

**Village of Cleveland July 14, 2020 Public Hearing 6:00PM
COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE – PUBLIC WELCOME, MUST SIT 6 FT. APART**

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Christine Schreiber, John Scatena, Robin Wilson, Code Officer William Hamacher. Absent: Trustee Dave Donovan

Mayor Tackman opened the public hearing regarding the variance application by George Gebo requesting approval to build a 27'x34' garage 9'7" off the property line at 109 North Street. His neighbor, Tammy Johnson sent a letter to the Village Board dated July 7, 2020 granting her permission to build the garage 9'7" off her property line. With no members of the public present to voice their opposition, Mayor Tackman made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:10pm second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

Board Meeting 6:30PM

All previous attendees as well as Asst. Fire Chief, Mike Davis.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve Abstract #2, vouchers 40-92 for \$58,034.58 and Voucher 5 for \$76,431.75 for the water project, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Asst. Chief Mike Davis gave the June report submitted by Chief Shaun House:

In the month of June 2020, we responded to a total of 39 calls. Of those calls, there were 15 EMS calls, two outdoor fires, and 6 boat calls. The following are some highlights for the month.

The following state mandatory yearly inspections have been completed for the year 2020.

- Areal Inspection on Ladder truck 411.
- Air pack inspections.
- Hose testing.
- Ground ladder testing.
- 4 gas meter testing.

We have two remaining yearly inspections remaining which are rescue tool inspections and pump testing. We started training on the new pumper. We had some minor warranty issues that needed to be addressed. During driver training, a check engine light came on. We contacted Churchville and it went in last week. The minor issues were taken care of by Churchville and the check engine light was addressed by Tracy Road Equipment which is the area Freightliner dealer. Progress on getting the truck in service is slow due mostly to COVID 19 (material shortages). The building project is starting to wrap up. We are very pleased with our contractors and we have received a lot of complements.

During COVID the beginning few months of COVID-19, the company and department leadership decided to suspend any unnecessary fire department functions. We did on-line classes for drill credits if we had to meet, we met in the parking lot if we had to. Once a week, we had the building and fire trucks fogged with disinfectant. A couple weeks ago, we decided to hold meetings and go back to drilling every week. We practice social distancing and wear masks when we are inside or within 6 feet of each other. The fire Company has approved the follow 2 people for membership ending the approval of the Village Board: Sebastian Currier and Frederick Gustina, both former members with interior training.

CODES REPORT: Code Officer William Hamacher gave the following report: He issued 7 building permits, 2 property maintenance violations, 22 construction an site work inspections and 9 property violation re-inspections. On 6//2/20, I personally hand delivered as well as mailed regular and certified letters to Jean Goodfellow property violations for 8 Center Street along with a DO NOT OCCUPY placard and building permit applications. The do not occupy sign was removes shortly after posting. I spoke with Jim Woods, the VP of the NYS Code Council regarding 8 Center St and he told me that the village board needs to make a decision if they want to pursue the issue in Court and that the Mayor and the village attorney need to get together in order for this to proceed. I also met with a NYS Trooper regarding the property and the issues and she told me I cannot evict the tenant from the property without a Court Order or the Owner of the property has to evict the tenant. Trustee Schreiber would like to see the Village pursue legal action. We need to contact our attorney to determine the cost and time of such an undertaking.

WATER PROJECT UPDATE: Mayor Tackman read the following report:

We have not heard back DOH on the plans and specifications that were submitted to them in May. We did get some initial comments from DOT that we are working on.

We are still working through the Environmental Review Record for the CDBG funding. We sent a copy of the draft record package to CDBG for review and they provided us with some feedback. The consultation with the Nations and the flood plain notices had to be redone since a piece of the project was missing from the descriptions CDBG suggested that these pieces be redone just to be safe even though the missing piece would not change the overall outcome of the review record. Once the required time frames have expired, we can package everything for CDBG's final approval which should be around the middle to end of August.

We are also still waiting on the environmental permits for the project. We have received the US Army Corps permit by default since their required response time expired and they provided us with a letter to that effect. DEC Region 7 (covers Constantia/Cleveland) has responded and let us know that our work is non-jurisdictional for them, but that it does not apply for the work within DEC Region 6 (Vienna). We are waiting to hear from DEC Region 6 on any comments they have, but they have deemed our application complete. A decision on the permit is anticipated within 45 days of the date of their complete application notice.

The next big hurdle that was mentioned last month is the easements. I have provided a list of the easements that will be needed for the project to Diane at Barclay Damon and she is working on getting quotes for the stub searches required for the easements. It looks like we will need around 378 easements which will take a bit of time just to get the stub searches done. We will work on finishing the easement maps which will accompany the easements to be mailed to the residents.

Since additional work was added to the project scope and the overall budget increased, the Village will need additional financing to cover the increase. Currently, the Village has already been approved for a WIIA grant and a loan from EFC for the original project. Now that CDBG has provided \$1 million in grant, we will need to make sure the remainder of the financing is in place. I spoke with Paul Johnson at EFC today about getting the remainder of the financing through an EFC loan. The additional loan request is not anticipated to be a problem, but it needs to go through the various EFC boards for approval which could take 3-4 months. I provided him with the information he needs to start the request today.

Next meeting, Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the requested variance for a garage at 109 North Street, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. At 6:50pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to move into executive session to discuss an employee matter, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor.

At 7:20pm, Mayor Tackman reopened the regular board meeting. Mayor Tackman made a motion to offer Shaun House a position with the DPW, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the 2 new members (Sebastian Currier and Fredrick Gustina) for the Cleveland Fire Department, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. At 7:22, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.