

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees John Scatena and Dave Donovan, Eric Cartier and Robin Wilson. Code Officer William Hamacher, Residents Dan Lewis, Cathy Kline and Joe Artuso.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dan Lewis asked if the railing around the pond was going to be fixed and the Mayor replied it was on this summer's schedule to be repaired. He also inquired about Bridge Street and Mayor Tackman responded we are waiting for the DEC to report back as to what they want done. He asked about sidewalks and tree removal as well. Mayor Tackman told him the trees were cut by National Grid and more were to be cut and sidewalks are not on the list right now. Cathy Kline asked about the slow down sign on Martin Road. It is believe the neighbors on the town side of Martin Rd. petitioned for it. Joe Artuso, who lives on North Street stated the street is looking run down and what can be done about the properties and getting them cleaned up. Code Officer William Hamacher addressed the question and stated that a few of the properties are owned by Limestone Ridge and are rent to own. He has cited them with several property maintenance violations but not much has been done and they are unable to evict them at the present time. William is not allowed to go on properties, but can view much from adjacent homes and it was discussed that a drone could be utilized to view properties that are in question with violations of debris and garbage. Many people take no pride in maintaining their properties and it is a very difficult process to get them to clean up. The Board and Code Enforcement will look at tightening up the property maintenance law with the village attorney to reduce the time to clean up from 30 to 14 days in order to hopefully abate these issues. The legal process was discussed by all and the difficulty that towns and villages face in cleaning up properties.

**RESOLUTION FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION:** Mayor Tackman offered the following:

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cleveland, Oswego County, New York, held at the Village Offices, 2 Clay Street, in said Village on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Laureen Tackman and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT:

- Laureen Tackman, Mayor
- John Scatena, Trustee
- Robin Wilson, Trustee
- Eric Cartier, Trustee
- Dave Donovan, Trustee

ABSENT: none

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Tackman who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Village of Cleveland is currently undertaking a water system improvements project (hereinafter the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the bids received for Contract No. 1, Pipeline Construction, and has determined the low bidder to be Highlander Construction, Inc. with a bid of \$3,420,286.11;

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cleveland does hereby determine that the bid submitted by Highlander Construction, Inc. of \$3,420,286.11 is a responsive bid; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees finds Highlander Construction, Inc. to be a responsible bidder; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby award Contract No. 1, Pipeline Construction, to Highlander Construction, Inc.; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cleveland authorizes the Mayor to execute the Notice of Award to Highlander Construction, Inc.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was made by Mayor Tackman and seconded by Trustee Wilson and upon a roll call vote of the Board of Trustees was duly adopted as follows:

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| Laureen Tackman, Mayor | yes <u> X </u> | no ____ |
| John Scatena, Trustee  | yes <u> X </u> | no ____ |
| Robin Wilson, Trustee  | yes <u> X </u> | no ____ |
| Eric Cartier, Trustee  | yes <u> X </u> | no ____ |
| Dave Donovan, Trustee  | yes <u> X </u> | no ____ |

DATED: May 11, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CLEVELAND

Mayor Tackman then signed the notice of award.

**LABOR STANDARDS RESOLUTION:** Mayor Tackman offered the following:

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A LABOR STANDARDS OFFICER  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF CLEVELAND**

By: Mayor Laureen Tackman

Seconded by: Trustee John Scatena

WHEREAS, the Village of Cleveland is a recipient of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through the United States Department of Homes and Community Renewal, administered by the New York State Governor's Office for Small Cities; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations governing the Community Development Block Program require that the Village of Cleveland to be responsible for ensuring compliance with Davis Bacon and Related Labor Standards Acts including the appointment of a Labor Standards Officer to review and/or oversee compliance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Robin Wilson, Village Trustee shall be designated as the Labor Standards Officer for the Village of Cleveland for the 2021 Fiscal Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of Labor Standards Officer shall be renewed annually.

RESOLVED, that the Village Board may, on its own initiative or on petition, amend, supplement, or repeal the provisions of this resolution in conformity with applicable rules and regulations and in their interpretation and application, the provisions of this resolution shall be held to be minimum requirements, adopted for the promotion of the public health, morals, safety, or the general welfare. Whenever the requirements of this resolution are at variance with the requirements of any other lawfully adopted rules, regulations, or ordinances, the most restrictive, or that imposing the highest standards, shall govern; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CEMETERY MOWING BIDS:** Mayor Tackman stated we received 2 bids to mow and weed eat the cemetery. The first was from Tom Hickey, Hickey's Lawn Service for \$300 per week and the second from Hamacher's Lawn Maintenance for \$125 per week. The board discussed the quotes and what was covered and Trustee Donovan asked to table this for a later time to discuss it further.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay May abstract #12, vouchers 512-553 for \$34,152. second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

**PLAYGROUND UPDATE:** Mayor Tackman reported the fund-raising golf tournament is set for June 19<sup>th</sup> at North Shore Golf Course to and 6 teams are already signed up. Four Minnows is donating breakfast and Julie and Mark Simpson are donating lunch. There will be dinner at the Legion after the tournament. Many baskets are being donated to raffle and there are 50/50 tickets also being sold. The new playground equipment has been ordered and the DPW is working on the drainage at the park prior to installation.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Trustee Cartier read the report submitted by the fire department: In the month of April 2021 we responded to a total of 21 calls. Of those calls there was 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire, 9 EMS calls, 4 hazardous conditions, 1 good intent call, 3 mutual aid and 3 cancelled enroute. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the following officers:

Chief	Shaun House
Deputy Chief	Mike Davis
Assistant Chiefs:	David Hinds
	Bill James
	Matt Martin
Captain	Glen Benjamin
Lieutenant	Codey Generous

No changes for the past 2 years. This motion was second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

**TUGHILL REPORT:** Trustee Donovan read the report submitted by Paul Baxter.

I apologize for not being with you in person tonight. Once again, the town of Albion has asked me to extend their meeting via Zoom, which commits me for the duration of their meeting, and I do not have Vern available tonight to be there in my stead. With luck, this may be the last meeting Albion opts to Zoom on a regular basis, and I will be available to join you in June.

- 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 27, 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.
- As the town of Constantia acts as the assessors for the village of Cleveland, I thought I would report that, as required, I have posted the 2021 tentative assessment roll on the town web site ([www.townofconstantia-ny.us](http://www.townofconstantia-ny.us)) and on the assessor’s page there ([www.townofconstantia-ny.us/index.php/boards-departments-and-officials/assessor/](http://www.townofconstantia-ny.us/index.php/boards-departments-and-officials/assessor/)). I have also added a post to the village’s web page pertaining to this: [www.villageofcleveland-ny.us/index.php/2021/05/11/2021-tentative-assessment-roll-available/](http://www.villageofcleveland-ny.us/index.php/2021/05/11/2021-tentative-assessment-roll-available/)
- The Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board is doing a county-wide community survey on availability of broadband, toward improving area coverage. More information is available on the North Shore Council of Governments web site, [www.norcog.org](http://www.norcog.org), and at a web site for this effort, [www.cnyinternet.com](http://www.cnyinternet.com) . I have also posted this on the village’s web site: [www.villageofcleveland-ny.us/index.php/2021/05/07/your-participation-requested-central-new-york-internet-access-survey](http://www.villageofcleveland-ny.us/index.php/2021/05/07/your-participation-requested-central-new-york-internet-access-survey)
- The Tug Hill Commission is doing its first-ever community recognition awards, and the deadline to submit for your community is June 1. More information about the awards program is on the commission’s web site at <https://tughill.org/about/tug-hill-community-recognition-award/>

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Code Officer William Hamacher gave the following report: 5 building permits were issued, 21 site inspections, 14 property maintenance violations 6 corrected violations and 8 second notice violations were issued. He has been working with the owners of 103 State Route 49 and the DEC about permitting for their new house and with the store and the processes they need to do to get it up and running again. I have also done several inspections at 118 State Route 49 and what processes they need to do to get it up and running. I have walked the village and handed 100 village clean up flyers the week before the clean up.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:** Clayton Conover submitted the following report read by Trustee Donovan:

Recently, with the help of Constantia Courts, we were able to convince a resident that their dog was not fit to live within the Village as it was terrorizing anyone who came on the street. The dog was rehomed to a family member who is better able to control the dog at their home. Due to rumors around the Village, I now need to reach out to this family member again. There are reports about the dog being back in Cleveland, and still being allowed to harass neighbors. Unfortunately, this is all through the grapevine, what a neighbor heard kids saying. The neighbor only saw this dog one time, a day or two after it was removed. The neighbor has not since seen the dog and when I went there, I only found a dog that the owner kept, tied up. I'm hoping by reaching out to the family member I can explain that whether the dog lives in the Village or not, it cannot be brought back to the home and allowed to harass anyone.

There is also another dog owner on Center St that I have had to visit a couple of times now. At this point, I have not been able to convince the complainant to file a written complaint. I do keep complaints anonymous if the issue resolves with a warning, however, without the complaint it makes my case more difficult to prove if I have to take the case to court. I will continue to work with the complainant and the dog owner if the issue continues so that the next steps can be taken to correct this problem. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, they can reach me at 315-245-0787.

**DIVISION STREET DAM PROPERTY:** All the board members reviewed the information Legislator Reehil had given the Mayor regarding this property that is up for auction again. Mr. Reehil would like to see the village acquire this property instead of it going back into the auction. The Mayor feels there is too much liability for the village to assume and the board agreed and that this is not a good option for the village. Trustee Donovan would like to have Mr. Reehil come to a meeting to discuss his position on this further.

Next Meeting, June 8, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Tackman reported the DEC is working on the former Cleveland Elementary and would like to see the food pantry possibly move there since they are outgrowing the village hall. She spoke with a trooper and a sheriff and they would like to bring a substation to the village hall. She will work to see what can be accomplished. The DEC is also offering their building to be used by the community and will utilize building use forms. At 7:15pm the Mayor made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an employee matter, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor. At 8:00pm, the board closed the executive session and opened the regular meeting back up and Mayor Tackman made a motion to increase 2 DPW employee's salaries based on performance effective May 13, 2021, second by Trustee Donovan. Trustee Donovan made a motion to accept Hamacher's Lawn Maintenance bid for mowing the cemetery, pending legal review, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor. At 8:06pm, Trustee Donovan made a motion to adjourn, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor.