

PRESENT: Mayor Lauren Tackman, Trustees Robin Wilson, John Scatena. Absent: Dave Donovan & Eric Cartier

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Tackman with Pledge of Allegiance.

DAM PROPERTY

Mayor Tackman wanted to discuss this matter since it was addressed at the last board meeting. Trustee Scatena asked what the pros and cons are to the village accepting this property. He feels there is way too much liability for the village to assume in taking this property and the cost to maintain it would be cost prohibitive. He was involved in dredging another pond/lake in his previous job and he feels there will be wetland issues, fish and wildlife issues, more than the village can financially handle. Mayor Tackman stated according to our records, the last time this was inspected was 1997 and it was done by the DEC at the request of the Village. The estimate then to restore was about \$145,000. Mayor Tackman also stated there is a brownfield on the site and that the old gas tanks were cut open during the sewer project back in the 90's and it is unknown if any leaked out. What is to be gained? The village's insurance company recommended a full phase II environmental study from Oswego County before taking the property. They said any existing or future soil or water contamination would be the responsibility of the village to remediate and clean up. They also recommended the county provide a written inspection report from the DEC or an engineering firm on the dam's integrity. None of these have been done and the village is unable to be financially responsible for this. The Mayor researched the minutes of this going back to 2006 with previous Mayors and they didn't end up going forward with accepting the property for similar reasons. In October of 2022, Mr. Reehil sent a list of engineers to get input on this project. Dave Donovan and David Hinds split the list of engineers and reached out to them and none of them responded to take this on. Mayor Tackman spoke with one engineer who stated the village should stay away from this as there was too much liability and we never got an inspection. Oswego County doesn't want it either. Mayor Tackman stated back in 2010, Carl West started to dredge the pond and the EPA got involved and said it was a natural pond and protected by the state and it had to stop. Historical records indicate it was man made from the time of the glass factories. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Tackman made a motion to reject the County's offer to give the Village the Division Street Dam Property and return it to the auction as there is no benefit to the village, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor. The board recognizes the undue expense and liability the village could incur if it were to accept the property.

BUILDING CODE FEES

Mayor Tackman presented the board with the fee schedule from the town of Constantia. She would like to see the village follow their fee schedule since we are part of the town. The board reviewed the fee schedule and made some adjustments as needed and Mayor Tackman made a motion to accept the building code fees as presented, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Mayor Tackman would like it placed on the record that due to the pending sewer project and the mandated lead line replacement project, the village cannot replace sidewalks that are not ADA compliant until these projects are completed. Mayor Tackman made a motion to NOT replace any sidewalks until these projects are completed, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

The Board discussed the guide rails in the village that need addressing and these will be done as funds are available. The guide rail on Caswell will be replaced next week and the one on Factory will be replaced as well.

After auditing the April water and sewer billing, it was discovered that there were some errors and the bills have been amended accordingly. There was an apparent software glitch that caused the initial error. A letter is being sent to those affected. At 11:40am, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.