

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Robin Wilson, John Scatena and Dave Donovan. Absent: Trustee Eric Cartier. Also present, Paul Baxter from the Tug Hill Commission and David Hinds, Cleveland DPW.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Tackman opened the hearing and stated that the Village had been awarded a \$1,000,000 grant from CDBG for the Water System Upgrade. The bulk of the funding was used to replace our elevated water storage tank with a ground storage water tank which was recently completed as well as some transmission main work. Since there was no public comments or questions regarding the project, Mayor Tackman made a motion at 6:15pm to close the public hearing.

BOARD MEETING 6:30PM

At 6:30pm, the regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Mayor Tackman.

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter was present and offered the following information.

He recently completed the comparison for town budgets and passed it out to the board members. He also passed out some information regarding the new Micron plant that will be coming and how the County is preparing for this. They want to be ready when the influx of new residents comes. Oswego County has a lot of quality of life to offer. The 2023 Local Government Conference will be held again at the Turning Stone and because many people came in a day early, they are toying with the idea of a reception the night before the conference, but details are still be worked out. He discussed flood plain and booking training that are being offered. He also stated this year will be the 50th Anniversary of the Tug Hill Commission. Mayor Tackman commented she would like to see a training class for grants as a possible class for the Local Government Conference.

LEGISLATOR'S REPORT: Legislator Roy Reehil reported that the Village's ARPA application for sewage treatment funding was just approved by the Oswego County Legislature. This will help to offset the cost of replacing grinder pumps as well as other necessary repairs to the plant. He reported the draft budget for the County has passed and there will be a reduction in taxes of \$.77 per 1,000. The Town's equalization rate continues to go up and offsets any savings at the County level. The Mayor inquired as to whether the town will do a re-evaluation and Paul Baxter commented he has addressed with the town and they aren't quite ready to do this. Mr. Reehil asked the Mayor if any responses were received by an engineers regarding the quotes for the dam inspection. Mayor Tackman responded she didn't send them out because she does not feel comfortable requesting quotes for a property the Village doesn't even own and who would pay for the actual inspection? She feels this is something the County should request, since they own the property. Trustee Scatena asked how the County can sell a property without knowing the liability it presents. Mr. Reehil responded that's how they sell all properties at auction, "as is" or give it to the Land Bank. If this dam happens to fail, the County is responsible, but Mr. Reehil stated the DEC deems this as a low hazard. He would even look to raise money for the inspection. Mayor Tackman instructed the Clerk to forward the list of engineers to the dam committee members, Trustee Dave Donovan and David Hinds and have them send out requests for quotes.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to Pay Bills: November Abstract #6 Vouchers 256-316 for \$59,784.25, and the Treasurer's Report and the following budget mods:

- Move \$12,000 from Fund Balance FX599 to FX8340.4 water contractual
- Move \$6,000 from Fund Balance A599 to A7140.4 playground contractual
- Move \$1,045.00 from Fund Balance A599 to A7140.1 playground personal services
- Move \$3,775.00 from Fund Balance A599 to A8560.4 shade tree

second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

DPW REPORT: David Hinds from the DPW gave the following report:

Sewer

Sampling was completed on October 12th and November 9th

Everything passed.

We changed 1 grinder pump and went out on a total of 3 grinder pump calls.

We had the 25% build meeting with B&L. The next meeting will be a 60% build meeting in November, date tbd. (Still waiting on a date)

Due to chemical costs increasing by 40%, we have contacted other vendors for chemicals. A series of tests have been conducted by each vendor to see what chemicals we will need to keep us within permit range. We have decided to have a trial run using the product PACL300. We have currently filled out the WTC form and are awaiting approval from the DEC. (If the test is successful, this would make it so that we only have to use one chemical instead of two at a lower cost.)

We have been on PACL300 for approximately 12 days, results seem to be good. We are well within our permit and are still working on finding the proper dosing amount. However, the initial results look promising.

We have been in contact with the new owners of Vanderkamp, they will be replacing an air relief valve in their system and it is already on order. We will also be replacing the one on Gale Rd at the intersection of Gale and Martin.

Both air relief valves have been replaced and both air relief valve pits have been pumped out.

David completed a large pump sewer class for continuing education hours.

Materials have been purchased to build a roof over clarifier number 1 to help prevent freezing.

Drying bed number 1 and 2 were shoveled. We hauled a little over 20 tons of sludge to Bristol Hill. Drying bed 2 was flooded.

Digester pump 1 was replaced along with several feet of defective wiring.

Rails for Digester pump 1 were replaced.

Water

Water tank has been disinfected and has passed disinfection sampling.

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).

Sample has been completed for the new transmission main. We are waiting for the DOH approval to turn on. However, all samples have passed.

Highway

Plows and sanders have been put on and tested.

We have been doing leaf pick up every Monday and Friday. We will be doing one more round of leaf pick up this week.

We changed a culvert pipe at a residence on Martin Rd.

Cemetery

We are looking at putting a new roof on the building at the cemetery.

David also reported that they will be working on getting the Christmas décor up in the next week. The DPW also toured the Minoa Sewage Treatment Plant with Patricia Reehil from NYWEA. It was a great visit and they liked their set up, as its similar to ours and Minoa has offered to help us out and visa versa if ever needed. They have also talked to the town of Philadelphia and they have the same WWTP we will be getting when the sewer project goes through. They will be a good resource as well for the village. We also had a visit from the Town of Webster's operator and he was very impressed with our plant and how well it is run. David reported that we had a leaking valve and it isn't made any more so they are working on a way to fix it. They have also invented a rag catcher out of seafood mesh bags.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Assistant Chief David Hinds gave the monthly report:

There were 28 total calls for October. 1 structure fire, 16 EMS calls, 1 rescue, 3 hazardous conditions, 6 cancelled en route, 1 other and 2 mutual aid given. The 5 year Town of Vienna fire contract was signed with a 25% increase which makes up for the last 5 year contract that had no increase. This is very progressive. The brush truck project is nearing completion and Captain Martin has over 400 hours on the project. The Fire Company has 4 new applicants. The Fire Department is making some improvements to the fire hall to entice new members. They will be adding bunks and x-box and/or a playstation. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the 4 new members, Alexander Tanner, Matthew Cramer, Sarah Rice and James Allan, pending FD membership approval and background checks, seconded by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the Town of Vienna Fire Contract between the Village of Cleveland and Town of Vienna with the following 5 year provisions, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor. (copy of the contract is on file at the Village Hall)

In consideration of furnishing such protection services as aforesaid, the Town shall on or before March 1, 2023, promptly pay to the Village the total sum of **\$88,061.00**, on or before March 1, 2024, promptly pay to the Village the total sum of **\$94,225.00**, on or before March 1, 2025, promptly pay to the Village the total sum of **\$100,820.00**, on or before March 1, 2026, promptly pay to the Village the total sum of **\$107,877.00**, on or before March 1, 2027, promptly pay to the Village the total sum of **\$115,428.00**.

Mayor Tackman stated our current attorney is ill and we need new legal representation, and we reached out to several firms. After a much discussion and research, I would like to make a motion to approve the hiring of Bond, Schoeneck and King to represent the Village, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

Mayor Tackman made a motion to move \$50,000 into NYCLASS for investment purposes. We previously passed a resolution to allow the utilization of this program. We will move the money once our CHIPS funding has been received, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

Mayor Tackman stated we received an email from Assemblyman Will Barclay's office regarding the placement of a sign on Route 49 near the post office that would alert driver's of the crosswalk. The board was in favor of this sign so the Mayor will contact Mr. Barclay's office to let them know.

Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.