

PRESENT: Mayor Laureen Tackman, Trustees. Trevor Maughan, Eric Cartier, John Scatena & Robin Wilson. Also present, Dan Lewis, Rod Campbell from the Tug Hill Commission, Code Enforcement Officer William Hamacher, Legislator Roy Reehil, Jill and Cannan Phelps.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Tackman made a motion to pay March Abstract #10, vouchers #446-494 for \$57,514.53, approve the pay app. From Khars Construction for the water project for \$56,300, the Treasurer's report and the following budget mods: \$6,5000 from A599 fund balance to A5110.4 Maintenance of Streets, \$2,000 from A599 fund balance to A1640.4 Central Garage \$3,500 from FX599 fund balance to G8130.4 Sewer Contractual, second by Trustee Cartier, all in favor.

**TUGHILL REPORT:** Rod Campbell gave the following report:

**Oswego County Emergency Management:** If you had damage from the Feb. 14-19 snowstorm, New York State needs your help to determine if the residents and businesses of Oswego County qualify for low-interest loans through a **Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster declaration**. This survey is a way of assessing the damage, but is NOT an application for assistance. If assistance becomes available, more information will be shared. LINK to damage assessment survey: <https://on.ny.gov/3xLeNbY>.

**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. Each program in the series will be provided remotely on the fourth Thursday of each month with subject matter experts from MRB Group and knowledgeable attorneys from Hancock Estabrook, LLP. Topics will be lively, useful and – potentially as important – can qualify for the education requirements for members of Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals. To sign up for **Session 3: Under the Tent – Open meetings, record keeping, and engaging the public in community development** held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Tug Hill Commission, Winter Wildlife Webinar Series Part 3: The American Chestnut.** Once a keystone species in Appalachian forests, the American chestnut was nearly wiped out by a fungal blight in the early 1900s. However, hope is on the horizon! Join David Matthews from SUNY ESF's American Chestnut Research & Restoration Project to learn about groundbreaking efforts to restore this iconic tree.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 12, at 6 PM

**Register:** [Here](#) (Zoom link sent upon registration)

Help spread the word and check out past webinar recordings at [tughill.org/services/training](https://tughill.org/services/training).

**Public Work Contractor and Subcontractor Registry:** All contractors and subcontractors submitting bids or performing construction work on public work projects or private projects covered by [Article 8 of the Labor Law](#) are required to register with the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) under [Labor Law Section 220-i](#). Contractors need to register before submitting any new bids or commencing new work on a covered project on or after December 30, 2024. Subcontractors need to register before commencing new work on a covered project on or after December 30, 2024. NYSDOL encourages all contractors and subcontractors to register as soon as possible to obtain a Certificate of Registration to avoid negatively impacting a bidding period or project schedule. For more information visit the NYSDOL website, [here](#).

**Proposed Executive Budget:** The 2025-26 Proposed Executive Budget maintains key funding levels for Tug Hill communities, including \$715M for AIM, \$50M for municipal aid, and steady transportation funding for CHIPS, PAVE-NY, and BRIDGE-NY. It adds \$500M for water and sewer infrastructure and \$100M each for Downtown Revitalization and NY Forward, requiring Pro-Housing certification. Other highlights include

DASNY support for local projects, recognition of EMS as an essential service, \$25M for volunteer fire grants, and a \$100M Pro-Housing Supply Fund. Proposals address cybersecurity reporting, abandoned property acquisition, environmental funding, recreational grants, and vital records fee adjustments. The Tug Hill Commission would see increased funding for salary adjustments. For more details you can visit the [Association of Towns \(AOT\)](#).

**Congressionally Directed Spending Applications:** The CDS process is an opportunity for Federal Representatives to place requests to direct federal funding to local projects, programs, or initiatives that advance community priorities across New York State, local. Starting now, eligible applicants can apply for federal funds to be set aside for specific projects that would benefit from a one-time allocation. Before applying for CDS funding, please carefully [review this list](#) of potential funding accounts, which is unchanged from FY25, pending further updates from the Senate Appropriations Committee. Applications are due by Monday, March 31.

**DEC Releases Draft General Permits for Certain Activities in Wetland Areas: Public Comments Accepted Until March 14, 2025.** New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar announced the release of five new draft general permits and two updated general permits for various activities in State-regulated freshwater wetlands and wetland adjacent areas, protected waterbodies, and navigable waters. These draft permits were developed to help streamline the application process and provide consistency and direction to support implementation of recently adopted updated regulations to protect freshwater wetlands across New York State. The five new draft statewide general permits (GP) and two updated statewide GPs released cover various activities in State-regulated freshwater wetlands and wetland adjacent areas, protected waterbodies, and navigable waters. The general permits would be issued for five years and for locations statewide with excluded jurisdictions, if applicable, identified in each GP. Specific application requirements and procedures are identified in each general permit. The full description of proposed authorized activities, terms, and conditions are available for review on [DEC's website](#).

**5 Million Trees Tracker is Now Live:** Have you planted a tree in New York since January 1, 2024? Record it in DEC's new Tree Tracker and help reach the goal of planting 25 million trees by 2033! Every tree planted contributes to a greener, healthier New York. Whether planting one or many, make sure yours count by adding them to the Tree Tracker. Visit [DEC's website](#) to learn more and record your trees!

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** William Hamacher gave the following report:

This month of February has been quite busy with several training classes for the new DEC regulations. I have been returning phone calls and emails working on the 1203 State Report for the year and closing out old permits. I have left several messages with the engineers for the DEC regarding the work they plan to do at 140 Bridge Street training center with not much response. I have been contacted by the Broadway Group regarding potential retail development on State Route 49 at TJ's Restaurant and Motel. This would be subject to a planning board review. (Layout drawings provided). I have also done an inventory of on collapsed structures in the village and reporting them to the County. There have been 12 reported collapsed structures.

**LATE FEE WAIVER:** Gary Natali, owner of the Mobile Home Park on Beach Road had inquired as to whether the Village would be willing to waive the late fee on his quarterly bill if he paid the bill monthly. The board discussed the proposal and felt it is not fair to other residents who are charged a late fee when they have not paid on time. Mayor Tackman made a motion not to waive late fees for the Beach Road Mobile Home Park and Gary Natali, second by Trustee Wilson, all in favor.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION BID:** The current contract will expire this June and our attorney has reviewed the contract and made some modifications. The board approved the bid specs and the bid will run in the newspaper with bids due by 4/8 at 6:30pm to be opened at the monthly meeting.

**LEGISLATOR REPORT:** Legislator Reehil wanted to commend the DPW for the super work they performed during the storms of last month. He reported the SOCRIS County wide sewer project is moving ahead with 9 municipalities, Constantia, West Monroe, Central Square, Hastings, Schroepfel, Phoenix, Volney and the County. The Town of Constantia had a public hearing to approve the raising of the EDU cost up to \$1,200 per EDU. William Hamacher inquired about the County's Land Bank program and if was still going. Roy stated the Supreme Court made some changes to the rules and how this is handled. Fulton and Oswego have revitalization programs for homes and give grants for improvements and upgrades and the State is looking to model this and the Land Bank can hopefully facilitate this, whether in fixing up or taking homes down to bring values up.

Mayor Tackman stated there is no new information regarding the former St. Mary's Church, but the County Clerk is aware and working on it. At 7:04pm, Mayor Tackman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Maughan, all in favor.