

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:35 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
Deputy Mayor Mark J. Edsall
Trustee James P. Kane
Trustee Peter Russell
Trustee David Carnright (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)

Deputy Mayor Edsall moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to conduct an interview with Anthony Cashara for a position on the Ethics Board which was seconded by Trustee Russell and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Mayor Coyne moved to adjourn out of Executive Session at 6:55 PM on a motion seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

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
Deputy Mark J. Edsall
Trustee James P. Kane
Trustee Peter Russell
Trustee David Carnright

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, Storm King Engine Co. #2 Fire Chief Robby Vought, Code Enforcement Officer Ben Maggio, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Mayor Coyne announced that there is a binder on the back table for anyone interested in looking at resolutions and meeting-related documents that will be discussed this evening.

MINUTES

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the January 21, 2013 Business Meeting Minutes as written which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the January 22, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes as written which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- Letter regarding parking on Church Street. This item has been addressed by Mayor Coyne, DPW Superintendent Halvorsen and Chief Dixon.
- Letter from Salerno Brokerage Corp. regarding a requirement to remove snow piles.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 35,152.56
Town water & penalties	429,515.40

which included 0 final/adjustments for the Village and 4 for the Town.

Warrant #2 (Tentative) – Mayor Coyne made a motion to approve the tentative February 2013 Warrant (#2) and authorize payments totaling \$363,024.51, which was seconded by Trustee Russell and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Treasurer Mahoney reported receipt of \$6,220,780.78 (55.49%) in anticipated revenues and \$5,679,895.70 (88.10%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of January.

Treasurer Mahoney also reported that a new tax collection software program from Business Automation Services, Inc. (BAS) was installed on February 1st. This program was paid for by Orange County Real Property Services and provided free to the Village. Training is ongoing and the program will be a big time saver during the tax collection period. In addition she continues to work with the McKane Group on an insurance proposal/quote for 2013.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to schedule a special meeting for February 27, 2013 at 5:30 PM in order to review insurance proposals for 2013-2014 which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Trustee Carnright reported 5 building permits were issued, 7 certificates of compliance/occupancy were issued, 20 onsite inspections performed, 1 violation notice was issued, 1 stop work order was issued, and 10 fire inspections were conducted. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in January.

Fire Department – Deputy Mayor Edsall reported 1 structure fire, 9 automatic alarms/CO calls, 1 fire investigation, 2 gas leaks, 1 vehicle accident, 1 mutual aid call-stand-by in quarters, 8 medical calls, 7 work details, and 5 drills outside of firehouse/11 in house drills for a total of 46 events and 530.5 man hours.

In addition the department completed/updated a Village mutual aid plan, enrolled one firefighter in Firefighter 1 class and enrolled three firefighters in an upcoming Firefighter 2 class, purchased training manuals for the classes, completed repairs on engine #411, installed a new compartment on brush truck #M414, and scheduled SCBA pack re-certification.

Deputy Mayor Edsall further reported that the department plans on completing the following in the new budget year: a. Firefighter equipment purchases – 3 sets of turn out gear, 7 new helmets; 2 DOT/NFPA safety vests. b. Apparatus updates – new light bar for E412, new compartment for M414, E412 pump service, new blue lenses for rear of E411, M414, & R417; upgrades to T413; stripe rear of TA415. c. Equipment purchases – 5 new SCBA cylinders to replace outdated ones; 10 new SCBA masks; replace bolt cutters; 2 1 3/4 nozzles; 1 submersible pump; 2 combi-tools; 5 new gas cans; 10 new pages/radios; update firehouse software and I-Pad. d. Renovations – replace last gear rack.

Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Wright, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to appoint Eugene Conley to the position of Firehouse Mechanic effective March 1, 2013 at the budgeted annual salary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Police Department Trustee Russell reported 2 criminal mischiefs, 4 petty larceny violations, 3 misdemeanor arrests, 1 warrant arrest, 3 traffic accidents, 12 traffic summons issued, 24 warnings issued, 9 fire response calls, 3 domestic incidents, 2 alarm response calls, 2 suspicious person calls, 2 suspicious vehicle calls, 6 animal complaints, 2 disorderly animals, 4 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 5 EMS assist calls, 1 assist to other agencies, 2 welfare checks, and 1 citizen assist for a total of 186 total calls for service.

Trustee Russell further reported that department goals and objectives for 2013 include holding an open house for residents/open bike registration, a crime prevention meeting with local seniors association, department recertification/training in firearms and “taser”, purchase new shotguns, continue officer training in various topics, and increase bike patrol efforts.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that he would like to reactivate efforts to adopt the “Serving Our Residents in Need” (SORIN) project and will meet with the Police Chief.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kane reported repairs to Village vehicles, cold patching of potholes, plowing and sanding of roadways, snow maintenance of sidewalks, snow removal in parking and business areas, maintenance to sewers, Christmas tree pickup, installation of no parking signs on Clark Avenue and Church Street, and storm sewer maintenance.

Trustee Kane further reported that Christopher Donato resigned from the DPW as of February 22, 2013, non-resident requests for electronics recycling has slowed after calls to the County DPW, a proposal was received from Sanitation Equipment Corporation to rebuild the garbage truck, and DPW Superintendent Halvorsen will be on vacation from March 8th to the 17th.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the resignation of Christopher Donato, with regret noting his many years of tremendous service to the Village, subject to the expiration of any accrued benefit time which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne stated that he appreciates Mr. Donato's 18 years of dedicated service to the Village. Deputy Mayor Edsall wished Mr. Donato the best of luck with his new endeavors. Trustee Kane thanked Mr. Donato for an outstanding job. He will be sorely missed and Mr. Kane wished Mr. Donato the best of luck.

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Halvorsen, Mayor Coyne made a motion for an interim appointment of Wayne Yeoman to Working Leader which was seconded by seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing DPW Superintendent Halvorsen to post the positions of Working Leader and Senior Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Discussion followed regarding the proposal from Sanitation Equipment Corp. to rebuild the 2003 garbage truck.

Water Department – Mayor Coyne reported an average daily production of 1.169 million gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 56). A total of 64 utility work-outs were done, 25 meters were repaired or replaced, 2 final meter readings were taken, and water meter reading was completed. A 4" water main was repaired on Partridge Road, repairs were completed to three pressure reduction valves, the road/trail to Black Rock flow control vaults was repaired, maintenance on flow controls to Black Rock plant was performed, and buildings and grounds maintenance/clean-up is ongoing. In addition hydrant maintenance and freeze protection was completed and drainage trenches and basins along Pecks Road was cleared.

Mayor Coyne also reported that Water Superintendent June is working with the Village engineers on a design proposal for changes and upgrades to the Taylor Road well field. Mr. June is also working with Siemens Technology to schedule a date for a technician to complete the meter replacement and provide additional parts and training. In addition Mr. June would like to proceed with implementation of a "Code Red" emergency notification system.

OTHER BUSINESS

DPW BUILDING LITIGATION

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

RESOLUTION TO JOIN MOODNA CREEK WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL

After some discussion, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to table this item until the March 25th business meeting which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NYS LEGISLATION REGARDING FORECLOSURES

After some discussion, Mayor Coyne made a motion to table this item until the March 25th business meeting which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STANDARD WORK DAY FOR APPOINTED/ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Coyne introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller has advised that there are new regulations regarding the standard work day and monthly credits for the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System for elected and appointed officials; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller requires that all local governments adopt a standard work day and reporting and record-keeping requirements for monthly credits for the New York State Employees’ Retirement System for elected and appointed officials participating in the retirement system; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to comply with these state regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE HEREBY,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby establishes the standard work day for elected and appointed officials as shown on the attached form RS 2417-A, and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

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

RESOLUTION TO PERMIT THE RIVER VIEW RUN – SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

Mayor Coyne made a motion to permit the third annual “River View Run” on September 29, 2013 which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen thanked Chris Donato for his 18 years of dedicated service to the Village. Chris has been a great asset to the Village, a good friend, and a big help to him especially when transitioning into his new position. The Village will miss Chris’ many talents.

Chris Donato stated that he has appreciated his years of service to the Village and the friends he has made both “in house” and around the Village.

INSURANCE RENEWAL – LAWSUITS AGAINST THE VILLAGE

Trustee Kane reported that when our insurance broker, Owen McKane, made a presentation back in January he reported that Trident Insurance would not be renewing our policy for 2013-2014. Several

reasons were cited, but the most worrisome to Mr. Kane is the number of lawsuits pending against the Village. One of these lawsuits was brought by Steven Auffredou, the former Village Treasurer, who was not reappointed at the end of his term. There were two “prominent people” who supported that lawsuit - former Mayor Gross and former Trustee Gosda. Although that matter has recently been dismissed, it was costly to the Village and our taxpayers.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that the list of claims against the Village, most of which have since been dismissed, reads like a “Who’s Who” of who used to be on the Village Board. He thinks it is sad that the actions brought against the Village after they were “dissatisfied” and “moved on” have cost this Village a lot of money. It has also contributed to the loss of our insurance carrier.

BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Carnright wished Chris Donato good luck in his future endeavors.

Trustee Russell wished Chris Donato well and praised the DPW employees for their prompt handling of snow removal on his dead end street.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session at 8:02 PM in order to discuss DPW Litigation, terms of Chris Donato’s resignation, and personnel for board appointments which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:39 PM on a motion by Trustee Kane seconded by Trustee Russell and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having no further business set before them, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.