

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

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

The purpose of the public hearing is to decide whether or not to grant a variance for George Gebo, who wishes to build a storage barn on his property located at 96 State Route 49 and Division Street. Code Officer William Hamacher stated that this was also brought to Oswego County for review and they approved the variance for the 60ft. setback from Rt. 49 and 80ft. from Division Street. Village Law requires 100 ft., set back but the County approves of the setback. With no public comment regarding the variance, the Mayor made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

OPEN REGULAR MEETING AT 6:30PM

Present in addition to above, Paul Baxter reporting for the Tug Hill Commission. Legislator Roy Reehil, Patricia Cerro-Reehil, Mike Davis, David Hinds.

Legislator Reehil gave a presentation on the dam property on Division Street. He discussed the history of the Tannery Pond and its creation for power and water at the tanning factory. This dam ran power to several houses in 1914. The property encompasses the pond on the south side of Bridge Street. The village maintains the pond on the north side of Bridge St. by mowing around it and the property owners adjacent to the pond own to the high water mark. He feels because we mow, we have some liability. Roy would like to see the village acquire the dam property as its in the heart of the village and we are in the Heritage Canal way. This property has gone through the county auction 4 times since 2010. He feels if we control the dam property, we control the pond. It is a historically important part of the village. The problem with the property is that it is a brownfield due to gas tanks buried in the ground on the site. They were filled with sand in the 80's but were cut when the sewer went through. We don't know if anything leaked out at that time. He feels this could be a connector project to connect the canal system to the trails, and dock and we could apply for grants to achieve this. He would like to see the trail moved inside the sidewalk on the west side of North Street and go from the trail on Sand St. to the state dock. Last time this property sold for \$100.00 Years ago, Mayor Youmans passed a resolution asking that the dam property be removed from the auction. Roy spoke with the county treasurer and he would be willing to give the property to the village. Trustee Donovan asked how do we assume we control the pond by controlling the dam? Roy believes there is precedence. There will be liability that the village would assume. Trustee Donovan wants us to consult our insurance company and he would like to see a subcommittee formed to discuss this further. There is a lot of permitting necessary if we were to assume the pond for dredging purposes. Roy would like a letter to the county treasurer from the village board stating interest. Roy stated as part of the American Recovery Act that Oswego County is receiving 22 million dollars and the Village may receive \$131,000 and the town of Constantia is receive 1 million dollars and he would like to see some of that money used towards this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cathy Kline inquired about the mobile home that was moved in on Center St. The Code Officer issued a violation and its going to be process. They are also taking a 5th wheel camper apart on Sperrymill.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter gave the following report:

Albion *did* opt not to Zoom their June meeting, and so I am at the Cleveland village board meeting for the duration tonight, and I have sent Vern up to cover Albion and Orwell!

- The Tug Hill Commission offices went to a 75% occupancy level in June, and in a practical sense, given that Watertown-based staff have work out with our towns and villages on a regular basis, this represents a practical return to regular work from the Watertown office for the Watertown-based staff.
- The Governor's executive order allowing remote meetings and public hearings (via means such as Zoom) has been extended through June 24, 2021, should that represent a useful option for your municipality and its municipal meetings.
- The Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board's county-wide community survey on availability of broadband, toward improving area coverage continues. More information is available on the North Shore Council of Governments web site, www.norcog.org, and at a web site for this effort, 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

- The next meeting of the Tug Hill Commission will be Monday, June 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Forestport Town Hall, 10275 NY-28, Forestport, New York 13338. The meeting will be extended via Zoom (meeting ID 826 6968 8230), and there will be limited in-person attendance; RSVP by calling Gwen Decker at 315.785.2380 or by e-mail at gwen@tughill.org.
- The Tug Hill Commission will be conducting a webinar on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on regulating short-term rentals and options on how a municipality can regulate them if they choose to do so. I have copies of the flyer for you.
Trustee Donovan would like to zoom a board meeting in the future as an exercise.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay abstract #13, vouchers 554-556 for \$438.71 and June Abstract #1 vouchers 1-43 for \$141,058.86 and water project voucher 14-15 for \$35,662.22, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: David Hinds gave the following Chief's report: In the month of May 2021, we responded to a total of 35 calls (151-year to date). Of these calls there were 13 EMS calls, one motor vehicle accident, 4 hazard calls, 6 mutual aide given and 3 mutual aid received.

5/15/21 - we responded to an outdoor fire in the woods on Whipple Road. This fire was caused by a debris fire that got out of control. Engine 421, tanker 451, and mini 431 responded as did Chief House and Deputy Chief Davis. Constantia Fire Department was called in to assist as was West Amboy. West Amboy was canceled prior to their arrival. The bulk of the fire was extinguished by our top mount guns on 421 and 451. There were many hot spots that were extinguished by hand tools and a booster line.

5/20/21 - we responded mutual aide to Constantia for a fire in the woods on Johnson Road. Mini 431 and Jeep 471 responded. 431, 471 and Constantia's ATV tanked water into the woods from Constantia's pumper which was out at the road. The two departments worked seamlessly. Early in the call Constantia Chief Whitney handed command over to Oswego County Deputy Coordinator Jack Cottet who responded in his personal vehicle, The landowners were extremely appreciative and even provided Constantia FD with a lasagna dinner and salad for their monthly meeting and they will be dropping ours off tomorrow night for our monthly meeting.

5/26/21 - tanker 451 was called to Volney for a large fire at the Bristol Hill landfill. 451 responded as part of the Battalion 3 tanker task force which is made up of tankers and engines from Cleveland, Constantia, West Monroe, West Amboy, Central Square, Hastings, Brewerton and Caughdenoy.

We have two new applicants, Bradley House and Randy Woods who lives in Bernhards Bay and works at McIntosh Pallet. He is a former Central Square firefighter serving there in the late 80's early 90's. His application was tabled for the standard 30 days for his background checks and approval from the village. Randy has attended drills as an observer and has started taking his FEMA classes mandated by the Federal Government. David also reported the pumper truck is getting warranty work done in Lockport. Mayor Tackman made a motion to accept the 2 new members, Randy Wood and Bradley House, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. This brings the department to approximately 25 members.

REPLACEMENT OF 462: Assistant Chief Mike Davis proposed the replacement of the 2015 pick up (462) with a new 2022 F150 pickup through state bid. The state bid pricing is \$29,797.34. The current 462 would become 401 Chief's vehicle. The 2001 Chevy pickup has 92,474 miles and this vehicle would be assigned to another assistant chief. 462 responds to 60% of the calls and replacing 462 would give our highest use vehicle a 5 year powertrain warranty and would increase fuel mileage from 12mpg to 20mpg. This would increase the chief's fleet to 3, reducing the number of chief's using personal vehicles responding to emergency calls. This would be paid for using unencumbered funds from 2020 and 2019 budgets totally approximately \$41,500, and subtracting the cost of the vehicle would leave approximately 11,702 to be placed in 2 reserve funds to be set up to cover the costs of PPE and apparatus improvements. Lights, siren, lettering and radio installation (radios to come from personal chief's vehicle) funding to come from \$10,000 income from surplus equipment auction held by the Fire Company. Any remaining money after outfitting the pick up will be placed in the official department reserve account. The purchase of this vehicle can be accomplished without putting the FD in any financial jeopardy. The guys have done their homework. The boot drive took in \$3,000 and that pays for the annual mortgage for the building. Trustee Donovan made a motion to approve the purchase of the new F-150 pick up truck in the amount of \$29,797.34, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor. It will take approx.. 28-30 weeks to be delivered.

RESIDENT REQUEST CHANGE IN STATUS: The board received a letter from the new owners of 129 Bridge Street, requesting a status change from commercial to residential for the water and sewer for this property. They state they have no intention of making this anything other than a residential unit. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the change in status for 129 Bridge Street, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Code Officer William Hamacher gave the following report: 5 building permits, 13 site inspections, 8 property maintenance violations, 8 2nd notice violations, 1 court appearance ticket, 1 fire inspection, 1 certificate of occupancy and 1 operating permit. I had a meeting with the new owners of 129 Bridge Street about their renovations. I have also spoken with Christine from Limestone Ridge about 135 and 141 North Street and cleaning up the laws and debris. These are ongoing violations. Trustee Donovan asked what the status of tightening the time frames for violations. He stated we have to enact a local law in order to accomplish this. We will need to work with the village attorney on this. Mr. Hamacher would also like to change the fees for some permits. He has a copy of the city of Oswego's law and will get a copy to Mr. Reehil. He reported the Cleveland House has been given a certificate of occupancy and the old Vella's is waiting on shelving and hopes to have it by July 4th.

Village Election is Tuesday, June 15th and the next meeting is July 13, 2021. Roy Reehil spoke up and stated the dam is the only property in the village up for auction, and he also stated that things are going well with the Land Bank. Mayor Tackman commented that she has spoken with Matt Marko from NYS DEC regarding the school and the renovations and he said there will not be a class this year due to the renovations. She also stated that the 5th grade time capsule that was buried at Lighthouse Park is to be opened this month at some point. She will contact Mr. Smolnik, the Principal at AA Cole to coordinate an opening. Trustee Donovan made a motion to form a sub committee to look at the dam property on Division Street and report back to the board, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the requested variance for the Gebo Garage at Division and Route 49, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor. At 7:53pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing an employee matter, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. Mayor Tackman made a motion to exit executive session and reopen the meeting, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. Mayor Tackman made a motion to hire David Hinds for the position of DPW Laborer, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor. At 8:05pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn the meeting second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.