

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees Trevor Maughan, and Eric Cartier, Trustees Robin Wilson and John Scatena were absent. Also present, Paul Baxter, William Hamacher, Dan Lewis, Roy and Pat Reehil, Heath Miller, Mollie Deleo, Darren Smith, Chris Schreiber

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pat Reehil inquired as to the status of Bridge Street and what will be done with the road. The Mayor responded we are awaiting an assignment of a project manager from DEC to move ahead with the project. We were awarded \$1 million dollars with a 25% match to repair the bridge. Roy Reehil spoke up and stated the residents in that area would like to see a footbridge. Heath Miller spoke up and said so many people fly by when it is open he has almost been hit backing out of his driveway. It is a very dangerous stretch with cars flying off Rt. 49 with no regard for the residents and small children on the street. The residents would like to see a footbridge. A suggestion was made about putting speed bumps in the road too as a deterrent (and up North Street as well due to the same issues). The residents will put a letter together to give their opinion in writing. The ultimate issue is the stream below and the flow of the water and fish below. The Mayor stated as soon as we have a project manager assigned we can move forward. Next comment was from outside water customer, Darren Smith regarding why his water bill is 25% higher than inside users. He is paying \$408/yr. He feels everyone should pay the same. The Mayor responded that improvements were made to our water system and since there has never been a district formed for outside users, this was determined by the Board as the rate, which is allowed through our water law. Outside users don't support infrastructure with their taxes so their rates are higher. Roy Reehil interjected that this was how it was initially set up and no district was ever formed. The other option is to disconnect from Village water. Mr. Smith would like an equitable cost of debt service. He inquired about meters and when the project was redesigned, meters were taken out as they were too costly and not required at the time. Now, they have been mandated in the next 10 years. Chris Schreiber wanted to address dogs running in the Village. She stated she contacted Clayton, the dog warden and had no response. This particular dog lives on West St. and has always run loose and now that Chris has a puppy she is concerned. The Mayor responded she will contact Clayton and have the dog picked up.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay May abstract #12, vouchers #573-625 for \$39,287.72 and April vouchers 570-572 - \$48,437.00, Khars Contract change order #2, no price increase, just date change and the Treasurer's Report, second by Trustee Maughan, all in favor.

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

Put drainage in on Kathern Street.

Took sign inventory ordered new signs.

Kubota tractor is back together and all repaired.

Mowers serviced.

Mowing has begun.

Driveway repaired at shop.

Dumpster days are over and went very well, a good success.

**Sewer**

All samples completed and passed.

Work continues at the sewer plant.

Changed 4 grinder pumps in the last month all very old 200 series pumps.

## Water

Work continues at the well house the electric contractor and Scada contractor has been working steady .generator is expected to arrive in the next 45 days. After electric work Highlander will be out for a few odds and ends then the project will be completed.

Camera put up at the well location.

All samples completed and passed.

Water quality report out by county with no problems.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Code Officer William Hamacher gave the following report: 7 building permit issued, 16 property maintenance violations, 5 building permit inspections, 2 certificate of occupancy, 1 certificate of compliance. Throughout the month, I have done 16 property violations 7 building permits. I have spoken with several residents and real estate agents regarding properties in the Village. I have addressed some complaints and conducted a few building inspections. I have completed some permit inspections. I walked 30 letters about the Village clean up to different property owners and mailed several out with violation letters. I have also spoke with the County on a few properties for the auction. Roy Reehil commented regarding the costs of disposing of the mattress during clean up and he will try to have these waived. Mr. Hamacher asked Mr. Reehil if the Land Bank can take 8 Center Street and 5 Beach Road properties? He believes everything is settled for the Land Bank for this year, but he will look into it.

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

The **2024 Tug Hill Local Government Conference** has passed -- May 1 – 2 at Turning Stone Casino. Thanks to all who attended. In upcoming time, available handouts and slides will be posted to the commission website under **Training > Past LGC Presentations**. Thanks also for suggestion for topics for the 2025 Local Government Conference; planning is already in progress for that.

Central Square will be hosting the May meeting of **the New York State Tug Hill Commission 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. All are welcome to attend.

The **North Shore Council of Governments** is scheduled to meet **Wednesday, May 15**, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Monroe town hall. Topics to be discussed include use of GIS to identify potential parcels for future economic development efforts, and plans in progress for next steps on the county-owned North Shore Recreation Trail.

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 have a limited number of paper copies available now. Copies are also available on the Tug Hill website at <https://tughill.org/headwaters-annual-report/> .

I have additional copies of the **Tug Hill Recreation Guide** for you, and as was announced in the Tug Hill Times, I have a preview of the next edition of the Guide, which will be distributed to your community in the future. Note that a digital version of the Guide is available at <https://visittughill.com> .

I was sent, and attached, a copy of the flyer for clean-up day and the water quality report, and posted it to your website.

**ELECTION INSPECTOR CHANGE:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve Janice Fox in place of Debbie Stamp as election inspector, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.

Mayor Tackman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an employee matter, second by Trustee Maughan, all in favor. At 7:31pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to come out of executive session and reopen the regular meeting. Mayor Tackman made a motion to accept and approve the Memorandum of Agreement in relation to the CBA between the Teamsters Local 294 and the Village of Cleveland outlining the new terms for Article 11 Health Insurance, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.

Mayor Tackman read the following resolution:

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Cleveland (the "Village") owns and operates a municipal water system (the "Water System") and has incurred debt in connection with the construction and maintenance of that system (the "Debt"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to repay the Debt by charging all occupied parcels \$300 per year and all vacant parcels \$100 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, Village Law 5-518 authorizes the Village to levy the above mentioned amounts as annual installments that shall be due at the same time as the real property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to charge the above mentioned amounts as a separate column or line item on the annual tax roll and bills.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village shall hereafter levy annual installments on real property tax bills in order to pay the Debt for the Water System; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village may vary the amounts to be levied from time to time, as needed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Clerk is authorized to take all steps necessary to execute this resolution and this policy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Lauren Tackman	Voting	Aye
Robin Wilson	Voting	Absent
Eric Cartier	Voting	Aye
J. Trevor Maughan	Voting	Aye
John Scatena	Voting	Absent

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: May 14, 2024

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Julie Simpson, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
(Village Seal)

At 7:37 Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.