

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 10, 2006

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, Police Chief Charles Williams, Water Superintendent Robert June, SKEC #2 Fire Chief Jeffrey Armitage, Attorney for the Village, Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP, by Michele Babcock, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Trustee Hahn moved for the acceptance of the June 19, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes as read, on a motion seconded by Trustee Miller, the minutes were approved 5 ayes and 0 nays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 207,405.74
Town water & penalties	217,850.29

Which included 8 finals/adjustments for the Village and 9 for the Town.

The following claims were approved for payment:

General Fund claims in the amount of	\$ 218,818.29
Water Fund claims in the amount of	453,303.16
Sewer Fund claims in the amount of	3,292.80
Trust & Agency claims in the amount of	670.84
Capital Water claims in the amount of	31,149.58

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Playground – Village Clerk Mahoney reported that Summer Playground started on this date with a record number of 147 children registering. The program ran smoothly, and the move to St. Thomas location does not appear to have caused any hardships.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Water Department reported an average daily production of 1.164 million gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected. It was also reported that 98 utility locations were made, 16 meters were repaired or replaced, and 9 special readings were taken. In addition to routine maintenance, a water leak was repaired at 371 Hudson St., water mains were repaired on Mailler Avenue and Mill Street, and main line pressure reduction vaults (PRV's) were serviced.

Water Superintendent June further reported that he has set up an inspection of our Dams through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for July 13th.

The Police Department reported 14 COVAC assists; 13 calls were covered for/assisted to Town Police; 18 responses to burglar alarms; 3 E-911 hangups; 4 domestic incidents; 48 crimes were committed; 1 vehicle lockout; 3 accidents were investigated; 20 moving violations; and 15 parking tickets were issued. Total patrol miles = 3,575, not including mileage on Chief's vehicle.

Chief Williams reported that Sergeant Christopher Park continues investigation of six (6) open cases.

Chief Williams also provided a copy of an email sent to him by a Village resident in appreciation for the manner in which Police Officer Sean Kelly handled a report of stolen item on June 11th. He was able to retrieve and return the stolen item the same night. She "thanks him for responding so quickly and kindly to our needs."

The Department of Public Works reported sweeping of roadways with repaired current machine, bridge repair on Mountain Road, preparation work for Riverfest, grass mowing, removal of dead trees, and blacktopping of potholes.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported 7 certificates of occupancy were issued. In addition, 6 property maintenance and 5 unregistered vehicle violations were issued.

The Building Inspector reported 25 on site inspections and 13 building permits were issued.

DPW Superintendent Gilmore requests the Board authorize him to purchase a new F350 4x4 truck with an 8' pickup box and accessories thru N.Y.S. contract at a price not to exceed \$35,000.00. He states that \$40,000.00 was budgeted this year for this purchase. Of that amount, \$5,000.00 was used toward the purchase and repair of a used sweeper. Hearing no objection from the Village Board, Mayor Moulton authorized the purchase as budgeted.

The Fire Department reported 52 responses, including 15 emergency medical service (EMS) calls, for a total of 750.5 volunteer man hours.

Mayor Moulton reported that he has received a copy of the annual report prepared by the Village Treasurer for fiscal year ending February 28, 2006. He stated that our efforts toward fiscal restraints are working well. He thanked the department heads for curbing their spending. He indicated that we appear to have “turned the corner” and are “heading in the right direction” on our financial picture. The General Fund removed its deficit by reduced spending and unanticipated revenue. The Sewer Fund continues to improve its fund balance. The Water Fund, although still in deficit, made significant improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

BLACK ROCK FILTER PLANT STATUS/MODIFICATIONS

Water Superintendent June reported that he is in receipt of the change order/proposal from Waltech Construction Corp. for installation of a surge tank inside the plant. The proposal includes removal of a section of roofing, trusses, etc. Once that work has been completed, Waltech will coordinate the “start up” procedures at the plant.

Trustee Edsall made a motion to accept the Change Order/Proposal on Waltech Construction Corp. contract with the Village to complete the Black Rock Filtration Plant work of John Kenney Construction, in accordance with the June 29, 2006 letter. In addition, the motion will authorize Mayor Moulton to sign the change order in the amount of \$48,000.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

RIVER AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS 2006

Mayor Moulton stated that this item remains under review by the DPW Superintendent.

JOINT SEWER PLANT DISCUSSION

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

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Village Clerk Mahoney stated that she is in receipt of a request from the Orange County Community Development Office to insert federal wage revisions into the bid documents before final approval is granted.

STEEP SLOPES/VIEW PRESERVATION REVISIONS

Mayor Moulton stated that this item remains tabled for recommendations by the Master Plan Committee.

RIVERFRONT PARK SHELTER

Mayor Moulton stated that the structure is complete. Hand rails will be installed shortly. A dedication has been scheduled for August 10, 2006 at 10:00 AM.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mayor Moulton stated that the committee is nearing completion of a concept plan and report. Once completed, the plan will be provided to the Village Board for legal review before formalizing.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC)

Mayor Moulton stated that the committee is actively working on projects in the Village Center.

FEE SCHEDULE - REVISIONS

Mayor Moulton stated that this matter will be tabled for additional review.

WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Moulton stated that there is nothing new to report on this item.

RIVERBANK/MISSERE

Mayor Moulton stated that the Village Board met with Mr. Anthony Missere, owner of the Riverbank Restaurant, regarding his request for a license agreement allowing an outdoor dining platform and reconfiguration of the Village sidewalk in front of his property on River Avenue. The plan presented will result in the loss of some parking on River Avenue; however, through another license agreement with the Village, will create an additional 10 parking spaces on Village property off Maple Avenue Extension.

Trustee Edsall made a motion authorizing Mayor Moulton to sign license agreement(s) to be prepared by the Deputy Village Attorney, including Village Board revisions, in accordance with the most recent site (survey) plan as prepared by Steven P. Drabick. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hahn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Missere introduced Lucy Provincale, head chef at the Riverbank. She wanted to thank the Village Board for their support of the plan for outdoor dining.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET REVISION

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a memo from Village Clerk Mahoney requesting a budget revision. This will coincide with an upcoming bond sale. She is requesting to move funds from Serial Bond lines (9710) to Bond Anticipation Note lines (9730) in order to make budgeted Village BAN payments.

Trustee Fogarty made a motion authorizing a budget revision to move \$34,274.38 from line A9710.6 (General Serial Bond Princ.) to A9730.6 (General BAN Princ.) which was seconded by Trustee Hahn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Trustee Fogarty then made a motion to move \$2,225.62 from line F9710.6 (Water Serial Bond Princ.) to F9730.6 (Water BAN Princ.) which was seconded by Trustee Hahn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

APPOINTMENT OF FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

Upon the recommendation of Chief Williams, Trustee Miller made a motion to appoint John Peña a full time police officer for the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, effective July 21, 2006, in accordance with all Orange County Civil Service regulations and P.B.A. contract which was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – PBA PART TIME OFFICERS

Trustee Fogarty made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, dated May 15, 2006, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement which was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

APPOINTMENT OF WATER DEPARTMENT LABORER

Upon the recommendation of Water Superintendent June, Trustee Hahn made a motion to appoint Thomas Johnson a Laborer in the Water Department, effective July 17, 2006, at current contract wage, which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Trustee Fogarty made a motion to appoint Gina Haynsworth to fill the unexpired term of William Geiser in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Zoning Board of Appeals which was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

CREATION OF POSITION IN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Gilmore, Trustee Miller made a motion to create a laborer position in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Sewer Department, subject to appropriate paperwork being forwarded to Orange County Department of Personnel and CSEA. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hahn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Moulton stated that he has received several letters from Village residents complaining about the frequent power outages that have occurred. Fire Chief Armitage advised that some of the recent outages have been caused by problems on the transformers along Forge Hill Road in New Windsor which service the Village. He further advised that work is being done this summer on the Academy Avenue line which should improve electrical service.

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from Christine Kirk of 7 Bayview Avenue requesting installation of a sign to warn drivers to “slow down Children at Play”. DPW Superintendent Gilmore advised that a sign has been ordered. In addition, school signs have also been ordered.

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from Amy Rau and Seymour Segnit of 1 Grandview Avenue requesting permission to hold a wedding ceremony at Donahue Memorial Park on Saturday October 7th at 2:00 PM. Approximately 100 guests are expected. In addition, they wish to hold the reception at their home at 1 Grandview Avenue.

Trustee Miller made a motion to grant permission to hold the wedding ceremony as requested, provided that the Police Chief be consulted to discuss parking concerns and a park maintenance fee of \$100.00 be made to the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson. The motion was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Miller moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter with the attorney, which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.