

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Eric Cartier, Robin Wilson, John Scatena and Dave Donovan. Also present, Shaun House, Dan Lewis, and Paul Baxter.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**TUGHILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter read the following report:

The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Governments is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2:00pm at the Constantia Town Hall. The Tug Hill Commission webinar on knowledge transfer has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00pm via Zoom. I have a copy of the flyer for you. Pre-registration is required and can be done at <https://tinyurl.com/knowledgewebinar>. This top will also be the subject of one of the sessions at the Tug Hill Local Government Conference in April.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay February Abstract #9, vouchers #417-463 - \$77,537.21 and Water project voucher #37-39 - \$326,319.02, sign the change order for the water project electrical contract dealing with dates, the Treasurer's report, and approve budget mods as presented:  
Move \$20,000 into A230F Fire Department Apparatus Reserves and \$20,000 into A3410.2, Fire Department Equipment from sale of equipment, rom second by Trustee Wilson, Trustees Scatena & Cartier Yes, Trustee Donovan, no, wanted items to be voted on individually.

**DPW REPORT:** Shaun House gave the following report:

Highway:

- Plowed 8 Times
- Salted 14 Times
- Changed the cutting edge on the Western Star
- Ordered new ALL WAY signs for stop signs
- Fixed two stop signs and one 30 MPH sign
- Cold patched potholes and sealed
- Kept all equipment clean with X-salt after plowing
- Snowblowed sidewalks 4 times with Yanmar
- Ordered culvert pipe for Martin Rd. 500 ft of 16" and 11 pipe ends

Sewer:

- Changed 4 grinder pumps
- Responded to a total of 8 grinder pump calls
- Installed new blower motor at plant
- Switched chemicals from Magoxicide to Soda Ash (Mag=\$1.44>Soda Ash=\$0.50)
- Decanted Digester 1 + 2 (17,000 gal.)
- All sampling was completed and passed state requirements

Water:

- Sampling was completed and passed state requirements
- Plumbing at well house continues and is nearly completed
- Met with the electrician
- Generator is on order
- Scada System is currently being built
- Old transmission main was decommissioned and capped
- Backup chlorine feed pump has arrived and is in stock (as per department of health)
- Signed a contract with Water 120 to assist with lead and copper study (Mandated)

Mr. House also discussed the 120Water program and its use to identify lead services in the Village. How this will work is still yet to be determined. Mayor Tackman also commented we haven't heard anything from the State DOT regarding the letter that was sent regarding the culvert that will be replaced on Martin Road. The area will be ditched and may affect Route 49. Mr. House discussed changing how a power outage is handled. Some pumps that are off line during the outage that are located near the plant burn out trying to handle the surge once power is restored. Trustee Donovan inquired if there was a way to alternate the pumps coming on line, currently no, but once a Skata system is installed, that may change. Currently the EQ tank is being kept empty in case of emergency to take any overflow during power outages. The clarifier is working great, and the guys have been doing a great job, commented Mr. House.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Mayor Tackman read the following report: 23 total calls, 2 structure fires, 13 EMS, 1 MVA, 6 cancelled enroute, 6 mutual aid given, 2 meetings, 5 drills and 16 miscellaneous. Mayor Tackman made a motion to accept the applications of 2 new members. Kendra Duggleby and Scott Duggleby, for the Fire Department, pending review and approval by the Board of Directors and satisfactory background checks as required by NYS, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. Shaun House, Fire Chief spoke regarding ambulance coverage and the scarcity of it and the need to get as many members of the FD EMR certified. Bill James is certified and has been doing this training for members. This is a result of the Ambulance service having another certificate of need from the town of Amboy in addition to Cleveland, Constantia and Vienna. He feels it is best to get as many people medically trained as possible.

**FIRE CONTRACT:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the fire contract between the Village of Cleveland and the Town of Constantia in the amount of \$99,816.00, this represents a 2% increase, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Tackman stated we had invested \$100,000 with NYCLASS in the beginning of January and have already earned \$214.98 in interest as opposed to the \$79.00 we earned with over \$200,000 at Pathfinder Bank. We will be investing more. She also discussed the community development grant for recreation and tourism that Tug Hill Commission is working on. Currently the proposal is that the County will contribute \$50,000 and the Tug Hill will contribute \$15,000 and each municipality in the area will contribute \$8750. Mayor Tackman is opposed to the Village putting in the same amount given our size in comparison to the other towns and villages. She and the board feel it should be pro-rated based on population and also feel we need to focus on economic development first and then tourism. Trustee Donovan made a motion to oppose the scope of this project and the associated financial liability, second by Mayor Tackman, all in favor. Trustee Donovan also reported he has had no response from any of the contractors he reached out to regarding the Division St. dam. He believes it is no longer in our best interest to pursue this property, there will be no return on investment for the village and is no longer in favor of this project.

At 7:04pm, Trustee Donovan made a motion to enter into executive session, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

At 7:09, Mayor Tackman made a motion to close executive session and re-open the regular meeting, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor. Mayor Tackman made a motion we advertise for summer help to correspond with Shaun House's family leave as well as a \$1.00/hr.

+ increase for David Hinds during the same period as he will be the interim DPW Superintendent, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor. At 7:10pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.