

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

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

TUGHILL REPORT: Paul Baxter gave the following report:

The deadline is approaching for the regular registration rate for the **2024 Tug Hill Local Government Conference**, scheduled for May 1 – 2 at Turning Stone Casino. **The regular rate applies to those registered online or postmarked by April 1, 2024.** Rates increase starting April 2. The form is available on the Tug Hill website at <https://tughill.org/local-government-conference-registration> ,

Descriptions in detail of program offerings are available at:

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

The **Route 49 corridor study proposal** has been adopted as an element of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council's 2024-25 workplan. The study is slated to begin in the first quarter of the state fiscal year 2024-2025, with a final document in the second quarter of state fiscal year 2025-2026. Tug Hill Times article with more details is attached.

Planning is in progress for the next **North Shore Council of Governments meeting**, tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, March 21**, at 7:00 p.m., location TBA. Agenda items include the conclusion of the North Shore economic study, and next steps/follow-up.

The public forum for the **Oneida Lake 9E watershed plan** was held **Thursday, March 7** at the West Monroe town hall. A reminder – the village of Pulaski is scheduled to host the **Tug Hill Commission** at its next meeting, **Monday, March 18, 2024** at 10:00 a.m., at the Snow Memorial Building, 4971 N. Jefferson Street (U.S. Route 11), Pulaski, New York 13142.

This meeting is one of a series of periodic meetings of the commissioners, a board of nine unpaid volunteers, all residents of the Tug Hill region. They are appointed three each by the Governor, Speaker of the State Assembly, and majority leader of the State Senate for five year terms. The nine commissioners are chosen by appointing authorities so that two come from each of the four counties that overlap the region, with a ninth member serving "at large." Commission members set agency policy, budget, and program priorities, and oversee staff through an executive director.

We're coming up on the release date of the Tug Hill Commission's annual report, **Headwaters**, and I'd like to thank village clerk Julie Simpson for reviewing and updating village information so that this can reach everyone.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay March abstract #10, vouchers #483-525 for \$57,591.73, water project vouchers 46-47 for \$71,719.13 and the treasurer's report, second by Trustee Maughan, all in favor.

DPW REPORT: Shaun House read the following report:

Water

One water leak fixed.

Work on 120 Water continues. (David) to identify lead services we will be doing a lot of digging and home inspections soon. All sampling was completed and passed.

February water report filed with department of health.

Annual water withdrawal report was completed with 42 million gallons delivered in 2023.

Sewer

Changed out 3 grinder pumps.

4 grinders repaired.

Plant is running good other than high flows from I&I.

Currently working on funding for the plant.

87000 loan to be paid back over 10 years This will replace every mechanical piece in the plant including pumps , blowers, dives etc. We have asked for 25000 from the County's ever-shrinking ARPA funds that will come off the \$87,000.

Grinder pumps...We will be receiving 50 E-One pumps to change out 200 series pumps that can't be rebuilt anymore this will come from a 100000 dollar loan from rural water infrastructure loan and a low interest rate to equal 11000 a year in payments.

All sampling has been completed and passed

Shoveled front bed 1 and out digesters tank 1 and 2 In it.

Last chemical order for the budget year has been placed.

David, Shaun, Lauren and Trevor have been put on a sewer advisory board along with several town of Constantia board members B&L and other interested parties. We will for a report and statement soon of the facts as we know them. These meetings are closed meetings at this time every Thursday night.

We had a sewer plug on Martin Road, all pumps needs to turned off, main was dug up and unclogged with help from Constantia big vac truck.

Highway

Roads plowed.

Lots of work at the shop we will be rebuilding seals in the Kubota transmission, setting up the gator for lawn care and service work on all 3 mowers and small gas equipment.

We will be sand blasting the backhoe and repaint the front of the unit along with all other service.

We have got approval for a new excavator from chips money at \$48,000 this is ready to move forward. To spend money on equipment it must go to a board of chips people to be approved and we will have to keep said equipment for a period of 10 years.

We have done very good with salt this year.

Highway pick up back with flatbed installed with tool box's all That a result of an accident on 12-19 when we were hit.

Legislator Reehil spoke up and stated that he asked at his committee meeting for more ARPA funds for the Village for sewer upgrades. There was \$25,000 that was returned to the County from Four Minnows before they closed. He explained there are internal and external ARPA money and he stated that infrastructure is something that can be covered. He is working on this and we should know in a month or so if this will be granted.

Mayor Tackman stated we sent a commitment letter to Mid Country Equipment to secure the purchase of a mini excavator, that we will utilize CHIPS funds to purchase. Mayor Tackman that North Street was last paved in 2021 and with the lead line service replacement mandate that is currently underway, North Street will be torn up and we cannot use CHIPS money to replace since it will be in the 10 year window of replacement. Other roads are affected as well. We are going back through old records to get information on these services. David is dedicating 2-4 hours daily on this inventory. It must be completed by 10/2024 and 15% replacement annually until completed. This is an EPA mandate. Likely 150 services will need to be replaced. We will need to get easements since we don't have the right of way. Every public water system in the country needs to do this. We test annually for lead and we have none in our system. David stated we purchased a meter to test for lead and if there is, we are required to provide a Britta filter. He stated other areas inject something into their system to coat the pipes to shield from lead.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mayor Tackman read the following report submitted by Deputy Chief Mike Davis. 28 total calls, 15 EMS calls, 1 MVA, 3 hazardous conditions, 2 service calls, 1 good intent call, 6 cancelled enroute and 1 mutual aid given.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT Code Officer William Hamacher gave the following report: 1 building permit issued, 3 violations, 3 building inspections, 1 Court appearance for property maintenance violation. For the month of February, I had a meeting with the County regarding a new 239 Review process. I have spoken with several people wanting to purchase property and the regulations as to what can be done with them. I spoke with the DEC regarding 2 properties in the Village and building on them. I attended 8 hours of Energy Codes training in Syracuse. I completed my 1203 NYS Yearly Report and the yearly Census Report. I appeared in Court regarding a property. I have also been working with the contractors and the owners of 15 Clay Street regarding the structure. Shaun asked William if he inspects grease traps, and William stated no, only that they have them. This is something the DOH follows up with.

LEGISLATORS REPORT: Mr. Reehil presented the Board with a letter from Congresswoman Tenney regarding grants. He suggested we reach out to Congressman Brandon Williams also and push back on this lead line replacement. He also stated that the County received a grant to look at 12 Division Street as a brownfield. They did soil samples and found gas, oil and petroleum were present. The County thinks the State has a grant to remediate this.

VACANT HOMES: Resident John Hinds inquired about the 2 homes across from him on Clay Street. Both are vacant but bank owned. Code Officer Hamacher will get information to Legislator Reehil on these and see if they can be Land Bank homes. Legislator Reehil asked the Code Officer to get a list of homes and violations and submit to the County.

Superintendent House commented to Legislator Reehil that the County Highway Department has done a great job, very responsive. Mayor Tackman stated she complained to the Health Department about getting a rabies clinic in Cleveland, as the closest is West Monroe and she wants to see something here. There is a burn ban beginning March 16h through May 14th.

Next meeting is April 11, 2024. At 7:20 Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.