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VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 22, 2007

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 Mark J. Edsall
Trustee Peter J. Miller
Trustee William T. Fogarty

Absent Was: Trustee Charles R. Hahn

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

PUBLIC HEARING 2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proof of Notice and Publication having been furnished, and copies of the budget having been distributed, the Public Hearing on the 2007-08 Budget was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Moulton. It was noted that the proposed budget carries an increase of 2.5% percent in the general fund with a tax rate of \$8.09, and no increase in the garbage rate. There is a three percent (3%) proposed increase in water rates, a three percent (3%) in hydrant and fire line fees, with the sewer percentage remaining at 85% of water consumption.

Brigid Flynn of 28 Andrews Street stated that she is unhappy with the draft budget because of the tremendous amount of "fat" in it. She is upset to see a budget deficit and Village Board pay increase in same budget. She feels that no tax increase is needed. She asked if a cut back in garbage collection days has been considered.

Mayor Moulton stated that a cut back in garbage collection is under consideration by the Village Board. Any such change will not be accomplished in time to impact this budget.

Susan Ostrander of Grandview Avenue stated it would be helpful if the year to date figures were included in the proposed budget. She further stated her concern with the Summer Recreation budget line increase. Does the Village intend to charge a fee to residents in addition to the proposed increase? In addition, a cut back of 1% in salary raises should be considered. She stated that her Village tax bill used to be less than the State/County/Town tax bill, now it's higher and that is why she is here this evening.

Mayor Moulton replied that the Village Board may consider a nominal charge for residents attending this

year's Summer Recreation Program. In addition, union personnel salary raises are negotiated during contract review.

Joe Gross of Lafayette Street asked how many police vehicles the Village has.

Police Chief Williams replied there are 6 marked and 2 unmarked vehicles.

Discussion regarding budgeted line items followed.

Rick Gioia of 167 Hudson Street asked how unexpended money is "carried over" at the end of the fiscal year. He also asked about increases on water purification budget lines. Once the Black Rock Microfiltration Plant comes online he was led to believe our costs would go down.

Mayor Moulton replied that unexpended money either becomes a "surplus" into the entire fund or is put against another line item that has gone over budget. It doesn't carry over into the same budget line.

Water Superintendent June replied that when the new plant comes online, we will still need to run the Catskill Plant and Taylor Road Wells. In addition the cost of electricity and chemicals continues to rise each year.

George Burger of Vinebrook Avenue stated that the Village Board received a raise last year. To receive another raise this year is "ridiculous". This is hurting senior citizens on fixed incomes.

Barry Gruber of Bayview Terrace asked about the budget increase in FICA and whether that relates to salaries.

Mayor Moulton replied that FICA payments are determined by the number of employees paid out of each fund. In the 2005-2006 year, a bookkeeping error occurred and an incorrect portion was paid. It has been corrected in the proposed budget.

Susan Ostrander stated that some residents of Cliffside Park received notices from the Village on proposed street widening and paving. She is curious to know what line item this project will be paid from.

Mayor Moulton replied that notices were sent to residents of Cliffside Park to correct encroachments. This is just a first step. When the Village is ready to begin repairs to storm drains, it will be paid out of budget line A8140.4 (Storm Sewer Expense). The matter will be discussed later in tonight's agenda.

Joe Gross stated that earlier in the year Trustee Fogarty addressed "short term debt reduction". He asked for further clarification this evening.

Trustee Fogarty stated that he proposed a five year reduction plan to eliminate revenue anticipation notes. We are going into the second year of that program. Until the short term debt is reduced and/or eliminated, it's important to curb spending on non-budgeted items.

Trustee Edsall stated that he has opposed borrowing for items that should be budgeted (i.e. vehicles).

Trustee Miller added that in order to do that a “capital reserve fund” must be established.

Mayor Moulton stated that the Village debt is being substantially reduced each year. In addition, no new major water capital projects are being considered at this time.

Rick Gioia asked if the proposed debt reduction is predicated on negotiations with outside communities to purchase our water.

Mayor Moulton replied that the Village has had initial discussions with other communities interested in our water. At no time have negotiations taken place.

Discussion followed regarding employee insurance benefits.

David Fitzgerald of Taft Place asked if the proposed increase in the water fund line FF8310.410 (legal expense) is related to the new Filter Plant coming online.

Mayor Moulton replied that these lines have been broken out for accounting purposes and new State guidelines. In years past, multiple expense items were paid out of a single code.

Having no one further speak for or against the proposed budget, the Mayor declared the Hearing was closed at 8:50 PM.

Trustee Fogarty moved for the acceptance of the December 18, 2006 Regular Meeting (revised) and January 8, 2007 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 December and distributed to the Village Board for review.

Mayor Moulton made a motion to correct the current water budget and transfer the following appropriations to the budget lines where salaries are currently being paid from:

\$50,000 from FF8310.1 (Water Admin Salary) to FF8330.1 (Purification Salary)

\$40,000 from FF8320.1 (Source of Supply Salary) to FF8330.1 (Purification Salary)

\$30,000 from FF8340.1 (Transmission & Distribution Salary) to FF8330.1 (Purification Salary)

The motion was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

The Deputy Clerk has submitted the relevy list of past due water, sewer and garbage rents to be collected with the 2007-2008 Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Real Estate Tax Bills in the amount of \$80,087.56.

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties \$ 275,631.36

Town water & penalties 181,109.49
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 \$ 197,053.45
Water Fund claims in the amount of 255,887.26
Sewer Fund claims in the amount of 3,685.92
Trust & Agency claims in the amount of 1,197.48

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tree Beautification Trustee Fogarty reported that a tree and plaque has been donated by the Santoro family. In the spring the tree will be planted along with the plaque, which will be set in concrete at ground level, somewhere along Hudson Street.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

The Building Inspector reported 52 on site inspections, 1 fire inspection, 8 municipal searches, and 3 building permits were issued.

The Department of Public Works reported equipment maintenance for winter months, cleaning of gutter lines in the mountain area, and yard waste pickup.

The Police Department reported 14 COVAC assists; 11 calls were covered for/assisted to Town Police; 22 responses to burglar alarms; 4 E-911 hangups; 4 domestic incidents; 16 crimes were committed (11 of which were disorderly conduct calls); 4 vehicle lockouts; 2 accidents were investigated; and 49 moving violations were issued. Total patrol miles = 3,765 not including mileage on Chief's vehicle.

Chief Williams reported that Sergeant Christopher Park continues investigation of seven (7) open cases. In addition, the department covered the annual Christmas tree lighting and New Year's Eve "Ball Drop" without incident.

The Fire Department reported 32 responses, including 13 emergency medical service (EMS) calls, for a total of 395.5 volunteer man hours.

Fire Chief Armitage submitted his 2006 report which includes a total of 450 responses and a total of 10,935 volunteer man hours.

The Water Department reported an average daily production of 1.104 million gallons with all bacteria

samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected. It was also reported that 76 utility locations were made, 12 meters were repaired or replaced, and 6 special readings were taken. In addition to routine maintenance and assistance with relocation of a 10" water main, leaks were repaired at Mailler Ave & Perry Rd and on Chestnut Street, and a new meter pit and meter was installed at 51 Cherry Ave.

Mayor Moulton reported that Trustee Rudy Hahn is recuperating at home following major surgery. He is resting comfortably and expected back in a month or so.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Farabaugh of Cornwall Avenue asked if the Village Board will allow public comment before proceeding with widening of roadways along Cliffside Park or if it was a "done deal". She also asked why the trees were not planted on Cornwall Avenue as proposed. In addition, she advised that there is a gas leak on Cornwall Avenue near River Street. She offered her support of the proposed law regarding phonebook distribution.

Mayor Moulton stated that the Village Board is seeking to provide sufficient road width to allow emergency vehicles and two vehicles room to pass. It is only in the areas where properties are encroaching into the Village roadway.

DPW Gilmore stated that the trees have not been planted because the proposed area is encroaching onto the Village roadway.

Susan Ostrander of Grandview Avenue asked if the Village plans to reclaim the three feet (3') encroachment from River Street, utility poles will also have to be moved. Is the Village Board going to request that Central Hudson put underground services to correct the encroachment?

Mayor Moulton stated that a project has not even been designed. At this time, the Village is simply trying to cure existing encroachments to allow for a future project. The Board will invite the public in to review a design, once developed, and allow comment.

Brigid Flynn of 28 Andrews Street stated that Chairpersons of the four (4) Village Committees should be required to attend monthly Village Board meetings to provide status to the public.

OLD BUSINESS

BLACK ROCK FILTER PLANT STATUS/MODIFICATIONS

Water Superintendent June reported that a "wet commission" of the plant took place this past week. Water was brought through the plant into a holding lagoon in back. His department will be receiving "in-house" training by representatives of US Filter once some small modifications are completed inside the plant. In addition, water samples will be collected and sent out for testing.

On behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, Mayor Moulton thanked Water Superintendent June for all his efforts in bringing the plant on line.

JOINT SEWER PLANT DISCUSSION

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

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT – ADA BATHROOMS SKEC #2

Mayor Moulton stated that this project is approximately 75% complete.

STEEP SLOPES/VIEW PRESERVATION REVISIONS

Mayor Moulton stated that a proposed law was drafted by the Village Board, but has been on hold until the Master Plan Committee completes its report and provides comments and/or suggestions.

COMPREHENSIVE/MASTER PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Deputy Village Attorney Protter stated that final revisions are expected to be received by his office for incorporation into a final document. An estimated completion date is the first week in February.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC)

Mayor Moulton stated the committee members have issued a press release. The public will be kept informed as negotiations with Food Bank representatives continue to develop.

CSEA & PBA NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor Moulton, Trustee Fogarty and Deputy Village Attorney Protter will be meeting with the PBA negotiating committee on January 29th. Deputy Village Attorney Protter stated that a revised draft of the new CSEA contract is under final review.

ENCROACHMENTS

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

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW – HAND BILL AND UNSOLICITED PRINTED MATERIALS

Mayor Moulton stated that this item will remain tabled while the Village Board explores the possibility of online registration.

2007-2008 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Trustee Fogarty made a motion to remove the proposed salary increase for the Mayor, Budget Officer and Village Board from the proposed budget which was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Fogarty noted that in the proposed budget under water line FF9770.7 (RAN Int/Prin) there is an insufficient amount budgeted to stay within the five (5) year reduction plan.

Mayor Moulton stated that within the current budget that problem may resolve itself by working to eliminate the fund deficit.

Trustee Fogarty wishes to implement “capital fund balances” in the General and Water funds, by taking 5% of budgeted equipment expense items. Discussion followed.

2007-2008 BUDGET ADOPTION

Trustee Miller introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2007 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2008, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the tentative budget for the year commencing March 1, 2007 and ending February 28, 2008 has been duly presented to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised Public Hearing has been held thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the tentative budget as amended and revised, be and hereby is adopted as the budget and all amounts set forth in Statement 1 as required for the payment of principal of and interest on indebtedness be and are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified effective as of March 1, 2007.

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

Trustee Edsall made a motion to authorize a three percent (3%) increase in water rates for the Town and Village for each 1,000 gallons consumed effective February 1, 2007 for the Town billing cycle, and February 16, 2007 for the Village billing cycle. There will be no increase in garbage fees. The Village sewer rate will remain at 85% of the water charge. There will be a three (3%) increase in hydrant and fire line fees. This motion was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

ANNUAL SUPPLY BID – WATER METERS

Mayor Moulton stated that award of the bid on water meters was tabled in order to compare the proposal against last year’s numbers. That review is now complete.

Trustee Edsall made a motion to award the bid for water meters to Ti-Sales which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

Trustee Fogarty introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE TOTAL TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES EXTENDED AND LEVIED AGAINST EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY SHOWN ON THE ROLL PREPARED

AND VERIFIED BY THE ASSESSOR FOR THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR.

RESOLVED, that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson the following sums for village government and other charges for the fiscal year 2007-08 with a tax rate of \$8.09 per thousand of assessed valuation:

General Fund	
Total taxes for Current Budget	\$1,758,000.00
Delinquent water rents & charges	32,996.29
Delinquent sewer rents & charges	22,238.16
Delinquent garbage charges	24,853.11
Total Releavy	\$ 80,087.56
Total Real Property Taxes and	
Other Charges on Roll	\$1,838,087.56

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Miller and the motion was carried upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS

The Clerk requested the following be appointed Election Inspectors for the upcoming March 20th election at a rate of \$75 per day:

Jeanne Maroney, as Chairperson, and Margaret Fline

And, as Alternate Inspectors:

Andrew Maroney, Margaret McGinnis, Dorothy Rizzuto, Katherine Kelly

In addition, Ray Torracca, as Voting Machine Inspector at a rate of \$150 per machine.

Mayor Moulton moved to accept these appointments which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

VILLAGE ELECTION – REGISTRATION DAY

Mayor Moulton announced that the annual registration day for the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson has been set for on Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Board Room of the Village Hall, 325 Hudson St.

RESCHEDULE FEBRUARY 19, 2007 MEETING

Trustee Edsall made a motion to reschedule the February 19, 2007 regular meeting to February 26, 2007 at 7:30 PM, in observance of President’s Day, which was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW I#1 2007-MAPLE AVE EXTENSION PARKING REGULATIONS

Trustee Miller introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

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

Section 1. Chapter 155 of the Code of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," is amended by amending §155-52 entitled "Time Limit Parking" to revise the parking restrictions on Maple Avenue Extension to read as follows:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit	Location
Maple Avenue Extension	East	30 minute limit 9:01 A.M. TO 2:59 P.M. AND 3:46 P.M. TO 8:14 A.M.	Entire length

Section 2. Chapter 155 of the Code of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," is amended by adding amending Section 155-25 a new section entitled 155-25 B entitled " Student Loading Zones" to read as follows:

155-25 B. Student Loading Zone.

No vehicle shall stop, stand or be parked in an area marked as a Student Loading Zone unless it is actually engaged in the loading or unloading of passengers. An area shall be marked as a loading zone by the erection of signs bearing the words "No Parking - Student Loading Zone". The locations described in Schedule XVIII (§155-53.1), attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as loading zones.

Section 3. Chapter 155 of the Code of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," is amended by adding a new Section §155-53.1 entitled "Student Loading Zone" to read as follows:

155-53.1 In accordance with Section 155-25 B, no vehicle shall stop, stand or be parked in the following locations marked as a Student Loading Zone unless actually engaged in the loading or unloading of passengers:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit	Location
Maple Avenue Extension	East	8:15 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M. AND 3:00 P.M. TO 3:45 P.M.	Entire length

Section 4. This law shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing motion was seconded by Trustee Edsall and upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the Mayor declared this resolution adopted.

Trustee Miller introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, an Introductory local law entitled "Maple Avenue Extension Parking Regulations" be and it hereby is introduced before the Board of the Trustees and of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson in the County of Orange and State of New York on January 22, 2007; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hold a public hearing on said proposed local law at the Board Room, Village Office, 325 Hudson Street, in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York at 7:30 o'clock P.M. on February 26, 2007, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

The foregoing motion was seconded by Trustee Edsall and upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the Mayor declared this resolution adopted.

LOUIS DIMICELI - RESIGNATION

Trustee Fogarty made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Louis DiMiceli effective December 28, 2006, with regret, which was seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Police Chief Williams announced that a retirement party is being planned for Officer DiMiceli on February 23, 2007 starting at 6:00 PM at Anthony's Pier 9.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Miller moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter with the DPW Superintendent and Deputy Village Attorney, which was seconded by Trustee Edsall and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:10 PM

APPOINTMENT IN SEWER DEPARTMENT

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Gilmore, Trustee Miller made a motion to appoint Brian Arrao as a Laborer-Mechanic in the Sewer Department at the current CSEA pay scale, provided that he completes BOCES courses for automotive work as part of his one year probation period. The motion was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Edsall and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

