

PRESENT: Mayor Lauren Tackman, Trustee, Robin Wilson, Eric Cartier. Dave Donovan Absent: Trustee John Scatena
Also present: Code Enforcement Officer William Hamacher, Debra Everson

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

Mayor Tackman and the Clerk presented an overview of the budget: The budget is balanced but there will be an increase property taxes within the 2% tax cap with is a net increase of \$5,307. We also need to increase the sewer cost by \$26.00 annually or \$6.50/quarter. Due to all the rising costs of fuel, chemicals, materials and overall and uncertainty, we feel we have no choice than to do these slight increases. There is \$7,906 in contingency in the water fund. We don't yet have a annual cost increase for the water due to the project, but we are working with our engineers to finalize that number. We have increased funding to the playground to continue progress there and have added funds for a summer rec employee since we cannot count on the County to provide this. The Mayor discussed the ARPA funds and how they can be utilized and reported. Debra Everson inquired as to funding for the Bridge Street repair and was this included in our budget, and the Mayor responded that CHIPS monies are going to be utilized for this once we know what has to be done. She has also contacted the state DOT regarding drainage on Rt. 49 and Bridge Streets as well as Rt. 49 and Martin Road area. We are looking to create access to the Village Hall from the sidewalk as well. At 6:20pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to close the public hearing on the budget with no further questions, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING, also now in attendance, DPW Supt. Shaun House, Dan Lewis and Paul Rosati.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Debra Everson asked again regarding Bridge Street as to any thoughts on making it a one-way street and what is involved with that. She stated trucks from Rt. 49 headed west fly down the road and make no attempt to slow down. All of the neighbors on that stretch are concerned for their safety. Due to the nature of the road, (it's not classified as a bridge) it cannot be labeled with an "R" permit of no trucks according the DPW Supt. House. We will likely need to petition the state to change the road to one way. It technically isn't wide enough for two cars to pass over the "bridge" but many people do causing an issue and deteriorating the road. We are still awaiting a final response from the DEC regarding the repair and once we do, we can look how to best proceed and look to make a one way. Debra offered to go door to door for any petition necessary to facilitate the change to one way.

ADOPT BUDGET: Mayor Tackman made a motion to adopt the 2022-2023 budget with total appropriations of \$883,368.00, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

ELECTION RESOLUTION: I, Mayor Lauren Tackman make the following resolutions, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.

GENERAL ELECTION RESOLUTION: The Village Election for two Trustees with a 2-year term position, and Mayor with a 2-year term position, will be held on June 21, 2022 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 21st, 2022; 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

DPW REPORT: Shaun House gave the following report: Water project is back in operation. The tank company is on site along with Highlander and BCA rep Sam Kennedy. We have been in contact with B&L engineers regarding the sewer project and will be meeting with them again on the 21st to discuss the plant plans. We have signed an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Vienna for shared services. Contacted the playground company and are shooting for a May install. We will be hauling 1000 yards of gravel to raise the grade to 2.5 feet in the area of the playground. The gravel will be coming from the town of Vienna pit, and saving us about \$3,500. David has passed his second water class and his paperwork has been filed with the Health Department. Congratulations David. We have several trainings coming up this month and next including a PAVE NY class, E-one pump training and an I&I class. We had our DEC inspection of the sewer plant with a satisfactory review with just a few things noted to be fixed and we have been working on that. The county was out today to give us an estimate on paving Center St. We will receive by the end of the month when they lock in on oil prices. Village clean up has been scheduled for the first week of May with brush to be picked up weekly from now until the end or mid next month. Residents can also call for the dump trailer for larger loads of brush and the DPW will drop it off and pick up and dump when full. The picnic tables at the park have been painted. Finally, we have received and are using our new sucker trailer with great success. A special thank you to Julie and David for seeing this through. Also regarding the water project, the sidewalk crew will be out in the next or two to complete the sidewalk restoration from Caswell to almost Gale Rd. Due to the influx of rainwater at the WWTP, we were able to retrieve a mass of rags and items that were in the tank when they floated to the top with all the influx of water, saving the village roughly \$14,000 from having to have it pumped and cleaned out. We will also be organizing a clean up detail with the Fire Department and any one who would like to help clean up Lighthouse (Gazebo) Park on May 14th.

Mayor Tackman read a letter received from the Camden Group regarding the assistance they have given to the Village since January 2022..."during that time we visited the site at least twice a week to assist where needed. First off let me say that the Village of Cleveland is very fortunate to have the people that work at the WWTP, they are among the best workers I have come across. With the addition of a third person I the department, I believe there is nothing that crew couldn't do. During our tenure, Shaun House obtained his 2A Wastewater License, he has learned the CORRECT way to run a wastewater plant and was easily trained. We spent time in the correct methods of operation and testing, as well as methods of troubleshooting to obtain the best results for the plants processes. Besides our visits to the site, I was always available via text, email and phone calls, which the crew often utilized. My suggestion would be that after our contract is up, that we continue to visit twice a month just to check in and assist with changing seasons as well as help with upcoming construction. All in all, I am confident that the crew in place has the ability to handle 90% operations of the WWTP, with the remaining 10% is the unknown factor that comes with a plant of that age. I look forward to continuing to assist and I hope that the board agrees." Tom Bullard, Camden Group Area Manager
Final DPW comment, Shaun would like to know how the village board wants to handle people who put out stuff that is not part of the clean up and the Mayor stated the code officer will get involved and cite them and work to get these things cleaned up.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Annual report of calls is a total of 359 for the year. Chief House read the following report: First I'd like to thank every member for everything they have done for our community. We have some new faces and some that have come back. We have faced another year dealing with Covid and it has not been easy but in typical Cleveland fashion, we have handled the challenge. We have been able to purchase put our new light rescue in service. 404 EMS chief Bill James was able to get us started in EPCR and enrolled in the pilot program. He was also able to keep up outfitted with good PPE to fight Covid as well as get us NARCAN, epinephrin and albuterol. A lot of planning and hard work has been done by 402 Deputy Chief Davis. He has done an amazing job with the budget. President John Hinds and the building committee has this building in tip top shape, better than it's been in years. Thank you to all my officers for continued support in these last 5 years or so that I have been Chief. Chief House also invited everyone to weekly coffee and donuts at the fire station at 9:30am, all are welcome. President John Hinds submitted a building committee annual report to the village board (on file)

Chief House stated they may need to find alternative dockage for the fire boat due to the condition of Apps. Code Officer Hamacher stated the DEC may need to be involved at Apps. Trustee Donovan stated that previously Mike Davis had discussed confined space training and we have since realized that it is too expensive to have all the equipment to do this and the closest people with the necessary training are in Syracuse and Utica. We will look to have an IMA with all local governments to train guys and buy the necessary equipment. We will try to coordinate. We need to apply for a permit to even accomplish this. Trustee Donovan commended the Chief House and the DPW for all the work between the two departments. He would like to also see the Fire Department grounds to keep looking as good as they had this past year. Trustee Donovan made a motion to approve the fire officers as presented, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor.

401 Shaun House

402 Mike Davis

403 David Hinds

404 (EMS Chief) Bill James

405 (Station Chief) Matt Martin

Junior officers to be appointed by chiefs soon,

Fire Company Officers:

President John Hinds

Treasurer Joni Hinds...due to the nature of these officers being married, we have requested that Chief House be the second authorized signatory on all checks.

Assistant Chief David Hinds submitted the following end of year report of 2021-22. This year we started to get back to the new normal with COVID. In the fire department, one that that COVID has changed was our response to EMS calls. Oneida County took initiative and made drastic but good changes to fire departments responses to EMS calls. In Oswego County we made the change at the town level along with Constantia FD not to go to Alpha and Bravo calls. This has greatly reduced our EMS calls which is a breath of fresh air.

In addition we made to our fleet, is our "new" 1968 Kaiser jeep M715. It is not in service yet, but it is on the way to being in service. It is currently at the DPW garage. It runs and drives but needs electrical work which the DPW will do and pump/tank installation. Central Square FD is donating a tank for the unit.

Another possible addition is a 13 foot Zodiak boat from Federal Surplus. We should know in a week or so if we are awarded it. This will possibly replace our aluminum row boat.

I will let Shaun speak about the new 462 which is the best light rescue we have ever owned hands down.

I feel like the fire department is coming alive again. Last Saturday morning was great. It was nice to see people stop in and chit chat. The night prior we had the possible structure fire in North Bay which turned out to be nothing, but we had 2 engine crews about to respond! After the fire, people hung out and joked around which was awesome. COVID threw a wrench into the socializing part of the fire department, which is a very important part. Lets keep the momentum going.

Finally, The Cleveland Vol. Fire Company has accepted the membership application for Joseph DeLeo on April 5th. His application has been tabled for 30 days for review and approval and background check. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve new member Joseph DeLeo as a member of the Cleveland Vol. Fire Company, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to Pay Bills: April Abstract #11 Vouchers 495-548 - \$53,874.00, approve Water Project Pay App to Highlander Construction \$40,672.34 and approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.

DOG REPORT: Mayor Tackman read the following report submitted by Dog Warden, Clayton Conover:

Attached is my call log and mileage form for this month. It has been a busy month, which usually happens when the weather starts getting better. The first was for a dog running at large. This was the first occurrence so a warning was issued to the dog owner. There was then a resident who was bitten on North St. This has gone straight to the courts. The Judge did request that I do an at-home visit to see how the dog reacts in its own territory. Unfortunately, I found that though the dog showed no signs of aggression, it quickly bit me unprovoked. The third call was regarding a different dog running at large on Center St. I was unable to locate any dog at that time. I stopped and asked a resident that does struggle with containing their dog, however, the resident stated it was not their dog this time. The last call was for a dog running at large on Beach Rd. I was able to locate the dog, but not the owner. The dog is currently being held and will be held for the mandated five days. If the owner comes forward, proof of rabies and license will need to be provided before the dog can be released. If the owner does not come forward, the dog will be released to the Rome Humane Society. Since the nice weather is coming, I just want to remind everyone that there is a law in the Village stating that all dogs must be under the control of their owner when they are not on their own property. It is also an NYS law that all dogs much have a valid license attached to their collar. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 315-371-5429.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer William Hamacher gave his monthly report:

William would like to speak with the Village Attorney to discuss Beach Road and the clean-up. 148 North Street has been foreclosed on by the County. Paul Rosati was present to discuss a variance he needs to put up a garage at his property at 107 State Route 49. He has 15'9" on one side and 15'6" on the other. He needs a 6" variance to build the garage. This will need to be put to a public hearing and he will need the approval of the resident next door (Sunset Deli) He also will remove the sidewalk in front of the property as there is no function to it.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Tackman stated a letter was received from TJ's Restaurant stating they had reduced their number of washers down to 4. Code Officer Hamacher stated there were 5 when he went to inspect so this needs to be reviewed as they are asking for a status change for billing purposes. A letter was also sent from 8-10 Division St. requesting a status change for these properties as well reducing the number of EDU's being charged. Mayor Tackman stated until this has been approved by the County to change the status to a single residential from a multi family, no reduction will be granted.

Debra Everson inquired about the flags at the dock and who is responsible for them. She stated she would offer to pay for new ones so they may be properly replaced. These are the responsibility of the DEC and if they don't replace she will. At 7:38pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss an employee matter, second by Trustee Wilson. At 7:40pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to come out of executive session and close the regular meeting, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.

