

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustee, Robin Wilson, John Scatena. Absent: Trustees Eric Cartier and Dave Donovan. Also present: Vern Sundet representing the Tug Hill, Dan Lewis, and David Hinds and Mike Martin.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Lewis inquired about the pond/dam property. Mayor Tackman said she has put forth a letter of interest to the NY FORWARD program to apply for a grant that is for small villages and rural hamlets to transform their downtowns. There are only 3 awarded per area. The County wants to donate the property to the village. There are many things to consider, such as the underground tanks, but we are working on an environmental review to look at everything. Mr. Lewis also asked about who is responsible for the historical society as the building have a lot of weeds growing and would like to see it cleaned up.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to Pay Bills: August Abstract #3 Vouchers 116-157 for \$230,673.14, approve voucher #3 for \$479,430.82, , approve Water Project Pay App to Highlander Construction, and approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

TUG HILL REPORT: Vern Sundet gave the following report:

The Tug Hill Recreation Guide has a new revised printing, and I have given Vern copies to deliver to you, for the village board and for the public. Please let me know if you need more.

The Tug Hill Commission currently has an opening for a Projects Specialist. Applications are open until September 1, 2022, and more information is available in the July 29, 2022 Tug Hill Times, and at <https://tughill.org/job-openings/> ,

New York State has announced the NY Forward grant program, analogous to the existing Downtown Revitalization Initiative, but targeted for downtowns in New York's smaller and rural communities. Tug Hill has sent information out to all Tug Hill Communities about this program and is offering help to our communities on how to go about applying.

More information is available at <https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward> .

The Tug Hill Commission has just released a new issue paper on regulating short-term rentals, available on the Tug Hill web site, www.tughill.org , under News & Publications > Technical & Issue Papers.

At the request of the Cleveland village clerk, and to meet New York State requirements to share agendas with the public, I have added an Agendas menu item to the village of Cleveland web site. As a follow up to this, the Mayor and Clerk met the representative from IHeart Corp regarding a new website. Mayor Tackman stated we currently meet all the requirements and don't feel it's necessary to spend more money on a new website.

DPW REPORT: Mayor Tackman read the following report submitted by Shaun House, DPW Superintendent:

Sewer

Sampling was completed for the Month on July 13th

Everything passed.

Shoveled Drying bed number 2, 12.25 Tons hauled to Bristol Hill Landfill

Flooded Drying bed 1 from digester number 2

Contacted Siewert Equipment (we are still expecting them in September)

We changed 2 grinder pumps and went out on a total of 5 grinder pump calls.

We have been in contact with B&L and provided them with additional information for the sewer project

Water

We had a water project meeting. We can expect Highlander back to Reservoir Rd on August 5th. They will be tying in the new transmission line into the new tank and finishing the site work.

Water report has been turned in and sampling was all good.

David received his certification for C & D operator from the Department of Health

A backup chemical feed pump has been ordered as directed by the Department of Health during the sanitary survey (on order, still not in)

We located several services for Dig Safes and for home owners to replace waterlines.

For both water and sewer, we did over 20 Dig safes last month as there are many new things going on within the village (driveways, electric poles and Verizon poles, porches, signs, drainage and ect.) This included 2 emergency dig safes after hours for National Grid.

Highway

Mowing and weed whacking continued

2nd round of roadside mowing is completed. Talked to homeowner on Factory St. and once plants have stopped flowering, they will be cut back.

12 stumps have been ground with 3 more to do on Center St

1 willow tree taken down on Bridge St

1 pine tree will come down on North St by Sand St

Paving on Bridge St. in 2 places was completed, Paving on Center St was also completed, a total of 1650 tons were installed which equaled 89 loads between the dump trucks and the tractor trailers.

1 spot on Center St will receive work from Highlander on 8-5-22. This will be between Sand St and Clay St. A sink hole had developed as a result of boring that had occurred.

Town of Constantia and ditched a small portion of Martian Rd for us with their Gradall. Thank you to the Town of Constantia for their assistance.

Dave is in his last week of Sewer class. He was gone for 2 of the 4 weeks since the last meeting.

Cleaned, organized and took inventory of the shop during the few rain days.

Parks and Recs

We are spending two to three days a week mowing all properties that the Village must maintain.

We received two new benches that we will be installing this month.

We are also still evaluating ways to install security cameras at a reasonable cost.

Cemetery

The cemetery was mowed twice this month.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer William Hamacher submitted this monthly report read by Mayor Tackman: For the month of July, I have been in contact several times with the health department regarding a property on North Street and a property on Beach Road. It comes down to both the properties are in probate. There is not much we can do at this time, but just to stay consistent with talking and giving violations to the tenants. As of 8/7/22, I did a property inspection and the tenants have been working on cleaning up the properties.

For the month of July I issued:

3 building permits, 2 property violations, 3 framing inspections, 2 footer inspections, 1 site inspection, 1 pool inspection, 1 final inspection, 1 demo inspection and 1 insulation inspection.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Tackman stated that the owner of North Shore Mobile Home Park has asked permission to put 40 more units in his park in phases in the coming years. The board is agreeable to this and the Mayor signed a letter stating so, but with the clause that he form his own district in order to protect his interests there in the years to come and this would hopefully eliminate an issues in the future.

NY CLASS: Trustee Wilson gave an overview of NYCLASS, a local government investment pool. We met with Kathy from NYCLASS to discuss investing some of the Village's funds in order to earn more with our money than our traditional bank. NYCLASS is an investing group that specializes in municipal and school districts. Their rate of return is much higher than a bank. Based on the same amount invested, our bank gives approximately \$70.00 per month and NYCLASS would be around \$268.00. We are checking with our bank (Pathfinder) for minimum deposit amounts and ACH fees. NYCOM was also consulted and they are in full support of NYCLASS.

Therefore, Mayor Tackman proposed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis; **WHEREAS** the Village of Cleveland wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019; **WHEREAS** the Village of Cleveland wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds; Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows: That Laureen Tackman, Mayor of the Village of Cleveland is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019, second Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Tackman stated Trustee Cartier has been investigating carriers for the cell tower. He has contacted Verizon so far. Trustee Scatena is working with resident Jack Williams, a retired DOT engineer regarding the installation of sidewalk from Route 49 to the Village Hall for better access and that will be handicap accessible. Jack is working on the proper grade and they are working on the permitting process with the State. John is also working the drinking water protection program. Mayor Tackman also wanted to thank Sam and Don Toner for taking care of the plants along Route 49 and at the Village Hall, and Jerry and Brian Foster who are maintaining the plants at the park on North Street. The Village Board sincerely thanks them for their work in keeping the village looking so nice. And also a thank you to Judy at C&J's for donating the some of the plants for the village as well. The Mayor also reported that the old boat moorings from the state dock are at the DPW garage and we would like to include them in the new sidewalk project at the village hall. The Mayor also stated we have signed an intermunicipal agreement (IMA) with the Town of Vienna to share services that will benefit both municipalities. Finally, the Mayor read two letters that were received regarding the DPW and the excellent job that they are doing.

I am writing to praise your current DPW workers in particular Dave Hinds & Tyler, who's last name I did not get. They responded within minutes from my calling them asking that they verify whether or not my grinder pump was working as my system was not emptying. They determined that it was in fact powered & working & then went above & beyond their responsibilities & brought over some powerful machine to remove whatever blockage there was & although it didn't work I am most grateful to the guys for their efforts on my behalf. I have always had good relations with DPW employees' & respect the daily hard work that they do for us all but these guys are exceptional & I simply wanted to let you know that from my perspective you have the best crew ever in the past 23 years I have been around here..Great guys !

Sincerely,
Rod Haymes

Hello,

I would like to send a big 'shout out' to the Cleveland DPW. This morning they posted about supplying wood chips to residents with delivery. I jumped at the chance since I have a lot of work to do with improving my landscaping. David Hinds delivered a load of wood chips just a few minutes later. He also informed me of how they can help me dispose of a brush pile I have in my yard, which is much appreciated.

This past spring, I was also assisted by the DPW with questions I had about the spring clean-up and got a quick response.

I am grateful we have such a helpful and responsive DPW who are so easy to contact. Small town living at its best! They do such great job and I am most appreciative.

Thanks,
Jennifer Rhoades

ELECTRIC CREDIT: Resident Fred Kowanes had inquired about the Village updating the electric credit for the grinder pumps. Mayor Tackman did review the rates and given that there has been a 10% increase in rates since 2017 when the electric credit was last increased, Mayor Tackman made a motion to increase the electric credit in January 2023 by .50 per user per quarter, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

Next meeting, Tuesday, September 13. At 7:13pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to close the regular meeting and enter into executive session, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. At 7:36, Mayor Tackman closed executive session and opened the regular meeting, second by Trustee Wilson. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the Fire Department to spend up to \$125,000 to purchase a 2023 Yamaha 252 Sport Fire Boat, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor. This purchase is due to the catastrophic breakdown and unsafe condition of the current boat (and is out of service) that was donated by the State. We have spent over \$10,000 to upkeep this boat that we don't even own.

At 7:44pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.