

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Eric Cartier, Robin Wilson, John Scatena. Dave Donovan. Also present, William Hamacher, Heidi Tompkins, Paul Baxter, Dan Lewis, Christine Schreiber.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: None.

TUGHILL REPORT: Paul Baxter introduced new circuit rider Heidi Tompkins, who will help him with meeting coverage throughout the county. He stated having someone stay and participate in meetings may be helpful when matters arise that the Tug Hill can assist with. He submitted the following report, which Heidi read:

I have the privilege tonight of introducing you to the newest associate circuit rider for North Shore and Salmon Rivers, Heidi Tompkins. Heidi will be delivering the balance of this report to you, and I will be leaving shortly to cover Albion and Orwell.

This completes the introduction of Heidi to the second-Tuesday-of-the-month municipalities, and stating in June, I anticipate that Heidi, Vern, and I will all be rotating meeting coverage in Albion, Cleveland, and Orwell as available.

The North Shore Council of Governments met Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at the West Monroe town hall. One of the topics at that meeting was consideration of developing a North Shore economic plan, and they decided to meet on Thursday, May 11, 2023 (this Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. at the West Monroe fire station, located at 54 County Route 11 (just north of the town hall.) We will be meeting with the consultants who developed a similar study in the North Country.

I have a copy of the scope of services for that study, should you wish to look at that before the meeting with the consultants Thursday night.

The North Shore Council of Governments has already scheduled its next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Monroe town hall.

The Tug Hill Commission will be conducting a webinar on abandoned cemeteries and municipal responsibilities on Friday, May 19, 2023, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Preregistration is needed; information is on the flyer (attached). Note that if you are interested in the webinar but you can't watch it at the time, the Commission has a channel on YouTube at [tinyurl.com/tughillyoutubechannel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtughill) , where these and other webinars are typically posted after the webinar.

Many of the presentations from the 2023 (and earlier) Tug Hill Local Government Conference are now available on the Tug Hill web site, www.tughill.org, at **Training > Local Government Conference > Past LGC Presentations**

It's that time again! Every five years, the Tug Hill Commission conducts a survey of our municipal local leaders, including chief electeds, clerks, planning board chairs, highway superintendents 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*.

Many of you have already responded, and we thank you for your response. And for those of you who haven't yet, it's not too late! Your reply would be counted, and would be greatly valued. Better participation best reflects *you* when we distribute these results as part of the state legislation which authorizes the Tug Hill Commission (which you can find at <https://tughill.org/about/enabling-legislation/> .)

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: William Hamacher gave the following report: 2 building permits, 9 year to date, 4 property violations, 24 year to date, 12 corrected property maintenance violations, year to date, 24. Throughout the month of April, I have been working on building permits, property violations and building inspections. I attended the Tug Hill conference for 2 days, One day was on drones and the other had several different topics. I have been busy with property violations throughout the month. I walked the village and hand delivered 118 village clean up flyers to resident who had violation. I also have been busy with 5 Beach Road property trying to remove the tenants through Court. I have been in contact several times with the Department of Labor regarding 23 North Street.

Resident Chris Schreiber spoke up that she has been working with Code Officer Hamacher regarding a rat issue at TJ's Motel and Restaurant. She reported that a resident there (who has since moved) had burned out plugs in their apartment as well as several dead rats. This apartment has never been painted or check by the landlord. Mr. Hamacher scheduled a fire inspection but the owner would not let him in. She reported there are dead rats in other apartments as well and filed a report with the Oswego County Health Department on April 28th. There are also several abandoned vehicles behind the building. William will call the health department and follow up. Trustee Scatena inquired if there were any other complaints there in the last 5 years and William responded, no there haven't been. William reported that he appeared in Court for the property at 5 Beach Road. There are people occupying it without water or sewer and they have taken his placards down and continue to burn garbage.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay May Abstract #12, vouchers #558-604 - \$64,026.04, approve the pay application #13 for Highland Construction for \$192,064.22, the Treasurer's Report and move \$\$16,298 from ARPA for the Fire Department to A3410.2, equipment, second Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

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

Highway

Plows pulled off

Guard rail installed on Caswell Street

Had Bridge street between north and 49 wash out to dam failure in the town of Vienna ,Oneida county (clerk has detailed report on event)

Village clean up completed we will continue with brush for a few more weeks

Mowers all serviced and we have mowed most places 2 times

We have been replacing signs and documentation is in its own book at the shop labeled signs.

David and Shaun attended Cornell roads class on liability and record keeping. Changes have been made to recordkeeping
Martin Road pipe project had to be pushed back due to scheduling conflicts after the road wash out. This will be completed at a later date not yet determined.

Wayne from the town of Constantia was contacted regarding install of 4-5 loads of black top this year to shim off in a few bad spots.

Sewer

Sewer main was broken due to road wash out. DEC was notified and a New York alert was sent out as well as noncompliance form sent in regarding the situation.

We responded to 6 grinder pump calls 2 pumps were changed power issues found at 3 and were resolved. One call there was no problem found.

Sampling was completed still waiting on results at this time as the lab is behind.

An alkalinity test kit was ordered and put in service with training completed with Steve from rural water /Sewer division.

Chemical bench testing was completed again with Surpass Chemical Company

Attended supervisor meeting regarding sewer project. No new information to share the town is 14-18 million dollars short of starting project they will continue to ask for funds by way of grants. A new member has been added to the B&L team Jason that specializes in funding.

Water

We are waiting on SCADA unit to be built and installed as well as the electrical contract to start mid August is the expected time frame. This will include generator install.

Sampling was completed those results we received and all passed.

David and Julie had a meeting with 120Water as preparation continues for Mandated Lead / copper service survey.

Parks

Park pavilion was opened a few water leaks to be fixed.

Topsoil will be hauled in and hydro seed will be installed at lower portion of park by the playground this will include Hay when completed 120 yards of topsoil will be added for a base of 2 inches of topsoil when weather is a bit dryer.

2 new benches have been assembled and will be installed in the coming months.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mike Davis gave the following report read by Mayor Tackman.

There were 23 total calls, 2 structure fires, 13 EMS calls, 1 MVA, 1 service call, 6 cancelled enroute and 6 mutual-aid given. Cleveland will receive new Oneida County radios in May. Boat training continues this month. Cleveland will host Oneida Lake boat response taskforce on May 22nd. Cleveland will participate in the Town of Vienna & Village Memorial Day Parades. The Company's parade truck will be driven in the parades for the first time in 15 years.

The Mayor reported that the economic development project, originally voted against, maybe less than expected and Dave Turner believes it will be reimbursed through shared services, this will be determined at the next meeting. The Mayor believes if we can get money from Tug Hill also. Constantia, West Monroe, Central Square, Cleveland and Hastings, more to follow and the Mayor feels it might be beneficial to proceed. She also reported that our engineering firm, BCA, has won the bid to the construction at the former Cleveland Elementary School for the DEC training school. She also stated we have received quotes for security glass to be installed at the village hall. She finally made a motion to appoint Marge Thomas as an election inspector instead of previously appointed Debbie Stamp, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

At 7:04pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.