

## Village of Cleveland Board Meeting /Public Hearing May 11, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Malchoff J. Davis, Trustee Debbie Kite, Trustee Joseph Carr, Trustee Norm Youmans, DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs, Fire Chief Joni Hinds, Town Supervisor Chuck Gilkey, John Hinds, Clyde Lewis, Elwood Engelbrekt, Joe Mazi, Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission.

ABSENT: Trustee Joe Domachowski

CALLED TO ORDER: by Mayor Davis at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Davis opened the public hearing in regards to the 2010-2011 Village Budget with the following comments: There will be no employee raises given, there will be no tax increase; the rate will stay the same as last year and due to the failed referendum for the water system upgrade, the water budget will need to be extensively revised to make necessary improvements to the water system. Short term BANS are available at this time for 2.79%, the interest changing yearly upon renewal. The Village will be at the mercy of the financial market when borrowing. The Bridge Street project to replace the water main is estimated at approx \$150,000; the cost for the first year would be about \$34,000. The Board needs to analyze and anticipate a substantial increase in water rates.

Board and Public Comments:

*Trustee Kite* noted that there would still be a substantial increase in the water rates to accommodate the necessary upgrades right now, and probably more in the near future. However the proposed project indicated an increase of \$99.00 per year and would have included everything for many years to come.

*Joe Mazi* wanted to know how many leaks were in the 4" main on Bridge St.

*Mayor Davis:* The line is beyond repair. Approx 900 ft of 8" line is needed. Sidewalks are needed for the kids. Bids will be taken for the project.

*Trustee Youmans:* Is the necessity Bridge St? Does the School have an 8" line?

*Mayor:* It's been patched several times and about 6 people are tapped into it and could be a mess if it breaks. Yes the School has an 8" line. The line being replaced would start west of North Shore Ambulance and continue down Bridge St. to West St.

*Trustee Youmans:* Asked more questions about borrowing and the BANS.

*Mayor:* BANS are renewed every year up to 5 years. Then BONDS. It will cost about 4-5,000 in legal expenses for BONDS. Engineering expenses will be included in the \$150,000.

*Elwood Engelbrekt:* Asked if the Village employees could do the work?

*Mayor:* Stated that the Village doesn't have capabilities, equipment or time to do the work.

*Trustee Youmans:* Feels that the Board should take a harder look at the possibility of the Village doing the work, to maybe save some money. Price skyrockets when bids are let out.

*Mayor:* Suggested that Trustee Youmans look over the Engineer's preliminary plans and schedule a work meeting for further discussion. Youmans stated that it sounded reasonable.

*Clyde Lewis:* The project on Bridge St. includes the removal of several trees. Can the Town of Constantia help the Village take them down? Trustee Youmans said they would look into it.

*Mayor:* The Water Tank will need to be painted in 5 years. Payment for this will need to be planned and incorporated in the budget.

*No other* comments were made.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor made motion to close Public Hearing, second by Trustee Youmans, all in favor, motion carried.

OPEN BOARD MEETING: Mayor made motion to open Board Meeting, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL 2010-2011 Budget: Mayor Davis made a motion to accept the 2010-2011 Budget as presented with the understanding that the Board will review the water budget to upgrade as necessary to handle repairs to water system, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor, motion carried.

WORK MEETING: A work meeting is planned for Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm to discuss necessary water system improvements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Trustee Carr made motion to approve minutes for 4/22/10 Work Meeting, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

FISCAL ADVISOR REPORTS: Will wait to approve March 31, 2010 Fiscal reports at the work meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

ADDITIONS TO Abstract: Mayor made motion to approve the additions to abstract # 11 vouchers # 540, second by Trustee Carr, all in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS Abstract # 12: Mayor made motion to approve Abstract # 12 vouchers # 541-593, seconded by Trustee Carr, all in favor, motion carried. Items questioned: North Shore Electric, Sludge and beds, and where to move \$3600 for engineering fees for Water Project placed in capital project on April Abstract-will be discussed further at work meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mayor read monthly report. This report covers 4/1/10—4/30/10: Field Inspections-16, 4 Complaints (Darell Pitre-Junk vehicle, Jack Taskey-Junk vehicle and trash, Harold White-Junk vehicle). Trustee Domachowske will meet with Code Officer to discuss the revision of the Junk Car and Property maint. Law.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. Fire Chief Joni Hinds read monthly alarm report.
2. Fire Chief Joni Hinds presented a letter to the Board to explain items purchased this month. New hardware is necessary to accommodate the new Radio Upgrade System. The upgraded system has been established to make room for cell phones, TVs, radios and computers. Both Oneida and Oswego County expenses will be spread out over a two year period. Oswego County will be part of a five County common radio network. Ten more towers in addition to the current five are planned.
3. Budget Adjustment: Mayor made motion to approve budget adjustment to move \$1967.05 from Law A1420.41 to Contractual A3410.4, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE: Joni Hinds gave update: The committee will be sponsoring a Cleveland Community Market Day once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in June, July, Aug, and Sept. at the Village Hall parking lot from 3-7 pm. There will be no fee to sell goods. A sign was ordered to hang in planter in front of the Village Hall. The next meeting will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

LETTER: LANCE VELLA: A letter from Lance Vella regarding the water bill for property owned by Vella Properties of NY LLC was received and read by the Board. This property, located outside of the Village at 276 State Route 49 was vacant for some time before Mr. Vella's company purchased the property in November 2009. The Village was not informed of the purchase and the water bills being sent to previous owner were not paid or returned as undelivered. Mr. Vella requested a reduction of his water bill and a reclassification of the property (an assessment equal to a residential outside user), as it no longer houses three businesses. The Board determined that each request should be addressed separately as follows:

1. Trustee Youmans made a motion whereas the property at 276 State Route 49 will continue to be classified as Commercial Property, however it will be classified as (one) business and charged (2)-Outside Water Units and as according to the Village Local Water Law, until such time as the property will house more than one business at which time the units charged will be reassessed, second by Trustee Carr, vote as follows: Carr-yes, Kite-yes, Youmans-yes, Davis recused himself from vote, motion carried.
2. Trustee Carr made a motion whereas the current and past water charges assessed to the property at 276 State Route 49 will receive no reduction, therefore the current owner is responsible for payment in full at this time, second by Trustee Youmans, vote as follows: Carr-yes, Kite-yes, Youmans-yes, Davis recused himself from vote, motion carried.  
Trustee Kite will inform Mr. Vella in writing regarding the Board's response to his requests, and will suggest that he contact the former owner for retribution.

BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT: Boy Scout Matt Martin has agreed to revise his plans to include an aluminum, no maintenance flagpole, at the request of the Village Board, as part of his Eagle Scout Project at the

Village Hall. This will require more funds from donations. A spot to place the flagpole is yet to be determined. Trustee Youmans stated he wants to be informed before it is placed.

NYMIR Risk Management Policies: Clerk Sweeten presented newly prepared Village Anti-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Internet Policies to the Board as recommended by NYMIR, the Village's Insurance Company, after an underwriting survey was done in November 2009. The Board members were asked to review and edit if needed, and be prepared to adopt these policies at the next work meeting.

FLAGS: Trustee Kite will check on flags for Lakeview Park and the Village Hall meeting room. DPW Superintendent Doug Riggs will purchase flags that are placed on the telephone poles.

SIGN AT Memorial Park on North Street: Still needs to be done. Supervisor Chuck Gilkey suggested contacting Ron Steinback in Constantia.

PARKS & REC Program: The Park's Director has not yet contacted the Clerk regarding the summer park program. There are deadlines that have passed. It is necessary for someone to send needed paperwork ASAP to secure a program for the children this summer. Due to extreme vandalism to the storage room at the pavilion, there will be a higher than usual cost this year to replace items needed for the program. Several ways were discussed to stop vandals from breaking in. Trustee Youmans and Trustee Carr will work on a solution and present it at the work meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Commission: Thanked the Board members who attended the Supercog Meeting held on 5/6/10. Paul invited anyone interested, to attend the Tug Hill Commission's yearly meeting on Wed May 26<sup>th</sup> at the West Monroe Town Hall.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Work Meeting: June 1, 2010 7:30pm

Regular Board Meeting: June 8, 2010 at 7:30pm

Village General Election: Tuesday June 15, 2010 12-9 pm at the Village Hall

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Mayor made motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm, second by Trustee Kite, all in favor, motion carried.

Recorded and Submitted by Phyllis Sweeten, Clerk-Treasurer on 5/25/2010.