

# VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 27, 2014

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 Mayor Mark J. Edsall  
Trustee David Carnright  
Trustee Kenneth A. Schmidt

Absent was: Trustee James P. Kane (military reserve duty)  
Attorney for the Village Joseph McKay (standing obligation S. Blooming Grove)

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, Storm King Fire Chief Robby Vought, 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 13, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the December 16, 2013 Business Meeting Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- Letter from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation announcing that the “Adams-Chadeayne-Taft” Estate, located at 1-2 Riverbank Lane, is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Letter from Alex Smith, Esq. regarding flooding concerns on Lapani Lane.
- Letter from Mark B. Stumer & Associates, PC providing notice that River Ave Restaurant, LLC intends to file for a NYS liquor license.

- Letter from Robert Kennedy of 7 Bede Terrace requesting relief from a high water bill.

Water Superintendent June has met with Mr. Kennedy and sent the water meter out to be tested. The meter was found to be in good working order and the problem must have been undetected leaks.

After some discussion, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion authorizing Mayor Coyne to work out an agreement with Mr. Kennedy in accordance with the policy previously adopted by the Village Board. Trustee Carnright seconded the motion which was then carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 329,896.03
Town water & penalties	203,500.54

which included 5 final/adjustments for the Village and 2 for the Town.

Warrant #1 – Mayor Coyne made a motion to approve the January 2014 Warrant (#1) and authorize payments totaling \$163,472.27, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Treasurer Mahoney reported receipt of \$5,848,384.83 (87.93%) in anticipated revenues and \$5,379,313.15 (80.88%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of December.

Treasurer Mahoney reported that as of this April, there will no longer be customer support for Windows XP. All Village Hall computers were leased/purchased in 2010 and use Windows XP. She is attempting to get information on leasing new computers and will provide that information to the Board as soon as possible.

Mayor Coyne reported that on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, he and Clerk Mahoney met with Joe Messina of Morwood Oaks Management Associates, to discuss how his company might help the Village recover additional tax revenues paid by telecommunication service providers and utility companies.

## **BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire Department – Deputy Mayor Edsall reported 1 structure fire, 4 automatic alarm/CO calls, 7 medical calls, 3 vehicle accidents, 1 mutual aid to scene/2 to stand by, 1 parade, 3 holiday activities, 1 fire prevention, 1 wake, 9 work details, and 5 in house drills/7 drills outside of firehouse for a total of 45 events and 457.5 man hours. The department responded to 457 calls for service in 2013.

In addition the department assisted the Village with tree lights, participated in holiday activities (Village tree lighting, Washingtonville Christmas parade, Santa in the Village, New Year’s Even Ball Drop), held 2014 Officer Elections (Chief-Robby Vought, Assistant Chief-Steve Calamari, Captain-Eric Chatfield, 1LT-Matt Milich, and 2LT George Lindenberger), 2 of the officers completed Fire Officer I class, and 1

firefighter graduated from Firefighter I class at the training center. Chief Vought is back from medical leave.

Deputy Mayor Edsall congratulated Storm King Engine Co #2 for a job well done on the recent Hudson Street structure fire. It was a “terrific save”.

Mayor Coyne also congratulated the department and thanked all the volunteers for their service. In addition he thanked Chief Vought for his leadership.

Fire Chief Vought reported that the department accomplished a lot in 2013. He further reported that the new ladder truck was used at the fire.

Building Department Trustee Carnright reported 11 building permits were issued, 2 certificates of compliance/ were issued, 25 onsite inspections were performed, 1 violation was issued, 1 property maintenance violation was issued, and 13 fire inspections were conducted. In addition, the occupants of 7 Derby Lane were asked to leave the dwelling due to lack of utilities. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in December.

Police Department Deputy Mayor Edsall reported 1 burglary, 2 criminal mischief, 1 identity theft, 3 petty larceny, 6 misdemeanor arrests, 3 violation arrests, 3 traffic accidents, 16 traffic summons issued, 19 warnings issued, 3 parking summons issued, 5 fire response call, 2 domestic incident calls, 5 alarm response calls, 1 noise complaint, 2 suspicious person calls, 2 suspicious activity calls, 4 suspicious vehicle call, 2 animal complaints, 1 disorderly adult, 10 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 7 EMS assist calls, 2 assists to other agencies, and 2 citizen assists for a total of 237 total calls for service.

Deputy Mayor Edsall further reported that department assisted with traffic and security at the annual Village Christmas Tree lighting and the New Year’s Eve Ball Drop, and continued to participate in Orange County “STOP DWI” enforcement.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Carnright reported installation of new street signs, sewer main inspections, ceiling tiles replaced at Village Hall and police station, in-house safety training for employees, plowing and salting of roadways, cleaning of sidewalks, snow removal from parking areas, and maintenance and repairs to Village vehicles.

Water Department – Trustee Schmidt reported an average daily production of 1.207 million gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 29). A total of 51 utility mark-outs were done, 1 meter was replaced, 13 miscellaneous repairs were completed, and 6 final meter readings were done. In addition, a water main break was repaired on Washington Street, ongoing servicing of pressure reduction valves (PRV’s) and float controls, assisted Department of Public Works with snow removal, took Catskill treatment plant out of service to repair flock drives, and cleaned/washed all tanks and basins at Catskill treatment plant.

Water Superintendent June provided a mutual aid agreement from New York Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (NYWARN) and asked the Board to review.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2014 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2015, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR SUCH PERIOD.

WHEREAS, the tentative budget for the year commencing March 1, 2014 and ending February 28, 2015 has been duly presented to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised Public Hearing has been held thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the tentative budget as amended and revised, be and hereby is adopted as the budget and all amounts set forth in Statement 1 as required for the payment of principal of and interest on indebtedness be and are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in the schedule of such budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective March 1, 2014.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall. Mayor Coyne called for a vote which resulted in 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**TAX LEVY RESOLUTION**

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

A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE TOTAL TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES EXTENDED AND LEVIED AGAINST EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY SHOWN ON THE ROLL PREPARED AND VERIFIED BY THE ASSESSOR FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR.

RESOLVED, that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson the following sums for village government and other charges for the fiscal year 2014-15 with a tax rate of \$9.94 per thousand of assessed valuation:

General Fund	
Total taxes for Current Budget	\$2,359,075.00
Delinquent water rents & charges	47,052.84
Delinquent sewer rents & charges	32,143.35
Delinquent garbage charges	45,346.29
 Total Relevy	 \$124,542.48
Total Real Property Taxes and Other Charges on Roll	\$2,483,617.48

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Carnright and the motion was carried upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

## REGISTRATION DAY – VILLAGE ELECTION

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

WHEREAS, the next General Election for Officers will be held on the 18th day of March, 2014 and

WHEREAS, no person shall be entitled to vote at any Village Election whose name does not appear on the Register for the election district in which he claims to be entitled to vote, and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the inspectors of election to prepare such register of qualified voters for the district for which they were appointed, and

WHEREAS, Section 15-118 of the Election Law of the State of New York requires that every Village hold a Registration Day for each General Village Election,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Registration Day for the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson shall be held on Saturday, the 8th of March from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Board Room of the Village Hall, 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### KAYAK/BOAT STORAGE AT RIVERFRONT

Deputy Mayor Edsall reported that Trustee Kane met with the Chief of Parks and Recreation Department at the Village of Irvington to discuss their rental program of kayak/boat storage racks. He would like to discuss some contractual and liability concerns in Executive Session later this evening.

### CORNWALL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM

Mayor Coyne reported that Senator William Larkin and Assemblyman James Skoufis recently met with NYS Commissioner of Health Nirav Shah in the hopes of keeping the emergency room open 24 hours a day. The matter is now in the Commissioner's "hands".

### CORNELL LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM

Mayor Coyne reported that the Cornell Local Roads Program provides an intern to municipalities, at no cost, to help study roads and draft a plan for improvements/upgrades. He will prepare a letter of intent to try to get some assistance for the Village.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that an added benefit is that even if you just get through the process of cataloging the roads, mapping, condition evaluations, average widths, and comparing that to the CHIPS documents to get lengths, it helps to build a good road inventory.

## INTERN

Mayor Coyne announced that he has been working with Mount Saint Mary College to bring a student intern into the Village Office. Starting tomorrow, Nick Landi a senior who is a Business major, will work with the Mayor and Village Clerk every Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm through May for school credit.

## REQUEST TO LAND HELICOPTER AT RIVERFRONT

Mayor Coyne stated that he has received a request to briefly land a helicopter at Donahue Memorial Park on February 14<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to authorizing the request and further authorizing the Mayor to establish an appropriate fee for police coverage and to issue a Special Event Permit which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

## HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

Mayor Coyne reported that he provided Victor Cornelius with everything needed to complete our grant application. In addition, Mayor Coyne has met with Town Supervisor Clark and was told that the Town will try to continue to work with Mr. Cornelius on its application as well.

## STORM KING SCHOOL – CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village Board has received maps and other documents from Storm King School regarding proposed renovations to their campus. The first item to be addressed is finding a solution to the school's sewage issue. Representatives will continue to meet with the Planning Board as this plan moves forward.

## UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

This item was tabled for discussion in Executive Session later this evening.

## PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

This item was tabled for discussion in Executive Session later this evening.

## **FYI**

### VILLAGE HALL COUNTER GATE

Clerk Mahoney stated that the most recent NYS Comptroller's audit report noted that security measures were needed in Village Hall in order to protect employees, cash, and vital records.

Mayor Coyne reported installation of a counter gate in the Village Hall is almost complete.

## **BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS**

Trustee Carnright welcomed Trustee Schmidt to the Village Board. He then asked Water Superintendent June for an update on today's water leak at Brookside Condominiums.

Water Superintendent June reported that a water main break occurred on a private line in the center of Brookside Condominiums property at approximately 6:00AM. This leak, which occurred under a Central Hudson transformer, affected water, gas, electric, and fiber-optic lines in the complex. Gas and water services have been shut off until the leak is repaired.

Deputy Mayor Edsall also welcomed Trustee Schmidt to the Village Board.

Mayor Coyne attended the Moodna Creek Council meeting this morning. This group meets every 3 months and discussed the potential of "water taking" from other municipalities in the future. Michael Sweeton is the new council chairman. In addition, Mayor Coyne reported that he has received an offer from Hans Olsen to work on the Village's website at no charge. The Black Rock Forest Consortium is offering summer science programs and Mr. Coyne would like to tie our Summer Recreation Program in with them. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, The Orange County Association of Town, Cities and Villages will be honoring former County Executive Edward Diana.

Hike and Bike Mayor Coyne has been informed that Olga Anderson will no longer head up this program. Although this is not a Village function, the Hike and Bike has been well received and he would like to see it continue. Volunteers are needed to continue to make this program work.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session at 7:52 PM with Clerk Mahoney, DPW Superintendent Halvorsen, and Water Superintendent June in order to discuss: a public safety issue, union negotiations, a disciplinary matter involving a DPW employee, kayak storage racks at Donahue Memorial Park, and the Police Department personnel contract. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.