

## VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 18, 2011

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 P.M., at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

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

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **WARRANT #8**

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to approve the August 2011- Warrant (#8) and authorize payments totaling \$178,393.52. Trustee Kane seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **TAYLOR BIOMASS**

Mayor Coyne reported that he and Attorney for the Village Joseph McKay attended a meeting on Wednesday hosted by Walden Mayor Brian Maher. Also in attendance was Jim Rollins of Taylor Biomass and other local municipality representatives. Approximately a dozen items were raised, and Mr. Rollins has agreed to amend the contract to address these concerns. No action of the Village Board is required today.

Trustee Kane asked if there was discussion regarding the effect a contract with the county will have on the Village. Mayor Coyne responded the matter was discussed and now that the municipalities in attendance are working together we're "going to get in if we want to". The county has not signed off on a contract yet. No deadline was set.

Trustee Argenio asked if the concept of bidding was discussed. He is apprehensive to move forward without it. A bid will allow the Village to list the terms that are acceptable to us. Mayor Coyne responded that a short term RFP was discussed.

Trustee Gosda stated that she still has concerns with the county. She would like to hold off any Board decision until the next meeting in order to discuss this with Attorney for the Village McKay. Mr. McKay had brought up many issues and she is unsure how many were addressed. Mayor Coyne replied that items from Mr. McKay's August 7<sup>th</sup> memo were discussed yesterday.

Deputy Mayor Edsall asked if the evaluation done by Mr. Steven Gaba of the Drake Loeb law firm on the sole source viability was discussed, and if there were four (4) attorney's still in agreement that it could be adopted as sole source. Mayor Coyne responded that it hasn't yet been determined. Mr. Edsall stated that the Board needs to know before any action is taken if we have to bid, if we want to bid, and if sole source is legitimate. Discussion followed.

Mayor Coyne reported that they have agreed to cooperate (emails addresses were shared) so Mr. McKay will be in touch with each of these attorney's and reporting back to the Board.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT – SHORE ROAD PROPERTY

Mayor Coyne reported that 2 quotes have been received, one from Stantec and one from Maser Engineering.

Trustee Gosda stated that the Maser Engineering quote is approximately \$400 less than Stantec; however Jim Fitzsimmons knows the site and his background and history there gives him a "bit of an edge". To her, \$400 is not a big savings.

Trustee Argenio stated that we will "get more for our dollar" with Mr. Fitzsimmons and his experience with the Village; however he is in support of either firm testing the site.

Trustee Kane stated that Maser will provide a "fresh set of eyes" looking at the site, and came in \$400 lower, so he supports an award to them.

Trustee Edsall stated he has no problem with either firm and Maser is very capable as well; however Maser is also going to take outside samples.

Trustee Kane made a motion to accept the August 17, 2011 proposal from Maser Consulting P.A. for professional environmental services - limited phase 1 environmental site assessment and indoor air quality investigation in an amount not to exceed \$6,950 plus, if the Village chooses to do so, an additional \$300 for an outside ambient air sample. The motion was seconded by Trustee Argenio and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Edsall moved to adjourn the special meeting which was seconded by Trustee Kane and upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.