

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees John Scatena, Trevor Maughan, and Eric Cartier. Absent: Trustee Robin Wilson Also present, Paul Baxter, Code Officer William Hamacher and Dan Lewis.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay December abstract #76, vouchers #332-385 for \$112,271.46, the treasurer's report and move \$20,000 from FX230A to FX8340.4, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

**TUGHILL REPORT:** Paul Baxter gave the following report:

The North Shore economic resiliency and recovery study continues to move forward, with a steering committee meeting on Wednesday, November 29, and a follow-up meeting Thursday, December 7 to discuss what needs to be done during the remaining portion of the process. At the meeting, we also discussed other outreach efforts for the community survey.

One of the consensus items was for additional community outreach. I delivered additional survey copies and a collection box for the village hall, which I will pick up after 12/31/2023, and I have posted information about the survey on the village web site.

Related: NorCOG and the Tug Hill Commission have been working for the past year on getting a traffic study for the Route 49 corridor, extending from the west side of Central Square to east of I-81, making it as extensive as possible. Tug Hill staff have been in touch with the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council for a mandatory meeting, and the study outline was well-received. The study outline has subsequently been distributed to the North Shore communities for comment.

At the December NorCOG meeting, the group was unanimous in supporting the study proposal, and will be sending a letter of support from the group. It would be helpful for Cleveland to have a letter of support as well. I have a draft letter for you to consider. The deadline for getting these in for inclusion with the grant application is tomorrow at noon, so the deadline would need you to act on this tonight if you would consider doing that.

The Tug Hill Commission met Monday, December 12, and established its 2024 meeting schedule.

The Commission meets nine times a year, and moves its meetings through the region to make its meetings more accessible to the local officials and residents of the Tug Hill region. They conduct meetings within each Council of Governments area, and rotate that location every year.

The commission has scheduled the meeting in the North Shore Council of Governments area for 2024 at the village of Central Square on Monday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. The commission usually starts setting up in the meeting room no later than 9:30 a.m., a half hour before meeting time.

Earlier this month, I submitted the bill for the annual dues for NorCOG membership for calendar year 2023 and for Cleveland's share of the economic study.

Happy holidays, and best wishes for a productive 2024!

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

Plowed 3 times.

All plow equipment is set for the season.

Work at the highway garage continues, new lighting and shelves installed, garage doors repaired, WiFi and camera system installed to garage and plant.

Picked up brush from roadside we will be going out later this week to get more picked up.

Hero banners taken down, Christmas decorations put up.

## **Sewer**

All sampling completed and passed.

3 grinder pumps changed.

Clarifier's drive to be rebuilt after Christmas.

Had a meeting with Steve Grimm from Rural Water's sewer division. I would like the board to set up a 6-person team for development of an asset management plan. This would include 2 operators, 2 board members and 2 citizens. This is a free service as part of our membership and we should utilize it.

## **Water**

All samples completed including 1-4 dioxine and part 533 disinfectant byproducts.

Our water system has been upgraded to a 2B ground water system serving 1450 plus people. We have officially received our operator licenses for this. This was determined necessary by DOH after a review of users raised from 926. We now have 3 2B operators.

David has been working with 120 water for lead copper service line survey which must be turned in by November 2024.

We will now have more sampling to be conducted due to the size of our system being upgraded.

Water project is completed other than the electrical contract portion.

Parts are on back-order and it could be June 2024 before work resumes.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Mayor Tackman offered the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CLEVELAND**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Cleveland Board of Trustees (the "Village Board") has established a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law known as the Fire Department PPE Reserve Fund of the Cleveland Fire Department (the "Reserve Fund"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board proposes to expend a sum not to exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) from the Reserve Fund to purchase turn out gear (the "Equipment") for the Cleveland Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of the Equipment is for a purpose for which the Reserve Fund was established; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board now desires to authorize the expenditure of funds not to exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) from the Reserve Fund to finance the purchase of the Equipment and pay related costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations") with respect to the proposed expenditure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the purchase of the Equipment is a "Type II Action" under SEQRA because it qualifies as "routine or continuing agency administration and management" under section 617.5(c)(20) of the Regulations and, therefore, no further action is required under SEQRA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of funds not to exceed seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) from the Reserve Fund to finance the purchase of the Equipment and related costs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum and shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption or, if a petition is filed pursuant to Article 9 of the Village Law, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Village of Cleveland voting on the referendum; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby directed to, within ten working days of the adoption of this resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Village of Cleveland setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and an abstract of the resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Mayor Tackman, seconded by Trustee Maughan, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Laureen Tackman	Voting	Aye
Robin Wilson	Voting	Absent
Eric Cartier	Voting	Aye
Trevor Maughan	Voting	Aye
John Scatena	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: December 19, 2023

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Julie Simpson, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
(Village Seal)

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Code Officer Hamacher gave the following report: For the month of November I have issued 1 building permit, 5 property maintenance violations, and have had 2 properties in Court (23-25 North St. and 159 Center St.) I have been working on closing out permits and property violations. I have also addressed a few complaints for this month. I have taken 2 training courses (certificates on file at Village Hall) and have been preparing the year end report for the state.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:** Mayor Tackman read the following submitted by Clayton Conover, dog warden: It has been quiet in the Village for the past couple of months. There was one call, due to dogs being abandoned when a resident moved out of the home. We are still currently holding the dogs as the contracted shelter has not had room to take them yet. I will continue to reach out to other shelters in hopes that someone has room. I also had my NYS Shelter Inspection recently. Everything was satisfactory and passed. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, they should feel free to contact me at 315-371-5429.

**WATER PROJECT DEBT SERVICE:** Mayor Tackman confirmed with the board members that they received the information regarding the repayment information for the debt service on the water project that will begin on the June village tax for inside users and on the January water bill for outside users. The next village board meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2024. At 6:50pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.