

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 19, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mayor Edward C. Moulton, Jr.
Trustee Charles R. Hahn
Trustee Mark J. Edsall
Trustee Peter J. Miller
Trustee William T. Fogarty

Also present were: DPW Superintendent Robert Gilmore, Water Superintendent Robert June, Police Chief Charles Williams, Attorney for the Village, Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP, by Michele Babcock, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Trustee Fogarty moved for the acceptance of the November 21, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the December 12, 2005 Special Meeting Minutes as presented, on a motion seconded by Trustee Hahn, the minutes were approved 5 ayes and 0 nays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Moulton stated that a treasurer's report has been prepared through November and distributed to the Village Board for review.

The open utility balances report for the end of November read as follows:

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 116,888.69
Town water & penalties	259,809.91

Which included 4 finals/adjustments for the Village and 2 for the Town.

The following claims were approved for payment:

General Fund claims in the amount of	\$ 316,268.51
Water Fund claims in the amount of	315,997.29
Sewer Fund claims in the amount of	4,400.83
Trust & Agency claims in the amount of	578.34
Capital Water claims in the amount of	17,500.00

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Department of Public Works reported tree planting, continuation of work at the new DPW facility, black topping of potholes, general maintenance, and plowing/sanding of streets.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported 6 certificates of occupancy were issued.

The Building Inspector reported 26 on site inspections, 3 fire inspections, and 10 building permits were issued.

The Police Department reported 7 COVAC assists; 17 calls were covered for/assisted to Town Police; 11 responses to burglar alarms; 5 E-911 hangups; 2 domestic incidents; 8 crimes were committed; 2 vehicle lockouts; 4 accidents were investigated; 21 moving violation tickets; and 1 parking ticket were issued. Total patrol miles = 3,295, not including mileage on Chief's vehicle.

Chief Williams reported that Detective Christopher Park continues investigation of nine (9) open cases.

Upon the recommendation of Chief Williams and after interviews of candidates with the Village Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to appoint Detective Christopher Park to the position of Sergeant (provisional), effective immediately, and subject to his passing the Civil Service Exam in June of 2006, which was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Hahn made a motion authorizing the Village Clerk to accept sealed bids for the 1993 Chevrolet Caprice VIN# 1G1BL5376PW138180 (previously surplused K-9 vehicle #428) which was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Chief Williams reported that the bicycles surplused last month were made available for public viewing and none were claimed. These bicycles have been taken to the Bruderhof Community in Ulster County where they will be refurbished and donated to needy families in the Kingston area. The other property also deemed surplus will be auctioned off through a contract with Propertyroom.com. The Village will receive 50% of the selling price.

Chief Williams further reported that he has been awarded a grant through Senator Larkin's office for a new SUV and tactical equipment. The Village received \$40,000 and our match is \$13,333. Funds will be made available in February of 2006. In addition he has submitted a grant application to the NYS Department of Education Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund. A total of \$24,000 was requested to upgrade the computer server and workstations to meet Orange County Law Records Management System minimum requirements.

The Water Department reported an average daily production of 1.361 million gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected. It was also reported that 70 utility locations were made, 10 meters were repaired or replaced, 6 special readings were taken, and routine maintenance was performed. Water leaks were repaired and roadways blacktopped at 68 Quaker Avenue, and Main Street (Brookside Condos), sidewalks were repaired at 154 Main St. and 270 Main St., well vaults were pumped out, and the department assisted with water main repairs on Maple St. Ext.

Water Superintendent June reported that the Catskill Filter Plant was off-line for 5 days in November because of high turbidity.

The Fire Department reported 31 responses, including 7 emergency medical service (EMS) calls, for a total of 342 volunteer man hours.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from Charles Seliga of Stewart International Airport stating that in May of 2006, the airport name will officially change to New York Hudson Valley International Airport.

OLD BUSINESS

MOUNTAIN ROAD/ PRIVATE WATER LINES – EASEMENTS

Water Superintendent June reported that a meeting with the Surveyor last month was postponed. He has been attempting to reschedule to no avail.

BLACK ROCK FILTER PLANT STATUS/TESTING

Water Superintendent June reported that we are awaiting a delivery date on the outside tank. The new surge protection tank for inside the plant should be ready in mid January.

RIVER AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Moulton stated that this item remains in the planning stages.

JOINT SEWER PLANT DISCUSSION

Trustee Hahn stated that there is nothing new to report on this item.

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Village Clerk reported that she is in receipt of the contract documents but not the cost estimate from the Village Engineer. She will send a letter requesting the cost estimate as soon as possible.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW I-7 OF 2004–STEEP SLOPE AND SOILS PRESERVATION

Mayor Moulton stated that this item is being reviewed by the Master Plan Committee and Planning Board.

RIVERFRONT PARK SHELTER

DPW Superintendent stated that the footings will be poured tomorrow. The structure is schedule to be delivered for assembly in spring of 2006.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mayor Moulton stated that he is in receipt of an interim report which will be reviewed by the Village Board.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC)

Mayor Moulton stated that this committee remains active on the construction of the new DPW facility on Shore Road.

ASSISTANT WATER SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

Mayor Moulton stated that this position will be finalized and filled shortly.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #I-5 ABANDONED VEHICLES AMENDMENT

Mayor Moulton stated that this item remains tabled for additional study.

INTEGRATED TELEPHONE SYSTEM – BID RESULTS

Mayor Moulton stated that Proposals for an Integrated Telephone System were opened on December 9, 2005, with three received. Discussion followed with Mr. Keith Studt of ITC, one of the bidders, who was in the audience. Trustee Edsall then made a motion to table action this item until January 9, 2006 which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a revised draft fee schedule. He tabled action on this item until January 9, 2006 for Village Board review.

Mayor Moulton stated that he met with Congresswomen Sue Kelly, members of the Baymans Association and Master Plan Committee on December 2nd. He followed up on that meeting by sending a letter to her formally requesting a liaison with the Army Corps of Engineers for the purpose of arranging bottom studies of the Hudson River, and names of individuals expert in waterfront development.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW – LIMITED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Trustee Miller made a motion to introduce the following proposed local law.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Orange County, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 145 of the Code of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, County of Orange,

State of New York, entitled "Taxes", is hereby amended by adding thereto a new Article III, to be entitled "Property Tax Exemption for Resident and Active Duty Volunteer Firefighters", which Article III shall provide:

145.1 Purpose.

Volunteer firefighters personnel in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson provide a valuable service to members of the community. These workers absorb many costs over the years including training and cost of being certified and recertified. This exemption will help offset those costs and also encourage more local residents to become members of these volunteer organizations since they would receive a meaningful reduction of their taxes.

145.2 Authority.

This local law is enacted pursuant to the authority of §466-f of the Real Property Tax Law of New York State, which in turn was enacted by the Orange County Legislature in 2005.

145.3 Property Tax Exemption.

The property tax exemption shall equal ten (10%) percent of the assessed value of the property, to a maximum of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars, multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson.

145.4 Qualified Persons.

For the purpose of qualifying for this exemption, a person must be certified by the Fire Chief as being 1) an enrolled member of the incorporated volunteer fire company in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson; 2) having been on active duty status for at least five (5) years; and 3) having current state certification as a volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician (EMT).

145.5 The applicant for the exemption must reside in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and where he or she is a volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician (EMT)..

145.6 Qualified Real Property.

A parcel of real property must satisfy the following requirements to qualify for the exemption provided for herein:

- A. The premises must be used solely as the primary residence of the qualified volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician (EMT).; and
- B. The exemption shall not apply to any part of the premises that is not in a residential use; and
- C. The premises must be located within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson where the owner is a certified firefighter or emergency medical technician (EMT)..

145.7 Certification.

- I. The certification of active status of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technician (EMT) by the Fire Chief shall be filed with the Assessor of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson prior to August 1st each year. A copy of such certification shall also be mailed to each person on the certification list, prior to August 1st, with instructions to each to obtain an application for exemption from the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Assessor, and that filing of the application must be prior to September 1st of the year for which the exemption is desired, and that the exemption must be renewed annually by filing such forms with the Assessor before September 1st of each year.

- II. Any volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician (EMT) whose volunteer fire department has initiated a service award program pursuant to Article 11AA or Article 11AAA of the General Municipal Law must have participated in at least ten (10%) percent of fire department responses in the prior calendar year to qualify for the property tax exemption in the following calendar year.

145.8 Life Time Exemption.

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson who accrues more than twenty (20) years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department shall be granted the ten (10%) percent exemption as authorized by Section 145.3 for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

ELECTION RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Election will be held in the Meeting Room of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., on the 21st day of March, 2006, between the hours of Noon and 9 PM and that at such election, the following officers are to be elected for the terms set opposite thereto, respectively,

Trustee	Two Years
Trustee	Two Years

On a motion by Trustee Edsall, seconded by Trustee Miller, the foregoing resolution was adopted on December 19, 2005 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

RESCHEDULE JANUARY 16, 2006 MEETING – MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

Trustee Fogarty made a motion to reschedule the January meeting from the 16th to January 23rd, 2006 which was seconded by Trustee Hahn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter with the President of Storm King Engine Co. #2 which was seconded by Trustee Miller and upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.