

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 18, 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 William T. Fogarty
Trustee Peter J. Miller

Absent was: Trustee Mark J. Edsall

Also present were: DPW Superintendent Robert Gilmore, Water Superintendent Robert June, Police Chief Charles Williams, SKEC #2 Fire Chief Jeffrey Armitage, Deputy Village Attorney Howard Protter, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Trustee Fogarty moved for the acceptance of the August 14, 2006 Regular Meeting and September 11, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes as presented, on a motion seconded by Trustee Hahn, the minutes were approved 4 ayes and 0 nays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mayor Moulton stated that the Department of Public Works needs to replace the packer on the Mack garbage truck. DPW Superintendent Gilmore has found a used (2005) packer through a dealer in New Jersey at a cost of \$9,900.00. He recommends that ½ the cost to purchase the packer be paid through the garbage expense line and the balance through a budget transfer from contingency to the garbage expense line.

Trustee Fogarty made a motion to authorize a budget revision moving \$4,950.00 from line A1990.4 (General Contingency) to A8160.4 (General Refuse/Garbage Expense) which was seconded by Trustee Hahn and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Moulton stated that due to a record number of children attending this year's Summer Playground Program, additional counselors and supplies which were not budgeted, were needed.

Mayor Moulton then made a motion to authorize a budget revision moving \$1,054.28 from line A1990.4 (General Continency) to A7310.4 (Youth Program Expense) which was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 244,672.54
Town water & penalties	182,525.69

Which included 7 finals/adjustments for the Village and 10 for the Town.

The following claims were approved for payment:

General Fund claims in the amount of	\$ 358,004.60
Water Fund claims in the amount of	197,191.09
Sewer Fund claims in the amount of	4,756.00
Trust & Agency claims in the amount of	3,434.45
Capital Water claims in the amount of	4,481.00

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police Department reported 3 COVAC assists; 29 calls were covered for/assisted to Town Police; 18 responses to burglar alarms; 3 E-911 hangups; 4 domestic incidents; 54 crimes were committed; 1 vehicle lockout; 4 accidents were investigated; 46 moving violations; and 27 parking tickets were issued. Total patrol miles = 3,625, not including mileage on Chief's vehicle.

Chief Williams reported that Sergeant Christopher Park continues investigation of four (4) open cases.

Chief Williams is in receipt of a letter of resignation from George M. Patsalos, a Part-Time Police Officer with the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson. Trustee Fogarty made a motion to accept the resignation, with regret, which was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

The Water Department reported an average daily production of 1.184 million gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected. The required lead and copper samples were also collected. It was also reported that 79 utility locations were made, 14 meters were repaired or replaced, and 17 special readings were taken. In addition to routine maintenance, water leaks were repaired at 26 First St. and 50 Weeks Ave., a valve box was repaired at 64 Maple Rd., pressure reduction valves were replaced on Maple Rd., and main line pressure reduction vaults (PRV's) were serviced.

Water Superintendent June further reported that the surge reduction tank was installed inside the Black Rock Microfiltration Plant without having to remove the roof. The outside tank will be installed this coming week. "Start Up" testing will begin within the next 2-3 weeks.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported 5 certificates of occupancy were issued. In addition 3 property maintenance and 2 unregistered vehicles violations were issued.

The Building Inspector reported 46 on site inspections, 1 fire inspection, and 6 building permits were issued.

The Department of Public Works reported sweeping of roadways, blacktopping of potholes, grass mowing, brush cutting, and removal of old packer from Mack garbage truck.

Mayor Moulton stated that over the past several months the Department of Public Works has had a serious manpower shortage due to illness and injury. He asks that the community be patient with the department while they try to catch up.

The Fire Department reported 24 responses, including 3 emergency medical service (EMS) calls, for a total of 325 volunteer man hours.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from William Shuster Executive Director of the Black Rock Consortium requesting permission to use the area around the Upper (Gibson) Reservoir for an art event taking place from October 7th through the 21st. Hearing no objection from the Board, permission will be granted.

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from Edward Diana the Orange County Executive supporting the 400th anniversary celebration for Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River scheduled for 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Farabaugh of Cornwall Avenue asked the Village to consider using less salt on the roadways during the winter months in order to protect maple trees. In addition she asked when the Village will be planting the trees on Cornwall Avenue as previously stated.

DPW Superintendent Gilmore stated that he will take the request for less salt under advisement. Trustee Fogarty stated that two trees will be planted on Cornwall Avenue either in late September or October.

Barry Gruber of Bayview Avenue asked for an update on the Village's inquiry to Central Hudson regarding the high number of power outages.

Trustee Hahn stated that he was told that work to improve services is "progressing". Central Hudson crews are presently working along Academy Avenue and will continue down Hudson Street, replacing poles and wires. He is still awaiting a written explanation from them.

OLD BUSINESS

BLACK ROCK FILTER PLANT STATUS/MODIFICATIONS

Mayor Moulton stated that this item was covered earlier in tonight's agenda.

RIVER AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Moulton stated that this item will be tabled until 2007 due to a manpower shortage within the Department of Public Works.

JOINT SEWER PLANT DISCUSSION

Trustee Hahn stated that capital improvements are needed at the sewer plant. He has requested a report of the improvements needed and a timetable for the work and cost estimates.

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Mayor Moulton stated that a bid opening was held on August 31st with two bids received. The bids were provided to the Deputy Village Attorney and Village Engineer for review and comment. Upon the request of the Village Engineer, this item will be tabled until October to provide time to check the references provided by the apparent low bidder.

STEEP SLOPES/VIEW PRESERVATION REVISIONS

Mayor Moulton stated that this item remains under review.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Deputy Village Attorney Protter stated that his office is assisting in preparation of the final document. A preliminary draft should be ready within the next week.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC)

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

FEE SCHEDULE - REVISIONS

Upon the recommendation of the DPW Superintendent, and review of the Village Board at the work session, Trustee Fogarty made a motion to accept a revised list of fee schedules prepared by DPW Superintendent Gilmore. This motion was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Moulton stated that there is nothing new to report on this item. The Board hopes to connect the 400th anniversary of the Hudson River discovery in 2009 with a riverfront project to help us celebrate. He requests volunteers to serve on a 2009 celebration committee for the Village.

CSEA & PBA NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor Moulton stated that negotiations on a CSEA contract are basically complete. Negotiations on a PBA contract have not officially started. We are awaiting proposed meeting dates and the return of the PBA President.

ENCROACHMENTS

Mayor Moulton stated that the Village Board has discussed encroachments of several properties onto the Village right of way along Cornwall Avenue, Grandview Avenue, River Street, Hudson St., etc. Notices will be going out within the next few weeks advising residents who are in serious violation with

encroachments. A liberal amount of time (6-12 months) will be given to correct these violations.

ST LUKES/CORNWALL HOSPITAL GALA – SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

Mayor Moulton stated that the Gala was “a fine event” and raised significant funds for the hospital. We were able to showcase our beautiful and passive riverfront. A critique will follow with the hospital representatives shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

VACANCIES ON PLANNING & GRIEVANCE BOARDS

Mayor Moulton stated that there is a vacancy on the Village Planning Board. In addition, volunteers are needed for the Grievance Board which meets one afternoon each year in November. Anyone interested should contact the Village Clerk.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW – PHONEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Deputy Village Attorney Protter stated that a draft local law is provided for review by the Village Board. Discussion followed on how the Village may assist in reducing the number of phonebooks distributed by requiring agencies to register with the Village Clerk. Persons not interested in receiving the books would also register with the Clerk in a “do not call” format.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Miller moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with the DPW Superintendent, Water Superintendent, Police Chief, and the Village Clerk which was seconded by Trustee Hahn and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 PM.

Upon the recommendation of the Police Chief, Trustee Miller made a motion authorizing 30 days of supplemental sick leave, in accordance with the current PBA contract to Louis DiMiceli. This is subject to a complete medical report listing his current medical condition and prognosis toward a future return to active duty. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Fogarty made a motion to accept a resignation from Debra Foster or terminate her employment as Deputy Village Treasurer with the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson which was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Hahn moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned.