

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman and Trustees Eric Cartier, Trevor Maughan, John Scatena and Robin Wilson. Also present Paul Baxter from Tug Hill, Code Officer William Hamacher, David Hinds and Dan Lewis and John Hinds.

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

TUG HILL REPORT: Paul Baxter gave the following report:

The **North Shore Council of Governments** met on **Wednesday, October 30 at the West Monroe town hall**. One major agenda item was a presentation by Krista Spohr of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on upcoming changes to regulation of freshwater wetlands, changes which will substantially increase the amount of wetlands affected.

Background material on changes in wetland regulation, and a copy of Krista's presentation, have been posted to the NorCOG website, www.norcog.org, and a recording of the meeting will be posted this week.

The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Governments will most likely take place in January 2025.

Things continue to move forward with the **succession plan for the Tug Hill circuit rider position serving the North Shore and Salmon Rivers Councils of Governments**: Heidi (heidi@tughill.org) began full-time service with the Tug Hill Commission on Thursday, November 7, and both she and I will continue to support the North Shore Council of Governments and member municipalities until my planned retirement in early 2025.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Katie Malinowski (katie@tughill.org) or Matt Johnson, (matt@tughill.org .)

It's that time of year – I have a copy of the bill for **North Shore Council of Governments membership for calendar year 2024** to present to you, for approval for payment at an upcoming meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Hinds spoke regarding the status of the North Shore Ambulance building and the history of the ambulance service. As everyone is aware, North Shore Ambulance ceased serving the North Shore and the building is currently empty. The ambulance began in 1949 and was originally parked in the fire station, where it was housed for 40 years. In 1988 it moved to it's present building. The community served the ambulance by fundraising to build the building which was about \$100,000. John reported that if we could acquire the building, it could be a community center, house the food pantry or potentially another ambulance, but we can't get it if we don't ask. There has been zero communication from the ambulance but we need to ask. The Mayor will reach out and see what can be done. We are tax exempt and it is our understanding anything would have to go to a 501-c3. The loss of the ambulance has already cost lives, we have been an EMS provider for years and this is devastating. Mayor Tackman made a motion to pursue the acquisition of the North Shore Ambulance building, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

PAY BILLS: Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay November abstract #6, vouchers #231-290 for \$68,978.10, Treasurer's Report, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

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

DPW REPORT

Highway

Still working on leaves and service to winter equipment

Extended the shoulder at Center St., guard rail will be next.

Meeting with BCA regarding Bridge Street repair. The job is roughly estimated to be \$1.25 million and we have received \$1,000,000 from WQIP. There is a 25% match and we hope to receive \$150,000 for water mains from Rural Water. The Village would be responsible for approximately \$146,000 with the numbers we have now.

Water

Had a meeting with BCA regarding what's left open they have everything to move forward before the end of the year .

All sampling completed at passed.

We have a fire hydrant we must fix that was damaged during an accident parts on order.

We had our sanitary survey by Department of Health with no issues.

David has work very hard to get all the lead and copper survey.

More flyers will go out to the lead and unknown houses . There about 50 services effected at this point and 10 percent per year need to be replaced so 5 a year or more if we can manage it .

Met with BCA regarding meters this is in motion and will be funded as part the current water project

Sewer

All sampling completed and passed we are now on plant 1 for the winter.

We are waiting on the parts for the plant from Kester

We fixed 2 service leaks.

We changed 4 grinder pumps.

NYCOM RESOLUTION: Mayor Tackman read the following resolution:

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Cleveland calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Cleveland urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor. The current state aid received is \$6,104.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: William Hamacher read the following report: 1 building permit issues, 12 violations issued and 2 permits closed. During the month of October, I have sent out letters to all businesses regarding fire inspections. I am receiving calls to set these up. I have been in contact with the owner of 94 Bridge Street regarding the eviction process. Next Court date is 11/25/24. I have been returning phone calls and addressing complaints throughout the month. I have also appeared in Court regarding 176 State Route 49. I have also spoken with the owner of 8 Center Street and they will be getting a permit to demo as it is not habitable. The Mayor reported the Clerk has sent an email to the new owner of the old St. Mary's Church regarding the fact that it is still in the church's name and waiting to hear more.

The tree lighting will be Saturday, November 30th and the tree decorating will be 11/16 at 10:30am at the park. The next village meeting is December 10, 2024. At 7:00 the Mayor made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an employee matter, second by Trustee Maughan, all in favor. At 7:09pm, the board came out of executive session and the Mayor made a motion to reopen the meeting and approved the MOA between the Village and the Teamster's Union adding the position of clerk/treasurer as per the agreement, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

At 7:10pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.