

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Dave Donovan, Eric Cartier and Robin Wilson. Absent: Trustee John Scatena. Also present, Code Officer William Hamacher, Mark and Debra Everson, Cathy Kline, Mike Davis, Vern Sundet, David Hinds.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Everson, 2 Bridge Street spoke and thanked the Village for the quick action regarding the beaver remediation at the Bridge Street culvert and DPW employee, David Hinds for his help as well. He reminded the board that 1 ½ years ago, that Bridge Street had washed out and the subsequent culvert repair and what was the status of the culvert replacement? Mayor Tackman stated we have been working on this with our engineers and DEC and are not doing anything until the DEC gives its approval on the repair. The process is underway and she will contact our engineer for an update and report back to the Eversons personally with a response. Deb Everson also asked what could be done with Bridge Street due to the constant speeding of people through there. Could it be made one way by removing access from State Route 49? Mayor Tackman had attended a special meeting with local governments and law enforcement regarding more patrols out here and Constantia Town Supervisor Ken Mosely is proposing an addition of \$10,000 in the Town's budget to get increased patrols. Mayor Tackman will work on a solution with the board for a solution to Bridge St.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay abstract #3, vouchers 98-145 for \$45,930.26 second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

Mayor Tackman stated we have a bill from Highlander Construction in the amount of \$479,896.84 for the pipeline construction materials, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter submitted the following report read by Vern Sundet: Once again, I am pleased to have Vern Sundet available to cover the Cleveland village board meeting, as I cover Albion and Orwell tonight.

FYI: The New York State Comptroller has announced the tax levy limit for calendar year 2022 (which applies to town budgets). The levy limit will be 2.0% for the third time in the past four years. This will be the factor towns will be using as they begin their 2022 budget process]

(Also: a reminder – if there are any fiscal matters between the town and the village, the town will be working on their 2022 budget soon, if they haven't started already.)

Tug Hill Local Government Conference update – Discussions continue on options for the location and date of the 2022 local government conference, as availability and conditions of use for Jefferson Community College continue to be uncertain, and the facility we use dictates how many tracks of programming we are able to offer and how many local government officials we are able to accommodate. One alternate option we have identified is Turning Stone, which has hosted conferences on the scale of our Local Government Conference in the past. The prospect of Turning Stone as a location also opens up the possibility to moving the LGC a little later on the calendar and into what might be better weather – April, or in May prior to Memorial Day (May 30 in 2022).

Tug Hill is very interested *your* feedback on both these potential factors in the 2022 LGC.

As the town of Constantia acts as assessors for property townwide, you may be interested in knowing that the town's final assessment roll for 2021 is posted on the homepage of the town web site, www.townofconstantia-ny.us; and also on the assessor's page (under **Boards, Departments, and Officials**), and under **Documents and Forms > Reports**.

As a follow-up to the village's recent conference call via Zoom, I checked with the folks at the Tug Hill Commission, and they would be happy to meet with the village at your convenience in assisting the village with an update to your comprehensive plan and your land development regulations. Your land development regulations could be further developed to add standards for differing areas within the village. Just let me know how you would like to proceed and when.

CODE REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer William Hamacher gave the following report. He had several meetings with the DEC on a few properties in the village regarding floodplain setbacks and burning of trash. I also had a meeting with the health department regarding a resident. I have had several meetings with property owners. I attended 2 training classes on line for short term rentals (Airbnb) and on commercial energy codes. I have also been working with the Court and the owner of 134 Center Street to remove the tenants from the house due to property maintenance issues. I personally delivered violations to 159 Center St and 199 Center St. regarding property maintenance issues and the village's land development law. I issued 4 building permits, 4 property maintenance violations and 12 property maintenance violation

inspections. He is also working to implement new laws and fee processes with the Village Attorney. He is also working to regulate AirBnB's and the inspection process for them. They may also need to be billed differently for water and sewer purposes, but he is looking at this.

AURINGER PROPERTY: The village sent a letter to the Auringers on Sand Street to notify them that some of their items (propane tank, cart port, shed) are on village property and that they needed to move them. The village has since received a letter back from their attorney asked to purchase 10ft. of property from the village since these items have been there for years. The board will table this until our attorney is consulted...the village would require them to pay for any legal work associated with this.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: The Village of Cleveland was notified that their share of the plan would be \$73,137.08 and it would be received in two distributions of \$36,586.54. The first distribution has been received and the board will begin reviewing what this money will be utilized for.

CAMERA QUOTES: The village has received 2 quotes for security system cameras for the park on North Street. One is from Advanced Business Systems for \$8,610.79 with a \$70/month monitoring fee and one from Doyle Security which handles the rest of the village's security needs for \$5,000.00 with a \$40/month monitoring fee. Trustee Donovan would like to review a layout where the cameras will be located before making a final decision. The Clerk will set up a meeting to accomplish this.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Assistant Chief Mike Davis gave the following report: 33 total calls this month, 10 EMS, 2 Rescue, 2 MVA, 1 Hazardous Condition, 1 Service Call, 1 Good Intent, 10 Cancelled enroute, 6 other. On 9/11 there will be an open house at the Fire House as well as the 20th Anniversary 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. They also had to modify the new truck they are purchasing since the initial truck is no longer available. They will purchase a ¾ ton pick up instead of a ½ ton as it will be a little more money, but ready much sooner. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve 2 new members of the fire department, Stephen Yaciuk and Russell Tompkins, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor. There are 27 members currently and about 15-16 active all the time.

CENTER STREET CULVERT: The Village of Cleveland received a letter from a resident regarding the culvert and the Mayor responded that we have the pipe to replace this but it will not be done until the completion of the water project and before we pave the road.

We are still working on finalizing the guard rails around the pond, but they will be done this year. The playground equipment has been delayed again due to supply issues and we may look to see if we can get a discount due to the hold up. Mayor Tackman spoke to the Oswego County Health Department regarding getting a COVID clinic here in the village for people that may want the vaccine but cannot get out to get it. Currently the village has a 49% vaccination rate. Mayor Tackman made a motion to move into executive session at 7:13pm to discuss an employee matter, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor. At 7:48 Mayor Tackman made a motion to leave executive session and open the regular meeting, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor. Trustee Donovan made a motion to amend the Fire Chief's vehicle policy to read that NO non-fire department member may ride in Fire Department vehicles or equipment at any time, effective immediately, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor. Mayor Tackman stated that a full scope village vehicle policy will be adopted in the coming weeks. Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.