

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees John Scatena, Trevor Maughan, Eric Cartier and Robin Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Tackman at 6:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor presented the 2024-25 Village Budget. Total appropriations of \$1,015,719. This is the first time the budget is over 1 million due to the water bond repayment. The budget is balanced with no use of fund balance. With the exception of employee and insurance costs, there are no major increases. We kept within the 2% tax cap with an overall increase of \$5,941 to the tax levy. We have to continue to do more with less. The Mayor and the Clerk attended Lobby Day in Albany to request increases to AIM and CHIPS funding, but there are no guarantees and we just have to do our best with the funds we have. As there were no members of the public present, at 6:15pm, the Mayor made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

OPEN REGULAR MEETING 6:30PM

Heidi Tompkins and Rod Campbell from the Tug Hill were in attendance as well as Dan Lewis.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

TUGHILL REPORT: Paul Baxter submitted the following report read by Heidi Tompkins

I hope to see many of you at the **2024 Tug Hill Local Government Conference**, which is rapidly approaching: May 1 – 2 at Turning Stone Casino. Descriptions in detail of program offerings are available at:

<https://tughill.org/local-government-conference-presentations/>

As we are now in the first quarter of state fiscal year 2024-25, the **Route 49 corridor study** should be underway by the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council.

As a reminder, the Tug Hill Commission will be meeting on **Monday, May 20** at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Square village offices, 3125 East Main Street (NYS Route 49, east of U.S. Route 11, Central Square, New York. This will be the commission's meeting in the North Shore Council of Governments (NorCOG) area in 2024.

The **North Shore Council of Governments** met **Thursday, March 21**, at the West Monroe town hall. Topics discussed included follow-up to the North Shore economic study. Minutes of the March 21 meeting will be distributed soon, and planning is in progress for the next NorCOG meeting.

The Tug Hill Commission's annual report, **Headwaters**, is now out. If Tug Hill has an e-mail address on file for you, you should have received a copy. If you did not, make sure to verify the e-mail address we have for you. I should have a limited number of paper copies available in the near future. Copies are also available on the Tug Hill website at

<https://tughill.org/headwaters-annual-report/>.

Heidi provided the board with a packet of several upcoming trainings and announcements.

ADOPT VILLAGE BUDGET: Mayor Tackman made a motion to adopt the 2024-25 Village Budget with appropriations in the amount of \$1,015,719, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

VILLAGE ELECTION RESOLUTION: Mayor Tackman made the following resolution, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

GENERAL ELECTION RESOLUTION: The Village Election for two Trustees with a 2-year term position, and Mayor with a 2-year term position, will be held on June 18, 2024 at the Village Hall at 2 Clay Street in Cleveland from 12-9pm.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Cleveland will hold their General Election on June 18th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to appoint election inspectors relative to said General Election.

NOW THEREFORE,

1. The following persons whose names are included on the list of election inspectors and ballot clerks previously designated for general election purposes pursuant to the Election Law are hereby appointed to act as Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks at such General Election. Each inspector will be paid \$100.00 for poll coverage from 12-9pm and is required to arrive no later than 11:30am and to perform all duties and undertakings in relation thereto, as prescribed by the Village Law and the Election Law.

Marge Thomas Election Inspector

Debbie Stamp Ballot Clerk

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay April abstract #11, vouchers #526-569 for \$39,834.98, and the Treasurer's Report, second by Trustee Maughan, all in favor. The Mayor also reported the Village received a "No Designation" for fiscal stress as reported by the Comptroller's Office.

UNION WAGE UPDATE APPROVAL

Mayor Tackman updated Article 18, Wages of the Union Contract, as follows:

All new employees will start at a rate of \$21.00 per hour.

All employees will receive a \$.50 increase in pay to obtain and hold a CDL license.

All employees will receive a \$1.00 increase for a Grade B water license and a \$.50 increase for a Grade D water license equaling \$1.50 for both.

Employees will receive a \$2.00 increase in pay for a Grade 2A sewer license.

The position of Working Foreman will receive a minimum of \$1.50 increase in pay.

The position of Working Foreman Assistant will receive a minimum of \$1.00 increase in pay. second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

DPW REPORT: Shaun House submitted the following report:

Highway

Plowed snow 4 times

Work continues on rebuilding Kubota tractor, new seals and bearings in the transfer case.

Backhoe was sanded down and hood painted to prevent further rust.

Maintenance on the Ferris lawn mowers.

Loader put on yanmar tractor

Trucks will have plows off on the 15th.

Built skid tank for the gator for grinder pump pit pump outs.

Sewer

All samples passed

1 load of sludge hauled to Bristol Hill.

Changes 3 grinder pumps.

We have 3 left in stock that are rebuilds.

Decanted digester 1.

Received chemical delivery that will take us to the end of the budget year.

David Hinds submitted the following Water Report:

Repairs:

3/18/2024 – Drive 1 - DPW assisted Siteworx Contracting who tapped the main and ran a new 2" Plastic service line for the houses on Drive 1. New plastic service lines were run from the 2" to the houses.

3/19/2024 – 77 Route 49 – We were advised of a water leak in the front yard. This was the 1" galvanized service main that supplies water to 77 Route 49 and the houses on Apps Landing. A repair was made where a pervious repair was completed. The galvanized line is in bad shape and more leaks appeared after we put a new replacement piece in line. These leaks were also fixed.

3/21/2024 – 77 Route 49 – We were advised of another leak. The village hired Siteworx for their mini excavator with an operator and laborer to assist. The backhoe was too big and heavy to get where we needed to dig. The 1" galvanized was replaced with 1" plastic from the 2" line that comes across Route 49 to the driveway of 77 Route 49. There is still 1" galvanized that will need to be replaced in the future. Also, the 1" line is not big enough to serve these houses, we should replace it with 2" to provide sufficient flows.

Lead Service Line project.

On 3/12/2024 Shaun and David went door to door on North St. We were able to identify 17 customer lines that day by interviewing the homeowner or them letting us into their basements. We left fliers at any house we were unable to talk to an owner. Responses by email are trickling in. Caswell and Kathern will be visited this week.

On the 120Water Software, of the 425 services 5 lead lines and 5 galvanized lines have been logged. 178 lines have been determined not to be lead with 237 being unknown at this time. As of this meeting we have 190 days to finish the project. We will have to dig up several lines this summer to identify the material. What lines we can't identify by the due date will be listed as unknown and will have to be considered lead until proved otherwise.

Water Project:

Kahrs Electric has started installing underground services for the tank mixer and tank mixer control panel. They also set the pad for the generator and ran underground conduits for it. We are still waiting on the generator and SCADA panel but they are expected soon.

Monthly Labs:

Our water samples met all health department standards.

Mayor Tackman commented a resident came in to pay his bill and was complaining about since he had to pay this bill he wanted sidewalks and she explained we cannot do them now since they will need to be dug up for the lead line service replacement.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Mayor Tackman read the following report submitted by William Hamacher:

2 building permits issued, 6 violations, 5 building inspections, 3 violations corrected. During the month of March I attended my 24 hour in-service training in Lake Placid. I have spoken and met with several property owners regarding projects they want to do. I have had a meeting with the Planning Board regarding 120 State Rt. 49. I have contacted MCS Company who is in charge of 33 Clay Street and the company listed is no longer responsible for this property. I will do further research to see who is. I attended a class on crowd management through the NYS Fire Marshalls and Inspectors Association. I met with the owner of 120 St. Rt. 49 regarding the renovations. I attended the training class through the County training for the 239 Process. The property that has been in Court (159 Center St.) has started to clean up. I will also be hand delivering the May clean up flyer to residents in the Village.

At 6:49pm Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.