

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 20, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mayor Brendan G. Coyne  
Trustee Mark J. Edsall  
Trustee Barbara J. Gosda  
Trustee James P. Kane  
Trustee Andrew Argenio

Also present were: Attorney for the Village Joseph McKay, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Mayor Coyne reminded the audience that he is available by phone and email and is happy to meet with anyone anytime.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anthony Fiore of 5 Cherry Avenue has concerns with ongoing renovations being done at 213 Hudson Street. One concern is that the property owner will turn the space into additional apartments without obtaining necessary/applicable zoning permits.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Edsall moved for the acceptance of the January 27, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes as presented on a motion seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes (Edsall, Gosda, Kane), 0 Nays and 2 Abstain (Coyne, Argenio).

Trustee Gosda moved for the acceptance of the April 18, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes on a motion seconded by Trustee Argenio and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Gosda moved for the acceptance of the May 16, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes on a motion seconded by Trustee Argenio and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstain (Kane, who was on Army Reserve duty and unable to attend).

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- Letter from the Orange County Department of Health, announcing that larvicide applications will be made at catch basins around the Village to prevent mosquito breeding. These applications will begin later this month and early July.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Village Treasurer Mahoney reported receipt of \$504,647.48 in anticipated revenues and \$1,202,244.04 in anticipated expenditures through the end of May.

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 77,203.74
Town water & penalties	460,914.94

Which included 2 final/adjustments for the Village and 0 for the Town.

The June, 2011 warrant total is \$298,367.98.

She further reported that auditors from Nugent & Haeussler have begun work on the compilation and review of fiscal year 2008-2009 (the last known correct annual report) and full audit of fiscal year 2009-2010. When completed, a new Annual Update Document (AUD) will be sent to the NYS Comptroller’s Office to correct the previous report. Discussion followed regarding their engagement letters and fee proposals.

Trustee Edsall made a motion to authorize a budget line transfer of \$6,000.00 from A1132.1 (General Fund Expenditure – Treasurers Salary) to A1380.4 (General Fund Expenditure – Fiscal Auditor) and \$4,000.00 from F1990.4 (Water Fund Expenditure – Contingency) to F1380.4 Water Fund Expenditure – Fiscal Auditor) which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Kane made a motion authorizing Mayor Coyne to sign the May 9, 2011 engagement letters from Nugent & Haeussler with a fee schedule not to exceed \$12,500.00 for the 2008-09 audit compilation and \$19,500.00 for the 2009-10 audit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Orange County, New York desires to designate Orange County Trust Company of Middletown N.Y. a depository of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, and that funds of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson deposited in said company be subject to withdrawal upon checks, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, undertakings, or other orders for the payment of money when signed on behalf of this corporation by any one (1) of its following officers, to wit: Mayor, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby authorizes Orange County Trust Company to pay any such orders and also to receive the same for credit of or in payment from the payee or any other holder without inquiry as to the circumstances of issue or the disposition of the proceeds even if drawn to the individual order of any signing officer or tendered in payment of such officer’s individual obligation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson has determined that any one (1) of the following officers of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, to wit: Village Clerk and Deputy Treasurer, are hereby authorized to borrow money and to obtain credit for the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson from said Orange County Trust Company, on such terms as may seem to them advisable and to make and deliver notes, drafts, acceptances, agreements and any other obligations of this corporation therefore in form satisfactory to said company and as security therefore to pledge and trustee any stocks, bonds, bills receivable, bills of lading, warehouse receipts and any other property of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson with full authority to endorse or guarantee the same in the name of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, to execute and deliver all instruments of assignment and transfer and to affix the corporate seal; and also to discount any bills receivable or other negotiable paper held by the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson with full authority to endorse same in the name of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson authorizes the Village Clerk to certify to said Orange County Trust Company, the foregoing resolution and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with Village Law.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

## **BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Building Department Mayor Coyne reported that 10 building permits were issued, 3 certificates of compliance/occupancy were issued, 22 onsite inspections performed, 8 fire inspections performed, 1 violations and 3 property notices were issued for a total of 23 hours in May.

Mayor Coyne also reported that an ad was placed last week and several resumes for the building inspector position have been received. He asked that Board members review those from certified and experienced applicants and rate them on a scale of 1 to 5.

Trustee Edsall made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a 90 day extension of the Inter-municipal Building Inspector Agreement between the Town of Cornwall and Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson which was seconded by Trustee Kane.

Trustee Gosda would like it stipulated that the Village not be bound for the full 90 days of this MOU if a building inspector is hired by the Board. Discussion regarding services provided under the agreement.

In as much as the Town uses the term Building Inspector as their departmental identification and that public officer both does building inspections and code enforcement, Trustee Edsall amended his motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU with the acknowledgement that the Building Inspector of the Town is providing the diverse services of building inspection and code enforcement. Trustee Argenio seconded the amended motion which was then carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Edsall made a motion to introduce proposed Local Law I-1 of 2011 entitled "Public Officers of the Village and Residency Requirements" which was seconded by Trustee Argenio and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Edsall introduced the following motion and moved for its adoption.

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson is empowered by section 20(5) of the Municipal Home Rule Law to enact a local law designating certain Village employees as public officers and setting the Village's own residency requirements for Village officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing on a proposed local law that would modify the Village Code to be in conformity with New York State law by reflecting that the Village Code Enforcement Officer is a public officer of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, and that would set the residency requirements of the Village's public officers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby designates itself to be Lead Agency with respect to the proposed local law regarding the designation of certain employees as public officers of the Village and setting residency requirements of officers (the "action"), and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby determines that the action is an unlisted action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held by the Village Board of Trustees, in order to receive public comments, including any comments concerning any potential adverse environmental impacts of the proposed action to designate certain Village employees as public officers and setting the Village's own residency requirements for Village officers, on July 18, 2011, at 7:01 p.m. at the Village Hall; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Fire Department Trustee Edsall reported 1 automatic alarm, 2 medical calls, 1 public service call, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 mutual aid, 3 work details, 2 drills, 5 training sessions, and 1 parade for a total of 18 events and 433.5 man hours.

Members of the department are currently preparing for fire prevention programs in conjunction with Summer Youth program, Five Point Mission, and the Annual Fair (July 20-20). In addition, gear racks are 80% installed, additional ventilation has been installed within the firehouse, guidance lines have been painted in the apparatus bay for backing up vehicles, and air conditioning unit in meeting room has been replaced. They are working with Central Hudson on the new light program, making improvements outside the firehouse including painting of the building and to the area around the new sign, and they are working on plans for the 2012 Orange County Volunteer Firemen's Association Parade and Convention. Minor repairs have been made to the ladders on Truck T-413 as a result of the annual underwriter lab testing, new hose on truck TA-415/E-412 to replace ones that failed from earlier testing, and a new dual head radio for Car #1 has been installed. Monthly training included firefighting 1 class at the Orange County Fire Training Center, "FAST" team drill, and rope rescue training.

Trustee Edsall made a motion authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Ford Motor Credit for a new Assistant Fire Chief vehicle, to be paid out of their annual budget line, which was seconded by Trustee Kane.

Trustee Gosda wondered if there is another vehicle in the Village that can substitute for the current Assistant Chief's vehicle in order to save money. Discussion followed.

The matter was then put to a vote which resulted in 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstain (Gosda).

Police Department Trustee Kane reported 0 felony crimes, 5 misdemeanor/violations, 2 vehicle accidents, 54 violations issued, 16 warnings, 6 disabled vehicles and lockouts, 3 arrests, 10 suspicious vehicles and/or persons, 10 animal complaints, 9 disorderly conducts, 5 responses to alarms, 1 assist to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 2 EMS assist calls, and 3 assists to other agencies.

Upon the recommendation of Police Officer Peña, Trustee Kane made a motion to declare two (2) 2001 Chevy Impalas (Vehicle # & VIN #'s: 425/2G1WF55K519365631 and 422/2G1WF55K319364588) surplus. Further authorizing the Village Clerk to advertise a notice to bidders indicating a minimum bid of \$3,500.00 will be accepted for vehicle 425 and \$2,500.00 for vehicle 422 and set a bid date of July 8, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne reported that PBA contract negotiations are ongoing. Trustee Gosda has asked to step down from those negotiations, and he will take her place along with Trustee Kane.

Discussion followed in regard to Officer Peña's request for additional summer shifts to combat criminal mischief issues. He proposes to use part-time officers and schedule on an "as needed" basis. Hearing no objection from the Board, he will move forward with additional summer shifts.

The Board is in receipt of a letter from Police Officer John Antinori announcing his need to resign from the Village Police Department effective June 17, 2011 and requesting he be rehired effective July 1, 2011. Trustee Edsall made a motion to accept the resignation request of Officer Antinori effective June 17, 2011 which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Trustee Gosda made a motion to reinstate Officer Antinori effective July 1, 2011 which was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne further reported that he is in receipt of a list of 24 certified and eligible candidates for the police chief position. Letters have been sent out to these candidates and he has received many responses indicating interest in the position. He will circulate these responses to Board members for review and asked them to rate these on a scale from 1 to 5. In addition, he has received several unsolicited resumes from individuals also interested in the position for consideration.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Gosda reported weekly mowing of Village properties and yard waste collection, replacement/repair of guide rail at Donahue Memorial Park, relocation of a sewer line in Cliffside Park area (road/yard restoration to be completed soon), refurbishment of signs at Village Hall, maintenance of Village owned vehicles, and DPW personnel attendance at Riverfest to provide information regarding the MS4 Stormwater Management Program. She further reported that the street sweeper is out of service awaiting replacement parts. On behalf of DPW Superintendent Halvorsen, she thanked Bob Conley, Superintendent of Public Works for the Town of Cornwall for sweeping Village

streets for the Memorial Day Parade. She also thanked Eugene Randazzo for planting flowers in the Village Square. In addition, DPW manpower and a paver were sent to the Village of Maybrook to assist them in paving the parking at their new Village Hall in time for the grand opening. Finally, boat docks were installed with assistance from members of the Cornwall Yacht Club. On behalf of the Village, she thanked these individuals for their assistance.

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of a request for payment from the law firm Hacker & Murphy. He tabled discussion on this item for Executive Session later this evening.

Mayor Coyne reported that Scott Davis, an architect who works with David Wieboldt, inspected the foundation of the DPW building on June 6<sup>th</sup>. A report will be filed with the Department of State shortly.

He further reported that the welcome to the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson sign was installed on Shore Road by our DPW. The sign was put together for the Village by the late Bob Gosda.

On behalf of the Gosda family, Trustee Gosda expressed appreciation that the third sign has been put up.

Trustee Gosda made a motion to contract with Stantec Engineering as Engineer for the Village, with James Fitzsimmons as lead engineer, and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement which was seconded by Trustee Argenio and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Edsall made a motion to appoint Maser Engineering as Alternate Engineer for the Village, in order to provide the Village a second resource which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 1 Nay (Gosda).

After some discussion regarding terms of the proposed contract with Taylor Biomass, Trustee Edsall made a motion authorizing Mayor Coyne to issue a Letter of Intent to Taylor Biomass while the contract is reviewed by counsel. In addition, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract once it is in acceptable form which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Summer Playground Trustee Gosda reported the program will run from Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> until Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The program will cost \$110 per child for Village residents and \$225 for Town residents. Donations have been received to help pay for 3 day programs.

Trustee Argenio reported that he will donate his Trustee salary to help pay for these programs through a budget transfer if needed.

Trustee Gosda made a motion to appoint the following as Summer Playground Counselors at \$8.50 per hour: Kathleen Visconti, Christine Grace, Alison Reitenbach, James Moore, Charles Paffenroth, Nina Gioia, and Hayley Kriegel, with Daniel Degroat and Craig Zuzek as alternate counselors which was seconded by Trustee Argenio and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Water Department Trustee Argenio reported average daily production of 1.418 million gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 64). A total of 46 utility mark-outs were done, 23 meters were repaired or replaced, 1 final meter reading was taken, and water meter reading was done. Water service leaks were repaired on Willow Avenue, 251 Main Street, Bridge Street and Broadway. A water main break was repaired on Grandview Avenue. In addition, tank cleaning was completed at Catskill Treatment Plant, minor tank repairs are ongoing at Catskill waste water tanks, and grass cutting at all properties is ongoing.

He further reported that bearings for the Catskill Treatment Plant have been ordered, delivery is expected in 2-4 weeks, the department is working to identify pressure zones in order to prepare a detailed plan and proposal for non-revenue water recovery, and the Water Quality report was mailed on May 31, 2011. Water Superintendent June, Edgar Hembree, and Don Bryde attended classes in Saratoga for their water treatment licenses. Michael Trainor attended a class in Dutchess County for his water treatment license.

On May 17, 2011, Mayor Coyne and Water Superintendent June met with representatives of NYMA regarding their outstanding water bill. They have agreed to make partial payments and the first was received on May 20, 2011.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **PROCLAMATION HONORING AISLING CUFFE**

Trustee Kane introduced the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the residents, employees and elected officials of Cornwall-on-Hudson wish to honor the achievements of scholar-athlete Aisling Cuffe, resident of Cornwall-on-Hudson and student of Cornwall Central High School and member of the Cornwall Central High School Track & Cross Country Teams; and

WHEREAS, Aisling's accomplishments in the 2011 indoor track season include among others: 2011 2-mile winner of Indoor Nationals; USA No.1 Indoor 2-mile; USA No. 1 in 3,000 meter and USA No. 4 in 3,200 meter; winner of Section 9 & OCIAA 1,500 & 3,000 meter; and

WHEREAS, Aisling's accomplishments in the 2011 outdoor track season include among others: set NYS records in 1,600 & 3,200 meter; USA No.1 in 3,200 meter; USA No. 2 and NYS ranked No. 1 in 3,000 meter; USA No. 2 and NYS No. 2 in 1,500 meter; winner of Section 9 & OCIAA 800, 1,500 & 3,000 meter; set the National High School record in 2 mile at 9 minutes-54 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Aisling's accomplishments in the 2010-11 cross country season include among others: Winner of US Junior title; placed 17th as top American at World Junior Meet; named Gatorade National and NYS runner of the year; winner of Foot Locker Nationals & Northeast Regionals; unbeaten regular & post season; and

WHEREAS, Aisling's accomplishments in 2010 indoor track include among others: winner of NYS 3,000 meter; 3rd in US Nationals in 2-mile; 2nd at Millrose Games mile; USA No. 3 & NYS No.1 in 2-mile; USA No. 2 & NYS No. 1 in 3,000 meter; USA No. 12 & NYS No. 2 in 1-mile; and

WHEREAS, Aisling's accomplishments in 2010 outdoor track include among others: Winner U.S. Junior National title in 5,000 meter for second year in a row & placed 3rd in 3,000 meter; won NYS 3,000 meter; USA No. 2 & NYS No. 1 in 2-mile; USA No. 3 & NYS No. 1 in 3,200 meter; USA No. 2 & NYS No.1 in 3,000 meter; and

WHEREAS, Aisling's accomplishments in 2009 cross country track season include among others: 4th at Foot Locker Nationals; winner of Northeast Regionals; NYS Class A & federation titles; and

WHEREAS, Aisling is ranked academically No. 2, with an A+ average, in her graduating class at Cornwall Central High School and is a member of the Math Team, Key Club and National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Aisling has through her intellect, personality, hard work and dedication, has inspired the entire Cornwall community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees recognizes Aisling Cuffe's success in this special resolution passed this day, June 20, 2011,

THEREFORE, Monday, June 20, 2011, is declared as Aisling Cuffe Recognition Day in our community and all citizens are asked to honor and recognize Aisling for her outstanding achievements as a scholar-athlete.

The foregoing resolution was accepted by the Village Board by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

#### ATTORNEY FOR THE VILLAGE FEES - APRIL

Mayor Coyne is pleased to report that we were able to keep the April legal bill under the \$5,000 monthly maximum. Discussion followed regarding the distinction in billing for general legal advice and litigation costs which are separate budget line items.

#### CLERICAL POSITION

Mayor Coyne tabled discussion on this item for Executive Session later this evening.

#### ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING – CENTRAL HUDSON FREE ENERGY AUDIT

Trustee Kane reported that Central Hudson Gas & Electric has initiated a program to encourage municipalities and companies to save energy. This is funded through a charge on customer's utility bills for a savings central program (SBCRPS). They have hired Alliance Energy Solutions to implement this program. A representative analyzed all Village owned buildings, except the museum, and has provided an estimate to retrofit some of the lighting which will result in significant savings. They expect to perform the work sometime in August.

Trustee Kane made a motion to accept the Central Hudson Gas & Electric lighting retrofit installation program proposals for Village owned buildings, including DPW, Water Department, Museum, and Fire House buildings at no cost to the Village. This will reduce the Village's energy and consumption as well as reduce the electric bills. Further authorize and direct Mayor Coyne to sign the proposals and submit the same to Central Hudson Gas & Electric. The motion was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

#### CORNWALL YACHT CLUB LEASE

Trustee Gosda stated that members of the Historical Society attended last week's work session and provided a packet of information they had put together regarding the old seaman's chapel to the Board. She wanted to express appreciation to these individuals who are willing to make a commitment to become actively involved in the preservation of this chapel at the waterfront. We are very fortunate they



are willing to “step up” on this issue. As the board moves forward on the lease agreement with the Cornwall Yacht Club, we must keep this offer “front and center”.

On behalf of the Village Board, Mayor Coyne thanked Bruce Bryan and members of the Historical Society for their involvement and commitment to protecting a historical landmark.

Discussion followed regarding the lease agreement between the Village and the Cornwall Yacht Club.

Trustee Edsall again reminded the Board he will recuse himself from any discussion regarding the lease.

#### INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR – I.T. SERVICES

Trustee Gosda made a motion authorizing Mayor Coyne to execute and sign an inter-municipal agreement between the Village and Town of New Windsor to provide information technology services (I.T.) which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain (Edsall).

#### PLANNING BOARD OPENING

Mayor Coyne announced that Trustee Argenio has submitted his written resignation from the Planning Board to the Village Clerk. Trustee Argenio noted for the record that he served on this board for 4 years without pay. The Mayor further announced that he and Trustee Argenio interviewed 3 candidates this week for this opening.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Wynn Klosky to serve on the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Planning Board to fill the term of Andrew Argenio (expiring April 2, 2012) which was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

#### CORRECTIONS TO VILLAGE TAX ROLL

Trustee Edsall made a motion to approve the application of Peter & Mary Vance Duggan, 3 Duggan Lane (124-1-1.1) for corrected Village tax. A copy of the decision from small claims hearing officer was not provided to the Village until after the roll was completed. The Village Tax bill will be reduced from \$5,733.17 to \$5,417.68. This motion was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Kane made a motion to approve the application of Cornwall Ventures, LLC. 11 Partridge Road (117-1-2.11) for corrected Village tax. Due to an administrative error, a relevy of unpaid water and garbage charges for a different Village parcel was included on his tax bill. The Village Tax bill will be reduced from \$2,974.02 to \$1,455.44. This motion was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

#### MCLAREN PAYMENT – 2009 WALKABILITY STUDY

Trustee Edsall stated that he appreciates the explanation Attorney for the Village McKay provided of Section 4-412. He noted that although procedurally there was an error in the manner in which the contract was signed (an improper action), the entering into an agreement between the Village and McLaren for these services is an acceptable action.

Trustee Argenio made a motion to ratify the October 29, 2009 contract with McLaren Engineering for an Intersection Walkability Study and authorize the Village Treasurer to cause Village payment for the services which was put to a roll call vote:

Trustee Gosda	AYE	Trustee Edsall	AYE
Trustee Argenio	AYE	Trustee Kane	AYE
Mayor Coyne	AYE		

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

David House of 221 Hudson Street stated that he is appalled at the way the Mayor has “misled the taxpayers of the Village” regarding the legal bills paid by the Village.

Mark Robillard of 122 Duncan Avenue stated that vehicles are parking on both sides along lower Duncan Avenue making it difficult for two-way traffic to maneuver. He would like the Village Board to consider either alternate side of the street parking or moving the 2 hour parking limit signs up to 21 Duncan Avenue.

He also asked if the Village had plans to be our local code ordinances online. Trustee Edsall stated that doing so is a goal of the Village Board but is very expensive.

## **BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS**

Trustee Gosda stated that along with Trustee Argenio, she met with representatives from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Town of Highlands today regarding use of Route 218 for bike/hikes. The paperwork is “moving along” and everything is “approved in Newburgh”.

Trustee Edsall asked if the Town of Cornwall has issued a letter on this item since the event will be taking place within their jurisdiction not the Village’s. Trustee Argenio replied that the DOT required letters from the Town of Highlands and Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, not the Town of Cornwall. We “do what the DOT says” because to incorporate the Town of Cornwall into the 2 municipalities, volunteer group, and an agency already in place was not a requirement from the DOT.

Trustee Argenio stated there is a potential opportunity to get an artifact from the World Trade Center for the 10 year anniversary. In addition he would like to continue discussion regarding parking passes, the Dock Hill Road “washout” problem that is getting worse, and installation of a mirror to improve vision when exiting Duncan Avenue onto Hudson.

Trustee Kane stated that while he supports the Sunday closings of Route 218 pursuant to the 2007 Comprehensive Master Plan, he is concerned with the letter Trustee Argenio placed in the Cornwall Local which incorrectly stated that the road closings would begin on June 19<sup>th</sup>. This letter put the safety of people at risk and he asked who provided this incorrect information. He spoke with Mr. Boucher, the DOT representative, today and was told that documentation to obtain a permit was only brought in this morning. The application has not even been submitted to Poughkeepsie yet for permit approval because they are still waiting on the certificate of insurance. Once all required paperwork has

been received, it will take approximately 2-3 weeks to issue a permit. How in this process did Trustee Argenio get the idea that “NYSDOT was going to issue a permit” when he hasn’t even provided them the necessary information “to actually get the permit”?

Trustee Argenio stated he was given assurances that approval would be received on Tuesday; however, the deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Monday. He feels that there is more of a safety issue with Dock Hill Road being closed down than Route 218. Since there weren’t any incidents reported regarding Route 218, he suggested that Trustee Kane may be going a “little far on that one”.

Mayor Coyne agrees that this certainly is a matter of public safety. He spoke with Trustee Argenio on Friday afternoon and asked him if he said the roadway was closed, he responded by shaking his head no. Mayor Coyne stated he first saw the letter on Saturday and immediately alerted the Village and Town police departments, the Town Supervisor, and local media. That letter put anyone who read it “into jeopardy”. He informed Trustee Argenio that writing that letter was an “irresponsible action” and he cautioned the media to fact check their letters especially when it involves public safety.

Trustee Edsall stated that he is on record supporting the public use of Route 218 for non-vehicular events. He supports these events with the premise it will be done legally, with all the necessary municipalities involved. He is very concerned that there is now a requirement for the permittee and insurance to cover a co-event. The resolution passed by the Village Board last month only pertained to our support of DOT’s closing the roadway. If the DOT is treating this as a Special Event Permit and the permittee becomes a municipality, that municipality is going to assume liability. The Village cannot assume liability for an event that takes place outside our jurisdiction. He reminded everyone that the portion of Route 218 that goes over the mountain is not in the Village. It would be irresponsible for the Village to extend liability outside our boundaries.

Mayor Coyne stated that he attended both the New York Military Academy and Storm King School graduation ceremonies held on June 4<sup>th</sup>. He also had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Scout ceremony held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be performing his first wedding ceremony on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Edsall moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session at 9:40 PM in order to discuss the employment of individuals for the clerical position, DPW litigation, and the Improper Practice charge which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Mayor Coyne indicated that the board would not transact any business upon conclusion of the executive session.