

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Eric Cartier, Robin Wilson, John Scatena.
Also present, Code Enforcement Officer, William Hamacher,

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET: Mayor Tackman gave the following overview of the 2023-24 Village Budget. The budget is balanced but there will be an increase property taxes within the 2% tax cap with an increase of \$5,812.00 overall from last year. We have already increased the garbage cost to \$50.00 per quarter to cover the fuel surcharged being imposed by the garbage company. We have decided not to have the park program this year. Last year and previous years, the numbers are declining (average of 3 kids) plus the cost of additional help since the County was not providing workers any longer. We have also increased our revenues from interest due to the returns being realized already from NYCLASS. (We currently have made over \$1,500 to date in interest since the beginning of January).

Chemical costs for the WWTP rose 60% this past year. We are utilizing \$5,585 from fund balance to balance the sewer budget. Overall, the budget is reflective of the increases in chemicals, lab testing and inflation in general. We have done our best to account for these items.

With no public present or comment, Mayor Tackman made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:20pm, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

BOARD MEETING 6:30PM April 11, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Eric Cartier, Robin Wilson, John Scatena. Dave Donovan.
Also present, Code Enforcement Officer, William Hamacher, Vern Sundet and Legislator Roy Reehil and Dan Lewis.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING **CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Tackman at 6:30pm.

TUG HILL REPORT: Vern Sundet gave the following report submitted by Paul Baxter:

As I am covering Albion and Orwell tonight and Vern was available to cover Cleveland, I scheduled Vern for Cleveland.

Thanks as always, Vern, for helping me with municipal meeting coverage!

Since the North Shore Council of Governments meeting Wednesday, March 8, I have, as promised, delivered hard copy of the economic development study discussed at the North Shore meeting.

The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Governments is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Monroe town hall.

The North Shore Council of Governments, in conjunction with the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments, now has an additional associate circuit rider contractor. Her name is Heidi Tompkins, of Redfield. She was profiled in the March 24, 2023 Tug Hill Times, and I am planning on scheduling Heidi for your May meeting so that you can meet her and she can meet all of you.

It's that time again! Every five years, the Tug Hill Commission conducts a survey of our municipal local leaders, including chief electeds, clerks, and public works chiefs. Your participation is essential to provide the feedback and direction Tug Hill needs to continue serving your needs to the highest degree possible. Our program is driven by direction provided by *you*. And new this year – you can respond on a paper copy, which will be mailed, *or* online, on a web link the letter will provide. Thank you in advance for your participation.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET: Mayor Tackman made a motion to adopt the 2023-24 Village Budget with total appropriations of \$909,379.00, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

At a monthly meeting of the Village Board for the Village of Cleveland held the 11th day of April, 2023 at the Cleveland Village Hall, Village of Cleveland, County of Oswego, State of New York.

**RESOLUTION
APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Cleveland will hold their General Election on June 20th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to appoint election inspectors relative to said General Election.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion made by Mayor Lauren Tackman and seconded by Trustee Donovan, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The following persons whose names are included on the list of election inspectors and ballot clerks previously designated for general election purposes pursuant to the Election Law are hereby appointed to act as Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks at such General Election. Each inspector will be paid \$100.00 for poll coverage from 12-9pm and is required to arrive no later than 11:30am and to perform all duties and undertakings in relation thereto, as prescribed by the Village Law and the Election Law.

<u>Cherie Claven</u>	Election Inspectors
<u>Deborah Stamp</u>	
_____	and
_____	Ballot Clerks

MOTION passed as follows:

LAUREEN TACKMAN, Mayor	[Aye]
JOHN SCATENA, TRUSTEE	[Aye]
ROBIN WILSON, TRUSTEE	[Aye]
ERIC CARTIER, TRUSTEE	[Aye]
DAVE DONOVAN, TRUSTEE	[Aye]

JULIE SIMPSON, Village Clerk

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Tackman offered a moment of silence in honor of Dave Thomas, who passed away this week. Dave was a longtime village resident who also served as an election inspector for the Village for many years.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay April Abstract #11, vouchers #512-557 - \$48,876.15. the Treasurer's Report and Budget Mod to move \$8895.00 from A2770 to A230F equipment reserves, second Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

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

Highway

Plowed 6 times

Replaced several signs in the village more to be replaced in the coming month

We have been preparing for 16 inch pipe replacement on martin road will start April 17th

Plows stripped off western star

Backhoe , and both tractors serviced /washed and greased

Mowers have been started and serviced for the up coming lawn maintenance season

Water

Old water tower decommissioned. It is scheduled to come down 2 nd week of May

Pipe replacement project completed in well House and approve by department of health

All sampling completed for the month and passed

Sewer

Sampling completed and passed

New meter in place for alkalinity test

5 total grinder pump calls with 3 replaced

Sewer main leak on north street fixed

Work at the plant continues daily we have recently had a rural water / sewer representative out to look at the process control with us. We have also had chemical bench test completed at no cost By Surpass Chemical.

Mayor Tackman also stated that the Village will be the recipient of Water System of the Year from Rural Water at the annual meeting in May in Lake Placid.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS: Fire Company President John Hinds submitted the following 2 new members for approval. On March 8, 2023 the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Company accepted the membership for Michael Maw and Marie Kelley. On April 4, the application for Betty Martin will be submitted for membership. Their applications will be tabled for 30 days for review and approval by the Board of Directors, Village of Cleveland Board and a satisfactory background check as required by NYS. As per our by-laws, new members are placed on a six-month probationary period. Please let me know as soon as possible if there are any objections to these applicants. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the new members contingent on their background checks coming back satisfactorily, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: William Hamacher gave the following report: Issued 21 property maintenance violations, 4 building permits, 1 court appearance ticket and 1 stop work order. He also stated he will be walking flyers for the village clean up around to residents.

Mayor Tackman also reported that the village received a NO FISCAL STRESS designation. This refers to the overall financial "health" of the village's financial picture.

LEGISLATOR'S REPORT: Legislator Reehil reported that Oswego County was the first county to enact a program where civil service examinations are being waived for certain open positions in the county. There are so many positions open they feel waiving the exam will expand the search for applicants. He stated the county is also financing the P-Tech program which students earn an Associate's Degree while still in high school. He also reported that the Fire Department was awarded the ARPA grant they requested. He has also been working with the code officer on several code issues in the village. The County has created an Assigned Counsel/Public Defender's office and hope to save money by keeping in house. He also addressed the Division Street property. It will be put back into the county auction on May 12, 2023 if the village doesn't want it. He still feels there is value in it. He would like the board to vote on this.

At 6:59pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Donovan, all in favor.