

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustee, Robin Wilson, Dave Donovan, John Scatena. Absent: Trustee Eric Cartier  
Also present: Vern Sundet representing the Tug Hill

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

Vern Sundet gave the following Tug Hill Report:

The 2022 Tug Hill Local Government Conference took place Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Turning Stone Casino. It was a success, well received by those who attended. Attendance by NorCOG communities was up compared to past years. The Tug Hill Commission is already planning for next year's conference and is running a survey through Thursday on what your preference is for next year's conference, and if there's anything the commission should know that keeps you from attending, or would make you more likely to attend. E-mails have gone out to our local government officials soliciting your input, and the link is also in Friday's Tug Hill Times, or I can e-mail you the link if you need it.

Let me know if you need additional COVID test kits. I have a limited number still available.

As last Friday's Tug Hill Times reported, a new round of the Tug Hill Community Recognition Awards program has opened. The program is to recognize communities and groups that have gone 'above and beyond' to implement a project that has made a real impact in the area. More details are available on the Tug Hill Web site, [www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org), and applications are due by June 1. The link is under News and Publications, under Press Releases.

We are still in the process of determining a meeting date and time for the next North Shore Council of Governments meeting. We have not had responses thus far to proposed dates which had enough able to attend. We are currently looking at last May/early June dates, and if there are any dates/times you can identify as ones you could attend, that would help us get this scheduled. Thanks for your help on this. We typically only meet twice a year, and we keep our meetings brief and to-the-point.

The state added amendments to Open Meetings Law as part of 2022-23 budget adoption. Current authorizations for remote meeting participation by local officials ends June 9. The village must pass a local law to be able to allow remote participation by local officials after that date. The law enabling that expires in 2024, so once having adopted an authorizing local law, the village would be enabled to exercise that option until the law's expiration. Let me know if I can be of any help to the village should it wish to implement an authorizing local law. Vern asked how the sewer project is coming along and what will the cost to village residents be and that is still unknown at this point.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to Pay Bills: May Abstract #12 Vouchers 549-594 - \$77,607.12 -, approve Water Project Pay App to Highlander Construction \$88,582.32 and approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

**PLAYGROUND UPDATE:** Mayor Tackman reported that the Town of Vienna is helping with this project and will be delivering gravel starting next week to get the ground ready for the new playground.

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

It has been quiet in the Village this month. I haven't received any calls. I did attend court for a follow-up on a dangerous dog case. The dog was deemed dangerous and restrictions were put on the dog owners. Attached is my mileage. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, just let me know, 315-371-5429.

There is no formal DPW report this month, but the DPW has been working on the village clean up and keeping the WWTP running and assisting as needed with the water project. Trustee Scatena stated he is looking at the Drinking Water Protection program and would like to set a work meeting at a later date to discuss.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Code Enforcement Officer William Hamacher submitted this monthly report read by Mayor Tackman: For the month of April I have done several inspections and re-inspections along with working on property maintenance violations. I also attended the Tug Hill Conference on April 19<sup>th</sup>. I have walked the village dropping off flyers for the clean up to properties with violations. I also was in contact with the DEC regarding a fuel leak in Black Creek due to an equipment fire. I have also spoke with several contractors and property owners regarding permitting. I have issued 4 building permits, 2 property maintenance violations and 8 corrected violations from last month. Trustee Donovan inquired as to what was the village attorneys position on cleaning up 5 Beach Road and he said the village DPW can clean it up and so they will be working on this soon.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Tackman contacted the DEC about the flags at the dock and they will be replaced next week. While attending a NYCOM conference, several topics were of great interest and of benefit for the village: CHIPS and uses for it and it is now determined that CHIPS monies can be used for sidewalks so we will be looking to utilize this money going forward. DWSRF funding grants are available for lateral replacements and she will be contacting our grant writer to assist with this. The Mayor would also like to possibly invest some money and will be contacting an investment group to discuss our options. She will also be contacting potential cell tower carriers to increase the revenue received on our tower. Finally, a green initiative grant program for meters and she will discuss with our engineers and the potential grant opportunity to cover this.

At 6:52pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.