

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees John Scatena, Robin Wilson and Eric Cartier and Trevor Maughan Also present Heidi Tompkins from Tug Hill and Dan Lewis.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Tackman at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance. No bids were received for the generator at the village hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay September abstract #4, vouchers #138-183 for \$99,348.27, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

**FIRE TRUCK BOND RESOLUTION:** Mayor Tackman read the following resolution:

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ADOPTING BOND RESOLUTION**

At a meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Cleveland, Oswego County, New York,  
duly held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024:

Present: Laureen Tackman, Mayor  
Robin Wilson  
Eric Cartier  
J. Trevor Maughan  
John Scatena

Absent: none

Mayor Laureen Tackman presented the following resolution and moved that it be adopted:

**BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF CLEVELAND, OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000 TO FINANCE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE/PUMPER TRUCK AND RELATED APPARATUS, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$140,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CLEVELAND (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village is hereby authorized to (a) acquire one (1) fire/pumper truck and related apparatus, including costs incidental thereto, and (b) issue its serial general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$140,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 2. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution is the acquisition of a fire/pumper truck and related apparatus including costs incidental thereto (the "Purpose").

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Village Board of Trustees, is \$140,000, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the Village plans to finance the cost of the Purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 27 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is twenty (20) years. The maximum maturity of the Bonds will exceed five (5) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and to authorize the issuance of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds (including renewals thereof) and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and use of substantially level or declining annual debt service, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer. The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the Village.

Section 7. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the Village, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 8. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the Village's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. Except as otherwise permitted by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, the Village will not use proceeds of the Bonds or notes to reimburse itself for prior expenditures for the Purpose unless: (1) the original expenditure was made not more than 60 days prior to the adoption of the Resolution, (2) the reimbursement will be made within three years after the later of the date the original expenditure was paid or the date the Purpose is placed in service or abandoned.

Section 9. This Resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35.00 of the Local Finance Law and Article IX of the Village Law. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed within ten (10) days after the adoption of said Resolution, to cause to be published a notice which sets forth the date of the Resolution's adoption and contains an abstract of the Resolution concisely stating its purpose and effect.

Section 10. When effective, this Resolution, or a summary thereof, shall be published in full by the Village Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the Village. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. The firm Barclay Damon, LLP is hereby appointed to serve as Bond Counsel to the Village in connection with the bonds and notes herein authorized.

Section 12. This Resolution shall take effect upon the earlier of (a) the expiration of the time for filing a petition requesting that the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum or (b) a positive vote upon the referendum authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

The Motion having been duly seconded by Trustee Maughan, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

Laureen Tackman	<u>    </u> AYE
Robin Wilson	AYE
Eric Cartier	AYE
J. Trevor Maughan	AYE
John Scatena	AYE

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
  ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF OSWEGO     )

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Village of Cleveland, do hereby certify as follows:

1. A Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Cleveland, State of New York, was duly held on September 10, 2024, and Minutes of said meeting have been duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the Minutes of meetings of said Board. I have compared the attached Extract with said Minutes so recorded and said Extract is a true copy of said Minutes and of the whole thereof insofar as said Minutes relate to matters referred to in said Extracts.

2. Said Minutes correctly state the time when said Meeting was convened and the place where such meeting was held and the members of said Board who attended said Meeting.

3. Public Notice of the time and place of said Meeting was duly given to the general public in accordance with Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the “Open Meetings Law”), and that the members of said Board had due notice of said Meeting and that the Meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Village of Cleveland this 10th day of September, 2024.

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Village Clerk

**PPE RESERVE RESOLUTION:** Mayor Tackman read the following resolution and stated there is currently \$28,645.01 in reserves.

**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 seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) 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 seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) 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 seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) 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	Aye
Eric Cartier	Voting	Aye
Trevor Maughan	Voting	Aye
John Scatena	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: September 10, 2024

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Julie Simpson, Village Clerk/Treasurer

**GENERAC PRESENTATION:** Mary >>>> from Generac gave an overview of the new generator that will be installed at the village hall to keep the building and computers up and running in the event of any emergencies or power outages. The generators are built in the USA and are self-sufficient. They perform all the installation from electrical to gas line hook ups. Trustee Scatena asked several questions regarding the size, set up, warranties, alerts, etc. to which the representative answered. This is an 18KW generator which is properly sized for the building and can accommodate any increase as it is slightly oversized. It is impervious to rain/snow but would need to keep the air intake clear of snow, which the DPW will do when they plow. It has a full size battery. DPW will monitor any alert notifications. 7-year parts and labor warranty. Battery has a 2 year warranty with a 4-5 year life expectancy, but replacement is only \$160.00. The Village Hall is a designated safe haven as part of the Oswego County Hazard Mitigation Plan, so this will compliment the plan. The propane tank the Village currently has is sized to meet the need of the generator. Within 5 – 30 seconds after power is out, the generator will kick on and will run to power is stabilized (in the event of flickering). With all the board members questions answered, Mayor Tackman made a motion to approve the Generac 4 Green Power Systems generator quote, up to and not to exceed \$12,000, second by Trustee Maughan, all in favor. Looking to schedule installation on or about November 25.

**TUG HILL REPORT:** Heidi Tompkins gave the following report submitted by Paul Baxter:

The North Shore Council of Governments met Wednesday, August 21 at the West Monroe town hall. Minutes of the meeting will be available soon. The next North Shore meeting will be Wednesday, October 30, time and location to be announced, and will include a presentation on upcoming changes on DEC regulations pertaining to wetlands. Also at the August NorCOG meeting – discussion about proposed changes in regulations for fire brigades, and the potential impacts on rural fire companies. The Tug Hill Commission was requested to develop a sample letter than local governments and citizens could use to share their concerns, and I have a copy of that letter for you. That letter is also available at the NorCOG website, [www.norcog.org](http://www.norcog.org) .

Additional progress on the succession plan for the Tug Hill circuit rider position serving the North Shore and Salmon Rivers Councils of Governments: following receipt of applications and interviews with applicants, the interviewing committee recommended Heidi Tompkins as the next circuit rider for North Shore and Salmon Rivers. The Tug Hill Commission extended the invitation of employment to Heidi, and Heidi has accepted. Paperwork is currently making its way through Albany, and we are hoping to have Heidi on board before the end of the year. This will provide overlap between Heidi's start of work, and my retirement (still set for the first quarter of 2025), making for a smooth transition. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Katie Malinowski ([katie@tughill.org](mailto:katie@tughill.org)) or Matt Johnson, ([matt@tughill.org](mailto:matt@tughill.org) .)

Previously I mentioned that National Grid is working on potential new transmission lines in Oswego County. As promised, from the August 23 issue of the Tug Hill Times, here is additional information following the meeting with communities on August 21. Note that Hastings is one of the towns specifically mentioned in the plans.

An emerging issue: proposed changes to fire brigade standards which would adversely affect rural fire departments. This was discussed at a recent North Shore Council of Governments meeting, and a sample letter was developed for anyone who wanted to send a letter of support expressing concerns about the proposed changes. I've attached that here, and it is also available on the North Shore website, [www.norcog.org](http://www.norcog.org)

Heidi also reported she has been offered and accepted the full-time position with Tug Hill as our Circuit Rider to replace Paul Baxter when he retires in the early spring. She also stated she will be looking for a part-time assistant to cover some meetings as well.

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

### **Highway**

Drainage installed in 2 locations.

Mowing and roadside mowing continues

Cleared around bridge street pond trees and weeds

Had meeting regarding bridge street wash out with the DEC and BCA more details to follow. They are still fact finding regarding the design.

Some changes were made at the playground .

### **Sewer**

Samples completed

3 grinder pumps replaced

Work on the plant continues we are currently running on plant 2 and we are repairing plant 1 now to include paint , clarifiers drive rebuilt and currently treating built up grease in number 1 a 6 week program with chemicals every Sunday.

All the new parts have been ordered for the plant to include variable speed blower ,2 eq pumps ,2 effluent pumps and two over flow pumps in the second effluent tank and 2 new digester pumps . We have also secured a generator from federal surplus the electrician will be installing it .

### **Water**

Samples completed

Work continues on 120 water by David

We are looking at meters to be put in by the DPW as a condition from the DEC to permit our new volume well .

Phone line was installed at the well.

Generator was installed with the new propane tank will be started up for the first time by cat techs

Scada panel is installed and has been working for the last 3 weeks.

Water project what's left to finish .

- 1) atlas fence is coming out to expand fencing
  - 2) water meters to be paid for from project .
  - 3) a lime to be installed to bypass the tank so it can be inspected
  - 4) apps landing sub main 5 houses with a new 2 inch sub main and 1 service hydrant .
  - 5 shut off valve from 1930 will be replaced at north and Caswell .
  - 6) Highlander to disinfect well number 3 the new well and take samples per department of health .
- Then we can use it.

**AMBULANCE:** Constantia is leaning toward contracting with Menter, this would keep an ambulance in Central Square, but none within the town of Constantia. Nothing has been firmly decided.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** The next Oswego County Conference of Mayor's Dinner will be held at the Cleveland American Legion on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Tackman gave an update on the village's investments with NYCLASS. This month alone, we earned \$1,142 in interest and \$6,123.70 year to date. While our balance fluctuates, the interest is far more than earned in Pathfinder (this month \$50.90).

At 7:20pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.