

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees John Scatena and Dave Donovan, Eric Cartier and Robin Wilson. Code Officer William Hamacher, Legislator Roy Reehil and resident Marge Thomas.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Legislator Reehil stated he will be running for re-election. He will get a list of the upcoming properties for auction. He believes the dam property on Division Street will be going up again and would like to see the Village take it. It keeps turning over every couple years at the auction. He thinks it could be a park space for the Village. He also stated the County budget is complete with a decrease in taxes. Vaccinations are going very well and it is very well run by the County. Marge Thomas was in attendance to ask if she could run her play at the village park at the same time the summer recreation program is going. The Board liked the idea and felt it could bring more kids to the park and approved the program. The Clerk will check with the County for guidelines for the program this year due to Covid.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter submitted the following report read by Trustee Donovan: 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 during this period of transmission and infection on the upswing with colder weather. 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 March 16, 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.

North Shore and Salmon Rivers has started to use a contractor to assist me with meeting coverage, especially on the busiest meeting night such as tonight. Tonight, Vern Sundet is starting in assisting me in this. Vern is the supervisor of West Monroe, which makes him admirably suited to working with North Shore and Salmon Rivers municipalities and has an ear already tuned into municipal issues.

The Tug Hill Commission's next meeting is scheduled for next Monday, March 15, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Details are available on the Tug Hill web site, www.tughill.org.

Also – the April meeting will be on Monday, April 19 – and as the Commission tries to rotate its meeting locations through the entire Tug Hill region, the April meeting is scheduled to be held in Central Square, if they are able to schedule an in-person or hybrid meeting for then. Watch the Tug Hill web site and the Tug Hill Times for more information as we get closer to April 19.

The Tug Hill Commission has several interesting webinars scheduled between now and the end of the month, including on conservation on Tug Hill, a primer on highways and highway issues, "Letters from a Tug Hill Logger." and Dave Eichorn on our changing climate and local weather. More information on all of these, including reservation information, at <https://tughill.org/upcoming-workshops/>.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay abstract #10, vouchers 426-465 for \$45,392.05 and water project voucher 10-11 for 20,594.66, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

DPW REPORT: Mayor Tackman read the following report submitted by DPW Supt. Levi Currier:

Repaired Bridge Street water leak

Replaced 2 chemical pumps for water and sewer plants

Replaced clarifier drive at WWTP

Plowing

Replaced plow harness on pick up truck

Had Kubota serviced at Whites

Removed holiday decorations -needed to wait for Town to utilize their equipment

Several grinder pump calls

Working with engineers for water project easements

Trustee Donovan would like to see work schedules for the DPW. Mayor Tackman is working with them on this and has also met with them regarding the budget and their upcoming needs for the year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Trustee Donovan read the report submitted by the fire department:

In the month of February 2021 we responded to a total of 19 calls. Of those calls there were two structure fires, one lake rescue, 2 mutual aid given, one mutual aid received and one hazardous condition call. Here are some highlights:

2-20-21 – at 1615 hours, we were called to assist an ice fisherman who’s ATV was stuck in the slush off of Godfrey Point. Two Chiefs and our rescue responded towing out ATV trailer to Godfrey Point. Our ATV was deployed with one rescuer who then towed the caller’s ATV to shore. We did receive questions on why we towed the caller and didn’t defer this to a tow company. The caller and his son had been trying to get the ATV out themselves prior to calling 911. They were cold and wet nearing hypothermia. We thought it best to prevent an emergency by towing the ATV to shore. NYSP also responded. The caller’s son who was on shore sat in the NYSP unit to get warm. North Shore Ambulance also responded as a precaution.

Just as we got our ATV back on our trailer we were called to a barn fire in Williamstown. Our Engine, Tanker, and Rescue responded. The fire was out by the time we got there but we along with several other departments had to work on removing burned hay from the hay loft and the Amish owners and neighbors sorted the good hay out and set that aside. Last month’s drills mainly revolved around ATV/Ice rescue. As the weather gets warmer we will get back outside working on fire ground operations.

On Monday March 1, 421 went to Mohawk Valley Freightliner for an ABS light and a Traction Control light. They found that the ABS was not programmed on the truck and installed the program. We followed up with Churchville Fire regarding programming in the transmission. It will be going to Churchville next week for it’s 1 year warranty checkup and it will more than likely go to Penn Diesel for the transmission programming.

Respectfully submitted
Fire Chief Shaun House

ELECTION RESOLUTION:

I, Mayor Lauren Tackman make the following resolutions. Second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

GENERAL ELECTION RESOLUTION: The Village Election for two Trustees with a 2-year term position will be held on June 15, 2021 at the Village Hall at 2 Clay Street in Cleveland from 12-9pm.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Cleveland will hold their General Election on June 15th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to appoint election inspectors relative to said General Election.

NOW THEREFORE,

1. The following persons whose names are included on the list of election inspectors and ballot clerks previously designated for general election purposes pursuant to the Election Law are hereby appointed to act as Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks at such General Election. Each inspector will be paid \$80.00 for poll coverage from 12-9pm and is required to arrive no later than 11:30am and to perform all duties and undertakings in relation thereto, as prescribed by the Village Law and the Election Law.

 Marge Thomas Election Inspector

 David Thomas Ballot Clerk

Next meeting, Tuesday April 13, 2021. Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.