

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Eric Cartier, Robin Wilson, John Scatena. Absent: Trustee Donovan. Also present, David Hinds, Cathy Kline, Dan Lewis, Ryan Peluso, Vern Sundet.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cathy Kline spoke up and thanked the Fire Department for saving her house after a car fire on May 18th. She said her car had caught fire and was only about 6-8 ft. from her home. The department quickly arrived and put the fire out. She was very grateful. Dan Lewis inquired about how to see the minutes on-line. The clerk gave him the website so he could find them.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay May Abstract #13, vouchers #606-608- \$5,961.83 and June Abstract #1 Vouchers 1-50 for \$166,419.19 and the Treasurer's Report, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

TUGHILL REPORT: Vern Sundet gave the following Tug Hill Report

With two associates on board, I am sending Vern to your village board tonight, and he will be there for the whole meeting. I am sending Heidi to Albion, and I am going to Orwell, where we too will be able to attend the entire meeting. Next month, I'll rotate meeting coverage depending on who is available!

The major item I have for you tonight is your consideration of adopting support by the village for development of an economic development study for the NorCOG communities of Central Square, Cleveland, Constantia, and West Monroe, and pledging to pay the village's share of the study's cost. I e-mailed this sample draft to the Cleveland participants at the two NorCOG meetings at which this was discussed. I am confident Vern will be able to answer any questions you might have. Vern reported that he hoped this will be covered through Shared Services initiative. Vern will handle submission to Shared Services.

The next regular meeting of the North Shore Council of Governments is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5.

As part of the New York State Tug Hill Commission 50th anniversary celebration, we are seeking nominations for Tug Hill Sages.

Since 1983, the distinction of "Tug Hill Sage" has been bestowed upon local individuals who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the region through leadership, civic involvement, and community service – or individuals who have otherwise directly contributed to improving the quality of life for those on the Hill. Sages also have a deep knowledge of the Tug Hill Region's heritage, culture, and environment. To date, 36 individuals have been recognized for their contributions to the region.

The commission will be accepting nomination forms from **June 1 to August 15, 2023**. I have sent a copy of the nomination form; feel free to make any additional you need.

Sage nominees will be reviewed and selected by the Tug Hill Commission board based on the information provided in the form and adherence to the nomination criteria.

The newest round of Tug Hill Sages will be selected in September and announced at the commission's 50th anniversary celebration **October 19** at Tailwater Lodge.

A nomination form, detailed nomination guidelines, and pictures with backgrounds of all current sages can be found at the commission's website: www.tughill.org.

Nomination forms can be mailed to Taylor McKinney, Tug Hill Commission, 317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY, 13601 or emailed to taylor@tughill.org. If you have any questions please call Taylor at (315) 785-2606.

The Tug Hill Commission is in the process of tallying the responses to the every-five-year survey of our municipal local leaders. I'll let you know the results when they're available. Thanks to everyone who responded!

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the new Fire Department members, Joseph Fox, Charles Williams and Jenica Williams. Their applications will be tabled for 30 days for review and approval by the Board of Directors and the Cleveland Village Board and a satisfactory background check as required by the State of New York, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

DPW REPORT: David Hinds submitted following report read by Mayor Tackman:

Jack Luce was hired as summer help. He is a great addition to the team.

Highway

- Village clean up went well. We did encounter a large number of items that could have been thrown in the garbage and not left out for clean-up. Building materials were not taken as stated in the informational sheet Codes distributed.
- The Dodge dump truck is fixed. After weeks of back and forth with Driver's Village they finally found the issue with the truck. There as a corroded wire connector in a wiring harness that was affecting the Transmission Control Module. It was fixed under warranty.
- Hero Banners were hung by the Town Highway Department with our assistance. Trees will be trimmed.
- New American Flags were hung ahead of Memorial Day.

- Flower planters were dropped off and picked up from C&J farms and distributed.
- 9-11 Park and Route 49 grounds were spruced up ahead of Memorial Day.
- Firefighter Randy Wood finished painting the deck at the 9-11 park. Randy volunteered his labor, we supplied the paint. Jack Luce painted the flower box at the village hall.
- Roadside mowing was started and will continue throughout the summer. We have left a couple voicemails with our contact in the DEC about them coming out with their mower for 4 days in trade for us plowing the docks.
- This month David will look into permitting to extend the culvert pipe on both sides of the road on Factory St.
- The Martin Road Culvert Pipe project was put on hold due to clean up and other priority projects that came up.

Water

- On Tuesday June 6, the water tower was demolished. As requested by the Mayor and the DPW, some pieces were saved.
- The small white shed that was at the tower site was relocated to the DPW grounds to store Christmas decorations in.
- We are working on organizing our water service valves and fittings.
- The Spectrum cable wire was installed at the well. It was cheaper to bury the wire instead of hanging them on the power poles.
- David and Shaun attended a 4-hour Chemical Safety class taught by the AWWA in Watertown.
- David, Laureen and Julie attended the NYS Rural Water Conference in Lake Placid where the Village was awarded with Water System of the Year. David, Laureen and Julie also attended several classes relating to water and sewer.
- Water usage was very high during the period of drought mainly due to people watering their lawns. Water usage more than doubled during this period.
- A small water leak was reported by a contractor on Drive 1. We responded and assisted with locating the lines and shut offs. This was repaired by the contractor as it's a private line.
- A new water valve locator was lent to us by Eastcom to try out. After trying it out we purchased it to replace our old locator which we still have. The new locator finds shut offs much quicker and differentiates between valve covers and near by metals.
- We were called to 120 Drive 4 by it's new owner to turn his water on. It was discovered that his water service line has several leaks and was abandoned by a previous owner. There is no way for him access the line to fix it. As of now, the owner was told that if he gets water to his shut off we will hook it up. He is exploring having a well drilled.
- Steve Freeman and Carrie Bolton from NYS Rural Water met with us to make a new hydrant flushing plan due to the changes in the water system. Hydrant flushing will happen later in the summer or early winter.
- Met with Jim Pierce from Ti Sales to get out water meter reader set up and discuss some meter issues. He quoted prices on antenna wires for the big vaults and a replacement head for the meter at the village line which is broken. These were forwarded to BCA. We are getting quotes for pits from Highlander and if we can get antennas, we can read the meters. Mayor Tackman wanted to clarify any misinformation that the new water tank is on line at the reservoir and the water runs from there down our transmission lines to homes. There is also have a 2nd well at the site.
- This coming month we will build the chlorine storage room in the wellhouse.

Sewer

- There were a total of 4 grinder pump calls in May.
- We have rebuilt 8 grinder pumps in stock. We have a call into Siewert to order more.
- New sewer main and sewer main repair couplings were purchased to have in stock.

The Wastewater Plant

We are fighting two different types of filamentous bacteria at the plant currently. These filaments cause settling issues, foaming, and clog pipes. One of the filaments is caused from what is referred to in the wastewater world as FOG (fats oils and grease). The other is caused from high inflow and infiltration from ground water and low dissolved oxygen in our tanks caused from what the industry refers to as Rags (shredded feminine hygiene products, flushable wipes, baby wipes etc).

David met with Julie and Laureen to discuss the best course of action which includes:

- Getting plant 2 running (in progress).
- Use our EQ tank as pretreatment tank with a grease fighting enzyme (completed).
- Get EQ floats fixed (completed).
- Get the bottom of our aeration tank at plant 1 cleaned out.
- Improve our screening process at the headworks (in progress).
- Inspect our grinder pump pits for ground water leaks.

This will involve a lot of work and some unforeseen costs. Much of what we need to get plant 2 running is in stock. I invite all of our board members and any village resident to tour the wastewater plant so I can further explain the process and our progress. This also goes for the water treatment building and new water tank. Call the work phone to set up a time.

Vern Sundet commented that it is always nice to come through Cleveland as everything looks nice and that's because our the Village DPW...they are a great asset to the Village.

NORCOG RESOLUTION: Mayor Tackman read the following resolution, second by Trustee Wilson

	WHEREAS	the Village of Cleveland is a member of the North Shore Council of Governments, and
WHEREAS		the North Shore Council of Governments, at a meeting where all member municipalities were in attendance, decided unanimously to embark upon a joint economic development study, in response to community economic development needs in general and the pressures potentially created on the area from the Micron chip plant in adjacent Onondaga County, and
WHEREAS		the said economic development study cost will be \$25,000, allocated as follows: \$5,000 each to be paid by the North Shore member municipalities of Central Square, Cleveland, Constantia, and West Monroe – and the remaining \$5,000 to be paid by the North Shore Council of Governments
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED		that the Village of Cleveland affirms its commitment to participation in the North Shore Council of Governments Economic Development Study, and pledges payment of its share of payment for the study following receipt of its billing

RESOLVED, THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE 2023

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Tackman updated the board and audience regarding the Bridge Street collapse. We are still waiting for the DEC to come out and until we do, the bridge will remain closed. We are working with the Schineman Foundation for a grant for fencing at the park for submission in September. The Tug Hill will be assisting with this. Water project restorations on parts of Center Street are still not completed. David Hinds spoke with Sam Kennedy from BCA regarding these issues and they will be consulting Google Earth for before and after photos to ensure proper restoration. David reported north of Sperrymill Road the new sidewalks created an issue of a dip between the sidewalk and the road. The grade goes down to houses. Hill is needed. Mayor Tackman stated there is a complaint from a town resident on Gale Road that the project created a wet area on their property, and other areas as well. Sam would like a list to approach Highlander with. Due to the way the project progressed, there was a lot of back and forth, but David feels we can get these issues resolved. We will try to put together a letter to anyone that was affected and may require restoration.

Mayor Tackman made a motion to not accept any new water line customers on the east side of the village until a new water district is formed, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. The Mayor reported that Mark Koester is still planning an 80 unit development and he will be forming a district to encompass these homes.

Dan Lewis inquired about the stumps at the old Vella's store. Since this is private property, they can do what they like. Lastly, the Mayor reported that the water tower is down and the DPW retrieved the star as well as the metal with the letter "C" from Cleveland on it for a memento. The Village Election is 6/20/23, poles open from 12-9pm, get out and vote. Next board meeting is July 11th. At 7:15pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.