor Tackman has been working with the DPW on their work schedules and gave a copy of the schedule to the board to review.

#### **TUG HILL REPORT:** Vern Sundet read the following report:

Unchanged: The Tug Hill Commission offices are still operating at a 50% occupancy level, with a schedule with Watertown-based staff where at any given time, half of the staff is in the Watertown office is in the office, and the rest are still working from home. Actual occupancy may be lower depending on need, as Tug Hill staff operate to minimize spread of COVID-19. Commission staff continue to be available for meetings with your municipality.

The Governor's executive order allowing remote meetings and public hearings (via means such as Zoom) has been extended through May 6, 2021. If you have any upcoming meetings where that may be a help to you. I can facilitate a Zoom meeting with a little advance notice. Advance notice will also help with figuring out the logistics of notification and how to conduct the meeting via Zoom, either completely or with Zoom as an additional method of attendance and participation.

The Tug Hill Commission's next meeting has been scheduled for next Monday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Square Village Hall and also via Zoom at meeting ID #

**884 2639 0017.** In-person attendance will be limited due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions; we'd ask you to RSVP to Gwen Decker at [gwen@tughill.org](mailto:gwen@tughill.org). More meeting details are available on the Tug Hill web site, [www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org).

The North Shore Council of Governments is now using contractors to augment meeting coverage, and so tonight, you're meeting the new North Shore/Salmon Rivers contractor who is assisting me with meeting coverage.

Welcome Vern Sundet! Vern is the supervisor of West Monroe, which makes him admirably suited to working with North Shore and Salmon Rivers municipalities and to be an ear already tuned into municipal issues.

As you have probably heard, New York State has passed legislation for adult-use cannabis which includes an option for a municipality to opt out for their town or village.

Vern also gave a brief presentation on the new marijuana legislation and its impact on towns and villages. As you can imagine there is a lot of bureaucracy involved. The laws need to be updated to reflect the changes. Towns and Villages can opt out of having dispensaries in their municipalities, but will lose the tax revenue that is associated if they do so. The cost of the marijuana is based on the THC levels. There will be more information as it becomes available.

**CODES REPORT:** Code Officer William Hamacher gave the following report: He has issued 9 building permits, done 23 site inspections, issued 14 property maintenance violations, 4 corrected violations and issued 3 second notice violations. One property has been issued several violations and nothing has been done so the next step is to have them served by the sheriff and bring them to Court. He reported he will be walking the Village next week and placing clean up flyers on every property that has a violation and a friendly letter about property maintenance.

He introduced Chuck Lister of 33 Beach Road would wants to put up a pole barn. It will be 25' from the his neighbor and 55-60' from the road. He will be relocating his shed 20' to the right of his property. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve his building permit, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

**DOG REPORT:** Mayor Tackman read the following from Clayton Conover: As I'm sure you are aware this was a very busy month. The jack russell and the minpin were taken to the Rome Humane Society and the boxer was adopted by a family member in West Monroe, per the Judge's suggestion. The boxer did receive its' rabies shot and was licensed before release. I have received another call just this weekend and will be up in the Village this week regarding some dogs running loose farther up Center St. As always, any questions or concerns, just give me a call.

**PARK UPDATE:** Trustee Wilson reported she is looking at grants for the park and there will be a golf tournament on June 19<sup>th</sup> to benefit the playground. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

**GUARDRAIL UPDATE:** Trustee Scatena has been working with our engineers (BCA) for pricing and prioritizing the guardrails, focusing on Bridge and North Street. He has spoken with Jim Kelley from the County and hopes to have the County do the installation to save money. The Village would do the demo work. Vern interjected he works with Jim and would also talk to him and help the Village get this accomplished. They hope to lock in material costs and this will be paid for with CHIPS money. Trustee Scatena presented the Board with the proposals from BCA to review.

**BID OPENING:** Mayor Tackman stated the bids were opened earlier today for the pipeline portion of the water project, but the bid cannot be awarded until all the easements are done, which we hope to have wrapped up in the next week.

Next meeting, Tuesday May 11, 2021. Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.