

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Robin Wilson, John Scatena. and Trevor Maughan. Absent: Trustee Eric Cartier. Also present, Paul Baxter, DPW Supt. Shaun House, Code Officer William Hamacher, Legislator Roy Reehil.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Roy Reehil spoke up and wanted to publicly thank David Hinds for handling the mental health incident that occurred on Bridge Street so professionally. He also thanked the first responders that were present as well.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay November abstract #6, vouchers #268-331 for \$98,543.56, and the treasurer's report, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

TUGHILL REPORT: Paul Baxter gave the following report:

The North Shore Council of Governments and the MRB Group held its first community meeting on the ongoing economic resiliency and recovery study on Monday, October 30, at A.A. Cole Elementary School in Constantia. The session was well-attended, with more than four dozen local citizens there. The presentation made at the October 30 meeting is available on the NorCOG website, norcog.org, under Projects and Reports. I brought you several hardcopies of the presentation.

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Monroe town hall, 46 County Route 11, West Monroe, New York. All are welcome to attend.

The date and location of the 2024 Tug Hill Local Government Conference have been set. The conference will be held Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Turning Stone Conference Center, with a special afternoon session and an evening reception on Wednesday, May 1. More details to come later.

DPW REPORT: Shaun House gave the following report:

Highway

Leaf sucking will continue. This will likely be the last week.

Western star reprogrammed to spread salt.

Plows are on with new cutting edges on western star and dodge.

Plows will have rear facing green lights this year.

Park pavilion was winterized water was shut off.

Shop cleaning continues.

Paving was completed and joints have been sealed. This was accomplished with our new crack sealer trailer.

Paperwork was submitted for Martin Road pipe project for reimbursement from chips.
(thanks Julie)

Removed 400 tires from Beach Road property. Legislator Reehil got the County Legislature to waive the tipping fees for the disposal of these tires. Thank you Mr. Reehil.

Water

We will have water license B interview and evaluation by department of Heath this week. All DPW employees passed their classes and our water system will be upgraded to a Grade B system that applies to 1,000 to 15,000 users.

Highlander was on site. New well pump installed. New sampling line was installed.
Some restoration issues were resolved.

Well House chlorine room was completed by Tyler great job this was a 14000\$ piece of the protect that we completed ourselves for approximately \$2,500. Oswego County Health Department inspected and approved this update.

All sampling has been completed and passed.

Leaks on Drive 1 and Drive 4 were fixed by contractors as it's out of the village.

I would like an amendment to put side district water taps so say the chief operations water officer and mayor can do this on a case by case basis.

Sewer

Plant is ready for winter.

Clarifier cover will be on this week.

All sampling completed and passed.

We ordered a large amount of chemicals to last into May. Ordering in bulk saved us \$1,000.

Relay switch for digester pump 3 was replaced by us.

Mr. House would like to amend the resolution that was made back in June regarding new water services on the east end of the village. He would like to see this allowed on a case by case basis. When there are leaks, they need to be accounted for and reported for water usage. These leaks need to be repaired immediately and new curb stops may be required. Mr. Reehil asked if since the last large leak was repaired, if Mr. House saw a reduction in chemical use? Mr. House reported only a little reduction in chemicals because we don't use a lot of chemicals to begin with, but definitely a reduction in water, around 30,000-50,000 gallons daily. Mr. House stated the leaks on Drives 1 and 4 may have been highlighted due to the repair of the larger leak. Forming a district outside the village to the east has been an issue since 1996, reported Mr. Reehil. Mayor Tackman made a motion to rescind the motion from June 13, 2023 that prohibits new water connections on the east end of the village, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. These will now be handled on a case by case basis.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief House gave the following report. 32 total calls, 18 EMS calls, 2 rescues, 1 MVA, 3 hazardous conditions, 3 service calls, 1 good intent call, 2 false alarms, 2 cancelled enroute, 4 mutual-aid given. There are 4 members in the CFR class and 5 members in EMT class in North Bay. The department is pushing for medical training for all members due to the ambulance system crisis. All local services are considering going to BLS (basic life saving) rather than ALS (advanced life saving) services. People will be waiting for ambulance service. This is an on-going crisis. The fire department has accepted the membership applications for: Donald Allen, a transfer from Constantia FD, Mollie Deleo and Kassandra Warren, who is already in an EMT class. Per the department by-laws, new members are placed on a six-month probationary period. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the 3 new members listed, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Code Officer Hamacher gave the following report: For the month of October I have attended several Court appearances for 159 Center St and for 23-25 North Street regarding property maintenance issues. I have also been in contact with Legislator Roy Reehil and the County regarding the Beach Road property and the issues. I have spoken with several residents, contractors and real estate agents regarding properties in the village. I have attended 16 hours of training and taken my sexual harassment training. I have issued 5 building permits, 26 YTD 3 violations, 49 YTD, 5 second notice violations, 2 appearance tickets and 1 variance. The Clerk spoke up regarding a couple properties, including the former St. Mary's church that is still not on the tax rolls, as it is still in the church's name, and the land bank property on West St. He asked to have the clerk send him the information on these and he will look into them.

LEGISLATOR'S REPORT: Legislator Reehil gave the Board a list of the current properties on the list for foreclosure. Payments need to be made by January or payment arrangements need to be made. Mr. Reehil reported the County has passed a tentative budget with a lower tax rate of 7.34% and a generic tax rate of \$5.70. He reported the value of property in the county went up over 1 billion dollars. The County Medicare costs are \$500,000 a week, which is 55% of the tax levy. NYS is the highest state in the county for Medicare costs. Currently the County has no debt, but 83% of the budget is state and federal mandates which are only funded by 31% of the budget. Mayor Tackman thanked Legislator Reehil for his assistance on the tire amnesty.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Next board meeting is Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30pm. The tree lighting is Saturday, November 25th at 7:00 at the gazebo. There will be kids crafts, hot cocoa and donuts and cookies at the American Legion beginning at 6:00pm. The fire truck Christmas Parade with Santa will begin at 6:00pm around the village and end at the Gazebo. Mayor Tackman set a work meeting for Tuesday, November 28th at 6:00pm. She stated the DEC school renovation project is in the pre-design stage. The Constantia joint sewer project is still waiting on grants to move forward. We are still waiting to hear from the DEC regarding the status of Bridge Street. Mayor Tackman has reached out several times with no response. Finally, Mayor Tackman reported we have earned \$12,121.61 YTD from our NYCLASS investment. At 7:32pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

At 6:47pm, Deputy Mayor Wilson made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.