

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees John Scatena, Trevor Maughan, Eric Cartier and Robin Wilson, Debra and Mark Everson, John Hinds. Legislator Reehil arrived at 6:30pm.

**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 \$1,120,968.00. Debra Everson questioned if there were any monies set aside within the budget for the rebuilding of Bridge Street. The Mayor and the Clerk responded no, as the intention is to utilize CHIPS funds for the Village portion of the 25% match of the \$1,000,000 grant received as well as the \$150,000 emergency USDA funding that is going toward the repair. Since the repair will not begin until 2026 money to be allocated in next year's budget. Mayor Tackman gave the highlights of the budget including Increase for employees per union contract, at \$1.00 per hour, an increase for Code Enforcement of \$500 annually and \$500 annually for the water/sewer billing clerk. Health Insurance increase of 2.5% annually, (far less than the 12% increase with previous coverage) but our health care costs overall have increased. Mayor Tackman reported that we need to pay employees in order to keep them and these are necessary cost increases.

A - General Fund is utilizing \$7,093 from fund balance. A1001 – Property Taxes – Increased with the tax cap to \$172,127, which is an increase of \$3,426.00, A5142.4 – Salt – This is much higher as we didn't order salt last year, so we need to increase or order from 120 ton to 189 ton and we have to give some to Town of Vienna as we borrowed from them due to the harsh winter. FX – Water – Balanced, and G– Sewer – utilizing \$9,151 from fund balance. She also reported that all the buildings and utilities have generators now. She would like to look into getting a grant to revitalize Memorial Park on Rt. 49. There is some deterioration of the concert around the flag pole that needs to be repaired. With no further questions, at 6:19pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

**REGULAR MEETING 6:30PM** by Mayor Tackman at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Travis Bliss, from Bliss Environmental delivered the only garage bid for opening. The bid stated the cart rental would remain the same at \$1.25 per month and the overall annual cost for 2025-2027 would be \$69,600. Note that if the tipping fees in Oswego County go up during the contract period, we would increase the monthly price accordingly to cover the disposal costs increase. It would be a mutual agreement between Bliss and the Village. Mayor Tackman made a motion to accept the bid from Bliss for \$69,600 annually, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mark Everson spoke up regarding the proposed Dollar General at the site of TJ's restaurant. He stated he and his wife own approximately 20' between TJ's restaurant and the trail. He presented pictures of an old tractor trailer that was brought in by Tom Mirizio years ago and would like to be sure this is not allowed to be left there and would like it addressed. Mayor Tackman will discuss with the Code Officer. She stated they should have brought this up sooner and we could have addressed it sooner. He also brought up the fact there is very poor drainage in front of the current restaurant and if they intent to pave when the store is there is will create more issues. Trustee Scatena stated that the engineers for the project will address this issue. Again, nothing has been brought before the planning/zoning board yet, this is all very preliminary. Mr. Reehil inquired about when the Bridge Street project is completed will there be able to be speed bumps installed, and Mayor Tackman stated absolutely. She wants to see them to curtail the speeding as well. Debra Everson stated so many large trucks go through that portion and they are overweight limits and cause so much damage to the roads. She would like to see a tonnage sign put up as there was one there years ago, but has been down for a long time.

**LEGISLATOR'S REPORT:** Roy only had one item to share that there is only 1 property from the village in the auction. He will get us the information on it as soon as he can.

**BUDGET ADOPTION:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to adopt the 2025-26 Village Budget with total appropriations of \$1,120.968, second by Trustee Scatena, all in favor.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay April abstract #11, vouchers #495-542 for \$89779.71, the Treasurer's Report, and amendments to the Union Contract, second by Trustee Maughan, all in favor.

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

**GENERAL ELECTION RESOLUTION:** The Village Election for two Trustees with a 2-year term position, will be held on June 17, 2025 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025; 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                    

          Cherie Claven                    Ballot Clerk                                    

**DPW REPORT:** Shaun House submitted the following report:

**Sewer**

Pumps and blowers installed.

Samples collected and passed

Sewer main vapor lock repaired and new air relief valve will be installed .

Generator will be installed soon

**Water**

Highlander back in town on water project all odds and ends being resolved.

Samples all passed

New sub main put in at apps 2 inch line with a pressure reducing valve .

**Highway**

Spring clean up and drainage being completed as time allows

New lawn mower will be purchased this year

**TUGHIL REPORT:** Mayor Tackman read the following report submitted by Heidi Tompkins

**NYS Tug Hill Commission – Issue Paper:** [\*How Winter is Changing in the Tug Hill Region\*](#). This paper can be useful for a variety of groups, including those focused on recreation, planning, emergency services, and the environment, to help understand the history of winter seasons and what the future may entail.

**NYS Tug Hill Commission –** [Headwaters 2024 Newsletter 2024-25 Annual Report](#).

**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretarial Disaster Designation:** Following the extreme winter weather in January and February, farms in Oneida, Lewis, Herkimer, Oswego, and Madison counties have received a Secretarial Disaster Designation from the USDA. Governor Kathy Hochul has requested a federal disaster declaration to support farms across Northern and Central New York that sustained damage due to the severe conditions.

**New Municipal Website .gov Requirements** - General Municipal Law § 300 requires all municipal corporations to maintain a “.gov” website with basic municipal information, a privacy policy, and other details, effective June 19, 2025. Bill S783/A3923 proposes limiting this requirement to municipalities with 1,500+ residents and delaying implementation by a year. More information on securing a .gov domain is available [here](#).

· MRB Group and Hancock Estabrook are offering a free annual training program to assist local governments, municipal officials, and planning and zoning boards. The program will include 10 hours of remote training designed to provide a comprehensive education that encompasses all aspects of municipal governance. Next up is SESSION #4: PLANNING BOARD BASICS: ROLES OF THE PLANNING BOARD IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT April 24, 2025 | 6pm-7pm. What triggers a public hearing? When do I need site plan approval? There are so many nuts and bolts to planning boards’ roles and responsibilities. This session focuses on the basics of the board’s role in the development process, and what you might expect when you take your seat. Register here.

· National Grid Files Petition for Upstate Upgrade: National Grid has filed a petition for a “Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need,” Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law, for the reconstruction of approximately 60.9 miles of 115kV transmission line running from the Black River substation in LeRay, Jefferson County, to the Clay substation, in Clay, Onondaga County, and the construction of a new Staplin Creek substation in Rutland, Jefferson County. Within Tug Hill, the Black River-Clay line traverses the Oswego County municipalities of Hastings, Parish, Albion, Orwell, Boylston, and Central Square, as well as the Jefferson County municipalities of Black River, Lorraine, Worth, Rodman, and Rutland. As of earlier this month, the Article VII Public Service Commission applications for all three National Grid power line/ substation projects in the Tug Hill region (Black River-Clay, Black River-Porter, and South Oswego-Tar Hill) are available to the public. For more information on the Upstate Upgrade project, see here. To view the Public Service Commission applications for each line, scroll past the “Projects” map on the webpage and click on the individual project webpages. Links to the applications and other documents can then be found in the “Document Library” section of each sub-page. Links : Black River-Clay --- Black River-Porter --- South Oswego-Tar Hill

· Municipal Parks and Recreation Grants Due May 2 The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation has announced the new Municipal Parks and Recreation (MPR) grant program to fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites. Applications are now open through the on-line Consolidated Funding Application with a deadline of May 2 at 4:00 p.m. For the 2025 grant cycle, successful MPR project applications will be funded with up to \$10 million in Bond Act funds from the Open Space Land Conservation and Recreation category. An additional grant cycle will occur in the future, bringing the program total to \$20 million through two rounds of applications. The MPR grant opportunity can fund up to 90% of the total eligible project costs, with a matching share requirement of 10%. The maximum grant award is \$1,000,000. Grants are administered on a reimbursement basis. Please let commission staff know if we can help you with an application! Contact: Jennifer Harvill at [jennifer@tughill.org](mailto:jennifer@tughill.org).

· NYS Tug Hill Commission: The commission develops five year strategic plans to serve as a guide for our work. The plans draw on input we receive from our local leaders survey, required by our enabling legislation and conducted every years, as well as our dialogue with the region’s five Councils of Governments. The commission adopted a Final Tug Hill Commission 2025-29 Strategic Plan on March 17, 2025, based on our 2024 White Paper to the Governor and Legislature, 2023 Local Leaders Survey Results, consultation with our Councils of Governments, and internal board and staff dialogue.

· NorCOG Business: o New Website! [NorCOG.org](http://NorCOG.org)

o Next NorCOG Meeting: Join us at the next NorCOG meeting on June 26th at 7:00pm. Will be held at the Constantia Town Hall.

o NorCOG & SRCG Joint Meeting & Annual Dinner: September 25<sup>th</sup>.

At 7:09pm Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Maughan, all in favor.