

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 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 Mark J. Edsall
Trustee Peter J. Miller

Absent Was: Trustee William T. Fogarty

Also present were: DPW Superintendent Robert Gilmore, Police Chief Charles Williams, Deputy Village Attorney Howard Protter, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Mr. Jay Beaumont presented the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees with a flag in recognition of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson's 10 year participation in the Groundwater Guardian Program.

PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW I-3 of 2006, "Hand Bill and Unsolicited Printed Materials Local Law" Proof of Notice, Affidavit of Posting and Publication having been furnished, and copies of the text having been given to each Board Member on November 28, 2006, the Public Hearing on Local Law on Hand Bill and Unsolicited Printer Materials was called to order at 7:31 PM by Mayor Moulton.

Andrew Maroney of 4 Barr Avenue asked if the Village Board has had discussions with phone book distributors regarding this issue. He would hate to see this come around and "bite us" in the future. In addition, he suggested that the distributors set up in a central location. If someone is interested in obtaining a phone book, they could go to that location on the date/time specified and pick one up.

Mayor Moulton replied that no Village Board member has contacted the distributors, but others have including the Police Chief.

Carol O'Keefe of 2 Payson Road asked how many people have complained to the Village Hall about excessive phone book distribution and how much this matter cost the Village to put into effect.

Mayor Moulton replied that the Village will spend approximately \$500.00 on this matter. He stated that only one or two have spoke formally about this matter at previous Village Board meetings, but that he has heard "grumbling" from residents about the matter.

Barry Gruber of Bayview Terrace asked how the new law will work. He added that he also has been talking to residents who are very "annoyed" with the amount of unwanted phone books being delivered. Further will this law allow people to register through petitions posted in local establishments.

Deputy Village Attorney Protter replied that the proposed local law reads that a resident must register with the Village Clerk if he/she does not want a particular phone book. If a book is delivered after registering, it becomes a violation. The proposed law covers all unsolicited printed material.

Jeanne Maroney of 4 Barr Avenue stated that she likes receiving the TransWestern phone book.

Frank Vogel of 10 Holts Lane stated that he used to deliver phone books. At that time he was required to deliver them to the front door of homes and feels that practice should be brought back.

Deputy Village Attorney Protter stated that he will take that under advisement.

Having no one further speak for or against said amendment, the Mayor declared the Hearing was closed at 7:45 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Proof of Notice, Affidavit of Posting and Publication having been furnished, and copies of the text having been given to each Board Member on December 11, 2006, the Public Hearing on Storm Water Management Plan was called to order at 7:45 PM by Mayor Moulton.

Mayor Moulton stated that the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson has been working on a Storm Water Management Plan for several years now. We are required to hold periodic public hearings on the plan and its effectiveness as well as to gain public input.

Andrew Maroney of 4 Barr Avenue is concerned about the need for a separate storm water treatment facility in the future.

Discussion regarding the plan and implementing changes to protect storm water from pollutants followed.

Joe Gross of 27 Lafayette Street asked if the storm water plan was open to ground water issues as well. He is concerned about the impact to ground water from salting roadways in the winter.

Trustee Edsall stated that the program is likely meant to address all pollutants, but the main thrust is stormwater discharges related to disturbance such as on construction sites. He is unaware of any State or Federal programs that address impacts from normal salt application on roadways.

Having no one further speak for or against said amendment, the Mayor declared the Hearing was closed at 7:52 PM.

Trustee Hahn moved for the acceptance of the November 20, 2006 Regular Meeting and December 11, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted, on a motion seconded by Trustee Miller, the minutes were approved 4 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	\$ 115,254.80
Town water & penalties	285,044.05

Which included 4 finals/adjustments for the Village and 5 for the Town.

The following claims were approved for payment:

General Fund claims in the amount of \$	254,746.62
Water Fund claims in the amount of	229,594.28
Sewer Fund claims in the amount of	5,167.35
Trust & Agency claims in the amount of	650.20
Capital Water claims in the amount of	48,074.25

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Code Enforcement Officer reported 10 certificates of occupancy were issued.

The Building Inspector reported 35 on site inspections, 15 fire inspections, and 10 building permits were issued.

The Department of Public Works reported sweeping of streets, planting of trees, equipment maintenance, and installation of fill material on Elpis, Taylor and Lafayette Street after blacktopping of roadway.

The Police Department reported 10 COVAC assists; 11 calls were covered for/assisted to Town Police; 19 responses to burglar alarms; 5 E-911 hangups; 5 domestic incidents; 29 crimes were committed (22 of which were disorderly conduct calls); 1 vehicle lockout; 9 accidents were investigated; 30 moving violations; and 1 parking ticket were issued. Total patrol miles = 3,357 not including mileage on Chief's vehicle.

Chief Williams reported that Sergeant Christopher Park continues investigation of six (6) open cases. In addition, the department conducted annual firearms training.

The Fire Department reported 37 responses, including 8 emergency medical service (EMS) calls, for a total of 505 volunteer man hours. In addition, the Village Christmas tree was decorated with lights for the annual celebration that took place on December 3rd. Santa will visit the Village on Saturday, December 16th starting at 7:00 AM.

Fire Chief Armitage reported that the department responded to a structure fire at 301 Hudson St. on November 20th. They were able to confine the accidental fire to the kitchen keeping damage to a

minimum. In addition, the department completed the 10th and final live fire training for 2006 on November 21st.

Fire Chief Armitage further reported that Michael Trainor has been appointed Orange County Fire Coordinator 14 for District 4. In addition, Matthew Clancy has been elected 5th Vice President for the Orange County Volunteer Fireman's Association. The Village will host annual Volunteer Firefighter Convention and parade in September of 2012.

The Water Department reported an average daily production of 1.253 million gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected. It was also reported that 56 utility locations were made, 17 meters were repaired or replaced, and 9 special readings were taken. In addition to routine maintenance and assistance to DPW with re-surfacing of Lafayette St., a curb box was repaired at 27 Poplar St., a curb valve was repaired at 20 Maple Rd., and leaks were repaired at 39 Canterbury Ln and 292 Main St.

Water Superintendent June reported that the filter surface wash water line was repaired at the Catskill Plant. In addition, repairs to the sludge vacuuming system were completed.

Mayor Moulton stated that the Water Superintendent is presently at the Black Rock Filter Plant. The contractor is also there inspecting and operating the valves and controls in preparation for a "run" this week. The plant will run to waste during this testing period. It is anticipated that previous problems have been resolved and results will be available within the next few days.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from Orange County Department of Emergency Services regarding potential FEMA grants available and the Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) program. This information will be provided to DPW Superintendent Gilmore. A letter of intent is required no later than December 22nd.

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from Ruth Bowles of the Orange County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council thanking the Village Board and Police Chief Williams for their support of the "Communities That Care Program".

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from Dikran Hazirjian and Lee Murphy acknowledging their appointment as Co-Chairpersons to the 2009 Quad-Centennial Celebration Committee. They will make sure that the Greater Cornwall area is well represented.

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from Time Warner Cable announcing that in January the rates for basic cable service will increase. Discussion followed regarding a proposal from Verizon to bring a Fiber-Optic to the Premises (FTTP) cable program to the Village.

Mayor Moulton is in receipt of a letter from the Hudson Valley Greenway regarding availability of

applications for free signage at the boat launch area. He will give this letter to DPW Superintendent Gilmore to make application.

OLD BUSINESS

BLACK ROCK FILTER PLANT STATUS/MODIFICATIONS

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

JOINT SEWER PLANT DISCUSSION

Mayor Moulton and Trustee Hahn met with the Town Supervisor and Sewer Plant Chief Operator. A summary of plant problems is expected shortly.

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Village Clerk Mahoney stated that a meeting has been scheduled for this Wednesday in order to discuss a change order proposal. Work is scheduled to begin shortly thereafter.

STEEP SLOPES/VIEW PRESERVATION REVISIONS

Mayor Moulton stated that this item remains on hold until the Master Plan Committee completes its review.

COMPREHENSIVE/MASTER PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Committee Member Andrew Maroney stated that a first draft of the proposed plan has been received. The Committee will continue its review of it in January.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC)

Mayor Moulton stated appointments were approved by the Village Board last month.

WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Moulton stated that the committee held 6 public meetings which were very well attended. A meeting with Senator Larkin and Committee Chairperson John Wenz will take place in a couple of weeks.

Frank Vogel of Holts Lane asked who will be responsible to pay for and maintain any work proposed by this committee for Riverfront improvements. He stated that the Village sidewalks are in need of repair and taxpayer money would be better served on a sidewalk project rather than Riverfront improvements.

CSEA & PBA NEGOTIATIONS

Deputy Village Attorney Protter stated that negotiations on a CSEA contract are basically complete. Only one issue remains outstanding. A meeting date for PBA negotiations has been scheduled for

December 19th at 7:00 PM.

ENCROACHMENTS

DPW Superintendent Gilmore stated that letters are expected to go out tomorrow morning to homeowners regarding encroachments of several properties onto the Village right of way along Cornwall Avenue, Grandview Avenue, River Street, Hudson St., etc.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW – HAND BILL AND UNSOLICITED PRINTED MATERIALS

Trustee Miller made a motion to table this item for further review based upon the comments heard this evening, which was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

GRIEVANCE DAY

Mayor Moulton stated that that Village Assessment Review Board met on November 21, 2006. A total of eight (8) petitions were reviewed and/or heard.

Upon the recommendation of that Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the following:

1. Thomas Merritt – 9 Duncan Lane 106-3-29. Reduce from \$216,460 to \$174,507
2. Cornwall Yacht Club – 175 Shore Road 105-1-7. No Change.
3. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. 666-1-188 & 666-1-288. Village already reduced.
4. Nancy Guerra – 335 Mountain Rd. 122-1-6. No Change.
5. J&E Gage – 17 Maple Ave. 107-2-10. No Change
6. Wales & Karen Shao – 12 Grandview Ave. 105-7-1. Reduce from \$423,000 to \$373,000
7. Deborah Kukkonen – 309 Hudson St. 106-3-7. Reduce from \$162,800 to \$112,800
8. Gerald Jacobowitz – 15 Taft Pl. 108-2-14. Reduce from \$735,700 to \$639,600

This motion was seconded by Trustee Hahn and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

DEPUTY TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Mayor Moulton made a motion to appoint Paula M.L. Sebesta Deputy Treasurer for the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson at a starting salary of \$35,000.00 effective February 16, 2007 which was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

STEWART AIRPORT – METRO-TRANSIT AUTHORITY TAKEOVER

Trustee Edsall made a motion to introduce the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, Stewart International Airport is not only the economic engine of Orange County, but the economic engine of the entire Mid-Hudson Valley region; and

WHEREAS, over recent months significant progress has been made laying the foundation for Stewart to truly take off as a major player in commercial aviation, including announcements within the past month that Jet Blue and Air Tran are servicing Stewart, offering direct flights to many destinations; and

WHEREAS, more destinations are making it easier and more attractive to do business in Orange County by improving our accessibility for business travelers and residents traveling to and from Orange County for pleasure and tourism related activities; and

WHEREAS, Stewart is the home to a U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Substation, a new Federal Inspection Station and U.S. Customs center located on site at the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Drury Lane Interchange project will soon be completed providing direct access from I-84 and the New York State Thruway, complimenting our great infrastructure of three interstate highways, a strong rail-system and an open-sea port along the Hudson; and

WHEREAS, The Port Authority is presently discussing the potential acquisition of Stewart International Airport; and

WHEREAS, a strong showing of support by the local municipalities in Orange County will demonstrate that our community believes a bright future for Stewart is possible under the Port Authority's auspices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey clearly has unparalleled experience in successfully operating a major airport; and
2. That the Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson endorses and supports County Executive Edward A. Diana's proposal that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey assume operation of Stewart International Airport.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hahn and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

VILLAGE STREET SIGNS

Upon the request of Jeanne Maroney, Mayor Moulton requested DPW Superintendent examine street signs within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson to determine which are in need of repair or replacement.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Edsall moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Miller and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.