

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustee, Robin Wilson, Eric Cartier and Dave Donovan. Absent: John Scatena. Also present: Paul Baxter, Dan Lewis, David Hinds, Tyler Rice, Code Officer William Hamacher and Legislator Roy Reehi.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Lewis inquired about the pond/dam property and Mayor Tackman said she has put forth a letter of interest to the NY FORWARD and it was denied due to it not encompassing the main street. She is still working to get the dam inspected.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter gave the following report:

As an FYI – towns are in the process of preparing their calendar year 2023 budgets. Their tax levy limit will be 2% for next year (it's 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less).

The Tug Hill Commission's next meeting will be next Monday, in Trenton, starting at 10:00 a.m., at the Trenton Municipal Building. The meeting will be offered via Zoom, and details including address and Zoom link are available on the Tug Hill web site, www.tughill.org, and in last Friday's Tug Hill Times.

The Tug Hill Commission annual dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Zero Dock Street in Carthage, New York. Invitations were mailed last week. Hope to see you there!

We are in the process of scheduling the North Shore – Salmon Rivers Councils of Governments fall meeting. Let me know of any suggestions for date, location, and any agenda items.

Lastly, the Village website has been updated with more information for Code Enforcement, such as building permits and variance applications. He will continue to update it as we pass on more information.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to Pay Bills: September Abstract #4 Vouchers 158-207 for \$47,303.01,, approve voucher #33-35 for \$384,842.24, and approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Tackman read the following report submitted by Mike Davis, Asst. Chief 25 total calls, 7 EMS, 2 MVA, 1 extrication, 5 hazardous conditions, 2 service calls, 3 false alarms, 2 cancelled enroute, 1 other, 1 mutual aid given, 1 meeting, 3 drills and 2 miscellaneous. Apparatus: 411 is out of service for a water pump. The brush truck project is coming along. Wiring harness is being completely replaced currently. The Ford Escape Chief's vehicle will be sold and possibly replaced by a 2008 Chevy Tahoe from Kirkville Fire District for \$4,900. Budget proposals will be submitted to the Town's of Constantia and Vienna, with Vienna's being a 5 year contract proposal. The Fire Company's Labor Day boot Drive was held and raised \$2,700. The Fire Company picnic was held at the Village Park on Saturday, September 10th and was well attended. John Hinds was recognized for his 50 years of fire service to the community. Mayor Tackman made a motion to put \$9,740 from the sale of the Chief's 2001 pickup truck into FD apparatus reserves, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

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

Sewer

Sampling was completed for the Month on August 10th

Everything passed.

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

We changed 6 grinder pumps and went out on a total of 9 grinder pump calls.

We have been in contact with B&L and provided them with additional information for the sewer project. (We have 25% build meeting with them on September 16th)

We had to order and change an air/gas relief valve on Gale Rd and Center Rd. This was the original high point of the system and where the extra air in the system is evacuated.

Dave will be taking his 2 A sewer test on September 14th.

Water

Highlander has been back and we are currently in the process of disinfecting the tank.

The new transmission lines are hooked up now.

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

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 homeowners to replace water lines.

For both water and sewer, we did over 10 Dig safes last month and 6 of them were emergencies due to pole replacements that had been broken.

We are currently working on repairing a water leak in Oneida County, near the County Manor. After lab diagnostics, the water that is running on a vacant piece of property is Village water and not OCWA water. It is running to the other side of the road. We have had Rural water and OCWA out to help us locate the leak with no success. We are expecting CNY Underground Leak Detection to be out here on September 19th to help us locate the exact location of the leak.

Highway

Mowing and weed whacking continues.

We had to remove two trees on two separate occasions that were blocking the roadway. The wood was cut up and removed.

We moved the sand into the sandbarn.

The salt is expected to begin arriving on September 12th. It will also be placed in the sandbarn.

We installed drainage on Bridge St and Route 49, near the old school. To prevent water from entering the roadway and freezing this winter.

We filled in some potholes.

We have continued to clean, inventory and organize the highway garage as weather allows.

Parks and Recs

We have placed all of our extra road millings in the parking lot of the park.

We are spending 2-3 days a week mowing all properties that the Village must maintain.

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

Cemetery

The cemetery was mowed twice this month.

David Hinds reported the Kubota is in Williamstown with a hydraulic leak. It keeps needing fluid due to lack of maintenance previously. We need to keep this for 5 more years due to being purchased with CHIPS monies. We can keep filling it rather than pay \$13,000 to repair. We will keep it and the leak won't get worse. Annual maintenance is now being performed and will continue. The Kubota has been used to clear sidewalks in the winter, but it's too big to fit in many areas as the clearance isn't there. Now that we are strictly salting the roads, it's used to load salt. Now that the sidewalks are repaved on Center Street we will maintain them and any other sidewalks that are replaced in the future. We have gotten quotes for a new tractor with cab and a sweeper attachment that will work for sidewalks and the railroad trail crossings and to clean up after any road work. This is also have a mower attachment and be another lawnmower too. The dealer in Williamstown, Hammer and Wrench

has a model for \$28,283, less the trade in of several pieces of equipment and a tax exempt qualified rebate of \$2,500. Bringing the price to \$19,310.55. Clifton Equipment had a smaller tractor for \$26,095 but no trade ins, and N. Syracuse Lawn and Tractor had a John Deere for \$27,625 but also no trade. Dan Lewis and Trustee Donovan inquired about Whites or Kleis Equipment, neither ever returned calls. This purchase would keep hours off the Kubota and can be used for other applications and will be easier not to have to take the bucket off the Kubota. Trustee Donovan made a motion to purchase the SA223 BI-LD tractor with loader with 60" mid mount mower from Hammer and Wrench, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor. David stated it can be delivered in a couple weeks and can also tow the honey wagon.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer William Hamacher read the following report:

3 building permits, 5 property maintenance violations, 9 building inspections, 1 final inspection, 7 village inspections. For the month of August, I have still been working on Beach Road issues with DSS and the Health Dept. I have also been in contact with Oswego County Rural Development regarding some issues for several residents. I have been lining up some fire inspections for the year with some businesses and assemblies. I have put together a vacant building permit and a short term rental permit that the board can review and put into law if they would like to address it. Legislator Reehil asked if 5 Beach was condemned, and William replied yes it was, but the squatters have removed the placards. Water, sewer is off and Roy is also working with DSS regarding the kids that are there. He will work with the County to try to get this cleaned up.

DOG CONTROL: Mayor Tackman read the following from Dog Warden Clayton Conover. There was one complaint, regarding dogs running at large. I spoke to the dog owners and gave them a warning. This is the second warning, so if I receive any further complaints in the near future an appearance ticket will need to be issued. I did also speak to a gentleman on Apps Landing regarding fishermen letting dogs run loose. This is a difficult situation as I currently have no way to identify the dog owners. I have asked that the resident attempt to get license plate numbers in hopes that we can stop this issue. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 315-371-5429.

Mayor Tackman stated that the Village Office will be closed the week of the 9/19 – 9/23. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Legislator Reehil reported he attended the OLA meeting and there was much discussion on the Indian spear fishing incident and the lack of rule or regulation following. He is also drafting a letter to engineers to assist with the dam inspection. He was also asked about the town re-assessing and he states the equalization rate continues to drop and this needs to be addressed with the town. The County is also in budget season and it will be a difficult budget.

At 7:19pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.