

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Dave Donovan, Eric Cartier, Robin Wilson, John Scatena.  
Also present: Code Officer William Hamacher, Vern Sundet, Captain Chris Flaherty, Kathy Flaherty, Jack and Renee Ryan, Dan Lewis, John Hinds, Nicholas Simmons.

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

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made the following motions to pay abstract #7, vouchers 300-356 for \$89,559.25, Water Project Abstract 7, voucher #25 for Highlander Construction for \$268,203.94, and the Treasurers Report and approve Pay Application for Highlander for \$268,203.94, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

**TUG HILL REPORT:** Vern Sundet was representing the Tug Hill Commission and reported that Paul Baxter had posted on the Village's website the low income water and sewer assistance program that is available.

**DPW REPORT:** Mayor Tackman read the monthly report submitted by the DPW. 11/30/21 – began sorting scrap metal. Cleaned up the yard and building. Called Rubicon Recycling for a 40 yard dumpster for scrap metal. Engineers from B&L were at the plant for planning. Crew of 2 from Highlander were in the village doing clean up work. 12/1/21 – Worked on rebuilding blower #1 from the sewer plant. Two loads of #2 stone hauled from Preston Hill. Cleaned drainage grate in corner of North Shore Ambulance's lot. Cleaned up around the grounds and building. Picked up leaves, but the town missed several spots and we went around with the tractor and cleaned the rest up. Cleaned the WWTP.

12-7-21 went on fire call in the morning. met w/ eastern security about cameras at park, plowed roads in the morning. Worked on filing and sorting. Picked up dump trailer from historical society and picked up two junk picnic tables from lake veiw Park. 12-8-21 Plowed village roads. Checked grinder pump at legion/Cleveland house. Sat in on tele meeting with engineers. Cleaned around shop. Fire call on lunch break. Checked in on highlander at tank site they are working on new road way and leveling off tank area. Plowed at night.

12-9-21 start time 4a.m Plowed. Had progress meeting on water project finished rebuilding blower #1.

12-10-21 hung water shut offs approximately 30. Investigated possible leak at Clay and Center St. Still have to watch not sure on what's going on. Called Highlander as it's in the area of where they did work. Cleaned ditches for warm weather and rain for tomorrow. Started to Washed equipment. Placed bag on o.o.s fire hydrant. Shaun studied for ABC test.

Worked on getting stuff over to B&L for sewer project. Plans for next week: looks like good weather. Got to meet with Jim from ti sales for meter reading, x-mass tree and lights at village hall, finish washing and servicing plow truck.

David Hinds presented the board with a proposal to purchase a Vacuum Excavation Trailer given that our tractor is paid off now. He got 3 quotes for the trailer. It will have a wet dry vac and pressure washer, it basically digs holes, makes exploratory holes quicker, easier and cleaner. The Kathern St. repair could have been done with this. Will come in handy with the lead service replacement initiative where detection equipment can find it. Will also be very useful cleaning grinder pumps as well, will be used daily. It has a 300' suction hose, and 800 gal. tank. We currently can only pump 100 gallons at a time and need to make several trips, this will save a lot of time and is safer and save on manpower. The Magnus quote is the preferred model. All replacement parts can be purchased at Tractor Supply. Requires a 6 wk. build time and David has a line on a shipper to get it to us. This will save on OT and trips to dump. Shaun commented we can use ARPA funds for a down payment on this as well as it meets the criteria. Trustee Scatena commented it is a great idea and thanked David for the research. Trustee Scatena made a motion to purchase the trailer for \$49,200, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor. Mayor Tackman stated she would like to take \$10,000 from ARPA for the down payment. Trustee Scatena commented he would like to see the DPW purchase a mini excavation in the future.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief House stated that the new truck is being built as is the new highway truck. Boat is in storage, ATV is getting some maintenance at Case Closed. Ice rescue gear is in the ice boat, trucks are all inspected, hoses tested and physicals done. Will be meeting to discuss new equipment in February. 333 calls to date this year, 93 of them were cancelled in route. New system in place for next year will prioritize calls thru the 911 system.

**CODE REPORT:** Code Enforcement Officer William Hamacher gave the following report. 5 building permits issued, 11 property maintenance violations, 3 property maintenance violations corrected, 4 second notice violations, 1 fire inspection/health inspection and 12 building permit inspections. I have been working with the Health Department regarding 5 Beach Road. The property owner was to have the property violations corrected by December 1, 2021 and on December 7 the County revisited the property and are moving on with further actions at this time.

Mayor Tackman reported that the dog warden's kennels had been inspected and received a grade of satisfactory.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Shaun House spoke up as taxpayer and stated he is not a fan of seeing all the trash around the village in the spring waiting for clean up week. People don't follow the rules and would urge the village board to re-evaluate spring pick up. He would like to see our village looking good and feels we could put dumpsters at the highway garage and people can bring their stuff there instead of putting it curbside. Mayor Tackman stated they would look at this suggestion.

John Hinds spoke up and thanked the Village DPW for their help with the issues at the Historical Society's building. They helped stabilize the foundation and helped with the animal abatement. He stated the treasures of this village are in that building and we need to keep them safe.

Mayor Tackman stated the next meeting is January 11, 2022 at 6:30pm and there is a meeting on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 6:00pm to discuss the sale of the former St. Mary's Church. She also stated she is disappointed that we cannot get a COVID clinic in the village and is still working on trying to make it happen. There is an option if you are homebound and want a vaccine you can contact the County at 315-349-3330. At 7:08 pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.