

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 3, 2008

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M., at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mayor Joseph J. Gross
Trustee William T. Fogarty
Trustee Barbara Gosda
Trustee Richard Gioia

Absent was: Trustee Mark J. Edsall

Also present was: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Interim Deputy Village Attorney Mark Taylor, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney

NEW BUSINESS

REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE – GARBAGE FEES

Trustee Fogarty offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 3, 2008.

A RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE VILLAGE TREASURER OF THE VILLAGE OF CORNWALL ON HUDSON, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, POWER TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$36,000 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF SAID VILLAGE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE REVENUES TO BE RECEIVED AS GARBAGE FEES BY SAID VILLAGE IN THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR OF SAID VILLAGE.

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

Section 1. The power to authorize the sale and issuance of not to exceed \$36,000 revenue anticipation notes of the Village of Cornwall on Hudson, Orange County, New York, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of the receipt of revenues to be received by said Village as garbage fees during the 2008-2009 fiscal year of said Village, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by said Village Treasurer, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Gosda and duly put to a vote which resulted in 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The resolution was declared adopted.

DPW APPOINTMENT

Upon the recommendation of acting DPW Superintendent Halvorsen, Trustee Fogarty made a motion to appoint Daniel Nye a Laborer with the Department of Public Works in accordance with the current CSEA contract, and a six month probationary period which was seconded by Trustee Gioia and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

POLICE CONSOLIDATION

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a letter from Town Supervisor Quigley dated November 13, 2008 declining the Village Board's request for a joint study of the police departments. The Village Board had forwarded a resolution earlier this year making this request. He polled the Board on how to proceed.

Trustee Gioia stated that he does not support "absorption" of our police department by the Town of Cornwall. It appears that the consolidation issue is "dead in the water". He would like the Village Board to pursue a more efficient department through a profile study and shared services.

Trustee Gosda stated that she is also against the Town of Cornwall taking over police department. The Village Board should now feel comfortable putting the issue of consolidation aside and proceed with an efficiency study through the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

Trustee Fogarty stated now is the time to "say no to consolidation and yes to the study".

Mayor Gross stated that a joint study of the police departments was appealing because it would have provided an opportunity to have both departments assessed. When the topic of consolidation was first considered, he foresaw it would include a commission that included a Village representative to provide oversight to help strengthen our department.

Trustee Gioia made a motion to change focus from police consolidation with the Town and proceed with a efficiency study through the NYS DCJS which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION

Deputy Interim Village Attorney Taylor outlined recommendations of formal steps and alternatives the Village Board should consider during the Comprehensive Plan's adoption process. First, a public hearing on the draft plan must take place. The Board may then consider adoption of the draft plan by resolution or initiate the SEQR process. He explained the choices of SEQR review the Board would have since the Plan's adoption is a Type I action. Discussion followed.

Mayor Gross thanked the Chairman and members of the Master Plan Committee, along with the Chairpersons of the Planning and Zoning Board for attending tonight's discussion on this item.

CORNERSTONE

Trustee Gioia made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a “month to month” agreement with Cornerstone, a broker who handles monthly billing of Verizon telephone lines, subject to attorney review and approval of agreement, which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Gosda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned.