

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 8, 2010

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 Barbara Gosda
Trustee Mark J. Edsall
Trustee Richard Gioia
Trustee Douglas Vatter

Also present was: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Rober June, Police Chief Paul Weber, Deputy Village Attorney Jeffrey Sculley, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney

NEW BUSINESS

MOUNTAIN VALLEY GUIDES – 2010 COMMERCIAL PERMIT APPLICATION

William Garrison, proprietor of Mountain Valley Guides stated that he appeared before the Board at their February 22nd regular meeting. His request, dated February 15, 2010, for a permit to operate kayak operations at Donahue Memorial Park was discussed at that time. He stated that he has a valid certificate of occupancy for an office at 2 Idlewild Avenue, and will run the business from that location. He is here this evening seeking a resolution.

Deputy Village Attorney Sculley stated that his office was “tasked” to investigate the certificate of occupancy issued. A confidential attorney-client memo has been prepared and provided to the Board. The application before the Board this evening is relative to usage of Donahue Memorial Park waterfront and not part of that “legal issue”.

Mr. Sculley advised that it would “not be prudent” to grant exclusive licenses for use of municipal services or facilities.

Discussion followed regarding potential parking issues and public health/safety issues resulting from an excess number of kayaks being launched from the small waterfront cove.

Trustee Edsall stated that it would be difficult to reserve use of the park to one entity. He is concerned that the park may become “commercialized” to the detriment of the residents. Further, the adopted fee schedule does not include a separate fee for commercial permits to non-residents.

Trustee Gioia suggested a “staggering schedule” of kayak tours to accommodate the limited space in the launch area. Mr. Garrison replied that it could have an impact because of water current changes.

Mayor Gross will encourage more police presence and enforcement at Donahue Memorial Park.

Trustee Gioia is concerned about increase use of the “port-a-potty” and possible need for an additional one at the Park. Mr. Garrison indicated that his business would be open to “assume some of that responsibility”.

Trustee Gioia made a motion to grant the permit application of Mountain Valley Guides pursuant to their February 15, 2010 request which was seconded by Trustee Gosda.

Trustee Edsall wanted the motion to include that the resolution “mirror” prior commercial authorization other than the name. He again noted his concern regarding the lack of a non-resident commercial fee schedule. In addition, noted his concern with regard to lack of a proper site plan.

The motion, as amended was then put to a vote and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT

Upon the recommendation of Jeffrey Small, Trustee Edsall made a motion to appoint Richard Hoyt, Esq. special counsel to the Planning Board on the “Bull Run LLC Subdivision” application at an hourly rate of \$170.00 which will be paid from applicants’ escrowed funds. The motion was seconded by Trustee Vatter and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Upon the recommendation of Clerk Mahoney, Trustee Edsall made a motion to declare the following surplus and authorize the clerk to auction off to govdeals.com: 1987 Honda Motorbike 3 Wheeler VIN: JH3TE040XHM300502, and 1983 Hudson Trailer VIN: 10HHSE143D10000494. The motion was seconded by Trustee Vatter and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Gioia moved to adjourn the meeting into Execution Session pertaining to upcoming CSEA negotiations with Mr. Jeffrey Dobbens and members of the CSEA which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.