

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 16, 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 James P. Kane
Trustee David Carnright
Trustee Kenneth A. Schmidt

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, Attorney for the Village Joseph McKay, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

A moment of silence was observed for Matthew Clancy, a Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson employee for 15 years and member of Storm King Engine Co. #2 for 29 years, who passed away yesterday after a short illness.

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 May 19, 2014 Business Meeting Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the May 22, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the June 9, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstain (Kane).

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- Letter from Jon Kohn of 5 Taft Place, regarding views from Bayview Terrace and Taft Place that have become obstructed by trees on Village owned property. Mr. Kohn is requesting permission to prune a few of the trees to restore the view for all.
- Letter from Leslie Maltese-McGill, a former member of the Cornwall Geese Committee, along with a petition signed by Riverfest attendees who feel that the Village should not cull the Canada geese this year or in the future.

- Letter from Paul Korykora coordinator of the 2014 Independence Day Parade, inviting the Village Board to participate in the annual Independence Day Parade on July 4th at 5:00 PM.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 88,074.40
Town water & penalties	435,120.03

which included 0 final/adjustments for the Village and 1 for the Town.

Warrant #6 – Mayor Coyne made a motion to approve the June 2014 Warrant (#6) and authorize payments totaling \$561,192.21, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Treasurer Mahoney reported receipt of \$2,633,079.93 (38.53%) in anticipated revenues and \$1,227,960.81 (17.97%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of May.

Ms. Mahoney reported that the total collected in Village taxes through May 31st is \$2,349,543.20.

Ms. Mahoney further reported that Deputy Village Clerk Mary Ellen Dennett has been working with our utility billing software representatives to set up a sewer improvement capital charge. Residential customers will be charged with the June billing and commercial customers will be charged with the August billing.

Ms. Mahoney closed on a bond anticipation note with Orange County Trust on May 28th for a Sanitation Truck in the amount of \$146,682 with an interest rate of 2.3%. In addition, accountants with Nugent & Haeusseler conducted an on-site audit of the Village’s financial statements for fiscal year ending February 28, 2014 the week of May 26th.

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion authorizing the Village Clerk to sign a Commercial Pest Control Service Agreement with Liberty Pest Control to treat the Village Hall for a variety of pests at an annual charge of \$645.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Trustee Carnright reported 20 building permits were issued, 12 certificates of compliance/occupancy were issued, 25 onsite inspections were performed, 1 stop work order was issued, and 2 fire inspections were conducted. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in May.

Fire Department – Deputy Mayor Edsall reported 1 structure fire, 2 automatic alarm/CO calls, 1 gas odor, 6 medical calls, 6 work details, 1 parade, 7 in-house drills, and 8 drills outside firehouse for a total of 31 events and 424 man hours.

Mr. Edsall further reported that the department conducted a live burn at the County Training Center on May 18th, participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, and some members attended CSX railroad training on June 3rd.

The structure fire at 13 Boulevard on May 20th was determined to be “accidental” due to spontaneous combustion of rags with deck stain left in the sun and not properly disposed of.

On behalf of Fire Chief Vought, Mr. Edsall reminded the public that Storm King Engine Co. #2 is a 100% volunteer organization, made up of members of the community that freely give their time to protect the lives and property of Village residents as well as surrounding communities. The duties of firefighters are inherently dangerous and become even more so when members of the public interfere. This will not be tolerated and the fire department asks the public to “steer clear” and let them do their job without interference when there is an emergency. Anyone who interferes will be immediately turned over to the police department.

Mayor Coyne stated that 2 recent fires in the Village have added danger to our firefighters. The first involved a house on Hudson Street with an illegal apartment. The second involved a house on the Boulevard and the owner interfered with the firefighters on scene.

Police Department Trustee Kane reported 1 criminal mischief, 3 petty larceny, 1 fraud, 2 misdemeanor arrests, 4 traffic accidents, 18 traffic summons issued, 28 warnings issued, 28 parking summons issued, 2 fire response calls, 1 domestic incident, 6 alarm response calls, 4 noise complaints, 3 suspicious person calls, 2 suspicious activity calls, 3 suspicious vehicle calls, 9 animal complaints, 1 disorderly adult, 1 disorderly juvenile, 6 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 6 EMS assist calls, 2 assists to other agencies, and 3 welfare checks for a total of 311 total calls for service.

Mr. Kane further reported that the department continues to participate in the Orange County “STOP DWI” enforcement, participated in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program including “Click It or Ticket” enforcement, and held Firearms Training at the Town of New Windsor Police Department Firearms Range.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Schmidt reported weekly mowing and trimming of Village properties, weekly yard waste collection, sweeping of streets, cleaning of storm drains, roadside mowing, line striping of parking spots and lots has started, and flower beds as well as the Village prepped for Memorial Day parade.

GAZEBO HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village received a \$20,000 grant from the Orange County Office of Community Development to provide handicap access to the gazebo located at Donahue Memorial Park. Representatives of the Community Development Office must review plans before we proceed and Mr. Coyne has contacted Maser Consulting to request plans be forwarded.

Water Department – Trustee Carnright reported an average daily production of 879,000 gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 31). A total of 104 utility mark-outs were done, 2 meters were replaced, 32 miscellaneous repairs were completed, 1 final meter reading was done, cutting at dams was completed, and water main flushing within the Village was completed. In addition, servicing of PRV’s and float controls on mountain system is ongoing, and the department continues spring clean-up of properties and repairs.

Trustee Carnright further reported that Maser Consulting is continuing to inspect the Upper Reservoir and Arthurs Pond Dams.

RESOLUTIONS

SUMMER PLAYGROUND – APPOINTMENT OF COUNSELORS

Trustee Schmidt reported that there have been two registration days and approximately 75 campers have registered to date. A third registration day will take place next week.

Upon the recommendation of Summer Playground Director Jen Pryne and Assistant Director Kathleen Hand, Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Kristina Grace, Charles Paffenroth, Alexander Cruz, Irene Talt, James Parisi, Jaclyn Clancy, Ashley Conklin, Jenna Park, Chris Bauer, Sam Sabini, Amanda Russell, and Johanna Caufaglione as Summer Playground Counselors at a salary of \$8.50 per hour. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Kaitlyn Preiss, Malachy O’Sullivan, Nicole Cast, and Tara Mirabile as Alternate Summer Playground Counselors at a salary of \$8.50 per hour to work if a vacancy arises or the number of campers requires an additional counselor. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Caitlin Masopust as Summer Playground EMT at a salary of \$11.00 per hour which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne disclosed that Jaclyn Clancy is the daughter of the late Matthew Clancy.

CODE RED NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Mayor Coyne made a motion to authorize the execution of a contract with Code Red to provide emergency and non-emergency notifications to Village residents and Town Water customers in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to be paid out of the General and Water funds which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall who added that the Village Board will establish a policy requiring prior approval of non-emergency announcements.

Water Superintendent Bob June reported that he first brought this notification system to the Village Board back in 2012. Village residents and Town Water customers will have the ability to register with Code Red to receive notifications through a phone call, email, and/or text message. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Department Heads and Fire Chief will have authority to make emergency and non-emergency notifications to all registered users or to users in specific/affected areas.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that it is an “extremely impressive” program and we will be able to utilize it to notify our residents of pending storms, water main breaks, road closures, etc. He thanked Mr. June for bringing this system to the Village Board’s attention. It will benefit all Village Departments. Discussion followed.

The motion was then put to a vote which resulted in 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

VENTURE SCOUTS CAR WASH – JUNE 22, 2014

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing the Cornwall Venture Scouts to use the Village Hall parking lot for a car wash on Sunday, June 22nd from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, noting that 2 adults will supervise the event and they will use environmentally safe soap as required. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MOVING UP DAY RECEPTION

Mayor Coyne made a motion to permit the Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School use of the Village Bandstand on June 26th for a moving up reception which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall, with congratulations, and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

Mayor Coyne reported that he submitted a grant application prior to today's 4:00 PM deadline. The application seeks \$15,000 for signage at the riverfront, picnic tables, and trash bins. The Village will be responsible for matching funds.

MONROE-WOODBURY – RIVER STUDY

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing a Monroe-Woodbury class to study the river and have a picnic lunch at Donahue Memorial park on Tuesday, June 17th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

SEWER CHARGES

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village Board has been working on this issue for a long time to help us deal with the major renovations/repairs to the Town Sewer Plant. He met with the Clerk of the Village of Goshen last week and learned that Goshen charges a \$140 assessment on its quarterly utility bill in order to pay for major sewer repairs.

Deputy Mayor Edsall drafted a proposal for calculating the sewer point charge on vacant lands, "benefitted" properties, and certain commercial properties. This proposal was discussed at the June 9th work session and is supported by the Village Board. Mr. Edsall will meet with Ms. Mahoney, DPW Superintendent Halvorsen, and Code Enforcement Officer Maggio to discuss the proposal and provide guidance.

CRUDE OIL TRAIN SHIPMENTS

Mayor Coyne reported that CSX conducted a training program consisting of 2 sessions two weeks ago. Members of Storm King Engine Co. #2 and Village Police Department, Water Superintendent June, and Code Enforcement Officer Maggio attended.

CUMBERLAND FARMS

Mayor Coyne reported that at last month's business meeting, the Village Board established a loading zone for grocery deliveries. Mr. Coyne and Code Enforcement Officer Maggio will meet with

Cumberland Farms representatives again regarding the ongoing problem with fuel deliveries and trash collection.

GLENDENING PROPERTY

Mayor Coyne reported that he has drafted a letter to Ms. Glendening regarding her request for a zoning change. He has asked Attorney for the Village McKay to review the letter before it is mailed.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village Board is continuing to work with the Town Board on this grant request.

UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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

NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY (NYMA)

Mayor Coyne attended a press conference on June 10th in which Anthony Desa, President of the Board of Trustees at NYMA, announced that the school will be open next year. They will be “floating” bonds to help with finances. Mr. Desa assured the public that the property has not been sold.

FYI

BANDSTAND CONCERTS - 2014

Mayor Coyne announced that the first concert, performed by the Cornwall Central Middle School Jazz Band, was held on June 10th.

ORANGE COUNTY CITIZENS FOUNDATION - MAYORS FORUM

Mayor Coyne attended a “Mayors Forum” on June 12th. It was a good session that provided an opportunity for officials to share information relating to activities in their municipalities.

MOODNA MARSH KAYAK TOUR

Mayor Coyne announced that he will be attending a kayak tour of the Moodna Marsh on June 18th.

SPORTSPLEX – CELEBRATE SUMMER EVENT

Mayor Coyne stated at last month’s business meeting that the Village Board approved a request from Sportsplex to hold health and fitness event at Donahue Memorial Park on Saturday, June 21st between the hours of 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Approximately 50-75 guests will participate in the event and they will carpool.

FLOWERS – RANDAZZO LANDSCAPING

On behalf of the Village Board, Mayor Coyne thanked Eugene Randazzo for planting flowers in the Village Square traffic malls.

NBC COMMERCIAL SHOOT

Mayor Coyne reported that NBC/Universal filmed a commercial in the Village on May 21st and everything “went well”.

RIVERFEST

Mayor Coyne reported that the annual River-fest was held on Saturday, June 7th and was a big success. He thanked Chairman Wynn Gold and the entire River-fest committee for a job well done.

HUDSON RIVER ARTFEST – JUNE 8, 2014

Mayor Coyne reported that the inaugural “Hudson River ArtFest” held at Donahue Memorial Park on Sunday, June 8th was a “successful launch”. He thanked Trustee Schmidt and Mount Saint Mary College intern Nick Landi for their help.

Trustee Schmidt thanked Mayor Coyne for coming up with the idea. Mr. Schmidt stated that it was a nice showing for a first-time event.

GET YOUR GUTS IN GEAR CYCLE EVENT/WEST POINT DUATHLON

Mayor Coyne reported that the “Get Your Guts In Gear” cycle event took place on June 7th and 8th and West Point held a duathlon on June 7th. Both events were a success, thanks in part to the Village Police Department for providing traffic control.

BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt stated that he recently attended an open house at Paul Gould’s art studio. It was a nice gathering that was catered by the Riverbank Bistro.

Mr. Schmidt offered his condolences to the Clancy family.

Trustee Carnright stated that he has known the Clancy family for years. Mr. Carnright’s wife used to babysit for Matt’s children.

Mr. Carnright thanked Water Superintendent June for his persistence in bringing Code Red to the Village. It is a good system and the benefits are well worth the cost. He encourages residents to sign up.

Trustee Kane offered his condolences to the Clancy family. His thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time. Matt will be missed.

Mr. Kane thanked Eugene Randazzo for donating his time to plant flowers in the traffic malls. They make the Village Square look great. In addition, although Mr. Kane was unable to go to RiverFest and ArtFest, he spoke with many people who said they enjoyed the events and will come back next year.

Mr. Kane announced that he is a soldier in the US Army Reserves and has received military orders. He is being deployed to Afghanistan for up to one year and will be taking a leave of absence from the Village Board during this time. Mr. Kane thanked everyone who has offered assistance to his family while he is gone. He looks forward to serving our country, and upon his return, serving the Village residents once again.

Deputy Mayor Edsall also offered his condolences to the Clancy family. Matt joined Storm King Engine Co. #2 in 1985 and was a very active member of the department. He will certainly be missed.

Mr. Edsall thanked Eugene Randazzo who never hesitates to “step up” and assist the Village.

Mr. Edsall stated that the emergency notification system used by the school system only reaches school families. The Code Red system will provide 100% coverage to everyone who subscribes.

Mr. Edsall also thanked Trustee Kane for his service to our country. He will miss Mr. Kane’s assistance with many work efforts. Mr. Kane has done a wonderful job in getting difficult and time consuming tasks completed.

Mayor Coyne is sorry that Trustee Kane is leaving the Village, but he will be serving a larger group, our nation. He thanked Mr. Kane for his service and stated that the Village will miss him and his legal skills. He is glad to know that Mr. Kane will be returning to the Village Board and wished him a safe journey.

Mr. Coyne is very sorry to hear about Matt Clancy’s passing. It is far too early for him to leave us. He met Matt’s wife Francine in recent months. He offered condolences to the Clancy family and Storm King Engine Co. #2.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session at 7:56 PM with Water Superintendent June in order to discuss: union contract negotiations, the Glendening property, and personnel/employee issue in the Water Department. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:15 PM on a motion by Mayor Coyne which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

WATER MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITION

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing Water Superintendent June to post a Water Maintenance Worker position in accordance with the current union contract, and after the prescribed amount of time, advertise in the Cornwall Local and Times Herald-Record. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the meeting back into Executive Session at 8:16 PM which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.