

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 15, 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
Trustee David Carnright
Trustee Kenneth A. Schmidt

Absent was: Deputy Mayor Mark J. Edsall - Vacation
Trustee James P. Kane – Military Duty
Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney – Training Classes in Lake Placid

Also present were: Water Superintendent Robert June, Attorney for the Village Joseph McKay, and Recording Secretary Kristen Boyle.

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.

A moment of silence was observed for local residents Bryant Furchak (a retired NYPD officer) and Christian Martinisi (a 6 year old boy) who passed away recently.

MINUTES

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the August 18, 2014 Business Meeting Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- Letter from Jules & Susan Beal of 91 Weeks Avenue regarding the sewer capital charge on their vacant property.
- Letter from NYS Public Service regarding a “lifeline” telephone service.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties \$ 350,116.13
Town water & penalties 365,986.25
which included 11 finals/adjustments for the Village and 4 for the Town.

Warrant #9 – Mayor Coyne made a motion to approve the September 2014 Warrant (#9) and authorize payments totaling \$229,453.54, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The monthly revenue/expenditure report indicates receipt of \$3,827,767.14 (56%) in anticipated revenues and \$2,980,592.15 (43.61%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of August. In addition the total collected in Village taxes through August 31st is \$2,438,859.15.

On August 21st, the Village received \$1,112.03 from FEMA for a portion of our costs associated with Hurricane Sandy. This payment covers repairs to guard rails and the lawn area at Donahue Memorial Park.

Village Treasurer Mahoney prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) for “Riverfront Gazebo Accessibility” at Donahue Memorial Park and it was approved by the Orange County Office of Community Development (OCCD). Maser Consulting has provided revised drawings and specifications which have been forwarded to OCCD for acceptance.

STORM KING ENGINE CO. #2 – VEHICLE SURPLUS

Mayor Coyne made a motion to surplus the 2006 Chevy Tahoe, VIN #1GNEK13Z56J148106 in “as is” condition with 145,163 miles for a minimum bid of \$6,200.00 and authorize the Village Clerk to advertise the vehicle for sale which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne stated that this vehicle, which has been used by the Assistant Fire Chief, was provided through a grant from Senator Larkin’s office. It was not purchased using Village funds.

BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Trustee Carnright reported 9 building permits were issued, 13 certificates of compliance/occupancy were issued, 52 onsite inspections were performed, 1 stop work order was issued, and 3 fire inspections were conducted. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in August.

Fire Department – Trustee Schmidt reported 1 rubbish fire, 1 brush fire, 5 automatic alarm/CO calls, 3 gas odor, 12 medical calls, 5 work details, 2 wet-downs, 1 fire prevention, 2 wakes, 1 live fire training, and 13 in-house drills for a total of 44 events and 366.5 man hours. The department has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from State Assemblyman Skoufis, and former Police Department Tahoe is now in service as Car #2.

Mr. Schmidt further reported that 10 firefighters attended live fire training at County Training Center on August 17th. Training was on engine company operations (hose stretching, fire extinguishment). They will attempt one more live fire training before winter in the County’s new burn building. Firefighters also trained on houses donated by Michel Bigg on August 13th & 14th. Training included roof

ventilation, wall breaching, ladder/tower ladder operations, hose stretching, and overhaul. In addition the fire department has gained 2 new members (one is a retired FDNY firefighter and the other is an EMT), completed fire prevention for Camp Olmstead, and attended wet downs at Cornwall and Orange Lake Fire Departments.

Assistant Chief Steve Calamari has been named an Orange County Rising Star for his work within the fire company and department.

Police Department Trustee Schmidt reported 1 attempted burglary, 2 criminal mischief, 6 petty larceny, 1 trespass, 3 harassment, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 1 warrant arrest, 2 traffic accidents, 25 traffic summons issued, 34 warnings issued, 16 parking summons issued, 5 fire response calls, 4 domestic incidents, 19 alarm response calls, 4 noise complaints, 1 suspicious person call, 1 suspicious activity call, 2 suspicious vehicle calls, 7 animal complaints, 1 disorderly adult, 3 disorderly juveniles, 6 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 12 EMS assist calls, 6 assists to other agency, 3 welfare checks, and 4 citizen assists for a total of 428 total calls for service.

The department continues to participate in the Orange County “STOP DWI” enforcement and “Police Traffic Services” traffic enforcement. In addition the department was awarded \$1,866.82 from the Bureau of Justice Vest Partnership Program, for 2014 through 2016, to be used toward the purchase of new bullet proof vests for police officers.

On August 25th, the department responded to 19 Church Street for a report of a suspicious death which was subsequently declared by NYS Police Investigators as being a suicide or accidental death. Chief Dixon thanked the NYS Police for their response and assistance. The NYS Police demonstrated true professionalism and expertise in assisting this department with the investigation.

The department recently assisted with a large wake/funeral relating to the tragic accidental death of a six year old child which occurred in Cornwall.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Carnright reported repairs to village vehicles, weekly mowing and trimming of village properties, weekly yard waste collection, black top patching, line striping of Mountain Road, River Avenue, Dock Hill Road, and Hudson Street, preparing roadways for oil and chipping, and replacement of a door at DPW facility. It was a slow month due to employee vacations.

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen will be attending the NYCOM Public Works School from October 20th through 22nd.

Water Department – Trustee Carnright reported an average daily production of 983,000 gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 34). A total of 93 utility mark-outs were done, 18 meters were replaced, 7 miscellaneous repairs were completed, and 13 final meter readings were done. The department repaired a water service leak on Ridge Road, repaired a water leak on Main Street near municipal parking lot, replaced water service to 284 Main Street, performed hydrant maintenance and painting, and continues to maintain water department properties.

Mr. Carnright further reported that Water Superintendent will be working with Code Red to set boundary lines for the notification system and expects it to be in place by September 26th.

Water Superintendent June reported that he will be attending a Disaster Management Course sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and the NYS Office of Emergency Management in Saratoga Springs on September 23rd and 24th.

RESOLUTIONS

CONCERNS REGARDING CRUDE OIL TRAIN SHIPMENTS

Mayor Coyne introduced the following resolution, which is based on one recently adopted by the Orange County Legislature, and moved for its' adoption.

WHEREAS, Nationwide volume of crude oils, especially Bakken and other crude oils, transported by rail has increased more than 40 times between 2008 and 2013, and crude oil train derailments in the United States and Canada that have led to loss of life and property, and significant economic and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, As many as 30 crude oil trains pass through Cornwall-on-Hudson weekly, along the Hudson River - which is designated as a Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat - within 150 feet of people's homes, next to the Village's Municipal Services Complex and through our riverfront park; and

WHEREAS, Bakken crude oil has been proven to be more explosive and more corrosive than typical crude oils; and other heavy crude oils have been found to be thicker than typical crude oils, making the protection of public safety and environmental health, as well as spill response and remediation, more difficult and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, Crude oil is mainly transported in class DOT-111 rail tank cars that are designed for general purpose liquid transport, not for hazardous cargos, even though these railcars lack basic safety measures and despite repeated recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board over the past 30 years that they not be used for crude oil transport; and

WHEREAS, Class DOT-111 railcars are unacceptably dangerous, particularly in light of the state of railroad enforcement, inspection, oversight, and safety, highlighted by the testimony of the Chair of the Surface Transportation Board who testified in April of 2014 that "no community is prepared for a worst-case scenario" for crude oil-by-rail disasters; and

WHEREAS, CSX Corporation was fined \$10,000 for failing to timely report its two February 2014 oil train derailments in Ulster and Selkirk, N.Y. and a crude oil train on the CSX line blocked access to about 60 homes in the Town of Saugerties on March 31, 2014, for approximately 90 minutes without notifying local emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, Crude oil trains put our first responders needlessly in more danger; and

WHEREAS, Joint state-federal "inspection blitzes" have identified dozens of train and rail car safety defects, highlighting the risks facing our communities and environment, but no such inspections have been performed in Cornwall-on-Hudson.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cornwall-on-Hudson Village Board recognizes that the transport of crude oil, especially Bakken and heavy crude oils, by rail through the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson presents a significant risk for our residents, economy, and environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson calls upon the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the NYS Departments of Transportation and Environmental Conservation to immediately order a full environmental impact study of the potential impacts of increased crude oil transport by train through the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, and to enact stringent rules and regulations for the transportation of crude oil; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson urges federal and state agencies to explore and develop alternative means for the distribution and transportation of crude oil.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing a budget transfer of \$5,000 from A1990.4 (General Fund-Contingency) to A1620.4 (General Fund-Village Hall Expense) in order to purchase and install a new computer server which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing a budget transfer of \$8,308.80 from F1990.4 (Water Fund-Contingency) to FF8310.13 (Water Fund-Water Superintendent Salary) and to accept an agreement with Water Superintendent Robert June to have him turn in six (6) weeks of vacation time in exchange for six (6) weeks' pay which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

WATER MAINTENANCE WORKER

Mayor Coyne made a motion to hire Shawn Arnott as Water Maintenance Worker effective September 29, 2014, at a rate of pay pursuant to the current contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

HUDSON HIGHLANDS NATURE MUSEUM - LEASE AGREEMENT

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing Attorney for the Village McKay to prepare a lease agreement between the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and Hudson Highlands Nature Museum which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

LIONS FALL HARVEST RACE – NOVEMBER 9, 2014

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing the annual Cornwall Lions "Fall Harvest Race" on Sunday, November 9, 2014 which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

HUDSON RIVER GRANT

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village has received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Hudson River Foundation for improvements along the riverfront park.

GREENWAY CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Coyne reported that he submitted a grant application last week. This application is for an investigation as to whether the Village can expand our riverfront north to New Windsor's Plum Point-Kowawese Unique park area, and south to Dean's Point which is currently owned by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. A lease agreement may be required.

GAZEBO HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village received a \$15,000 grant from the Orange County Office of Community Development to provide handicap access to the gazebo at Donahue Memorial Park. The Village Clerk made mention of this item in her monthly report earlier in tonight's agenda. In addition, the Village is looking to expand parking between the existing spaces near the gazebo and the wooded area to the left.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS, VILLAGES & CITIES – OCTOBER MEETING

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will host the October Business Meeting of the Association of Towns, Villages, and Cities at Storm King School on October 28, 2014. Scenic Hudson will be the presenters that evening.

INSURANCE MATTERS – MOTOR VEHICLE REVIEW POLICY

Mayor Coyne reported that he has discussed this item with Attorney for Village McKay. Glatfelter Insurance, the Village's insurance carrier, recommends that we have a policy regarding all drivers of Village vehicles. Mr. Coyne will contact our representative at Glatfelter to see if the current "LENS" program will suffice.

FORUM ON PROS/CONS OF CONSOLIDATION

Mayor Coyne reported that the Association of Towns, Villages, and Cities has proposed a forum on the pros/cons of consolidation. It will be held either in November, 2014 or January, 2015. It seems that "certain parties in the state" would like to see small village's such as ours disappear. Mr. Coyne is against consolidation. The Village shares many services with the Town of Cornwall, and spend our money as carefully as possible.

GLENDENING PROPERTY – PROPOSED VISIT

Mayor Coyne made a motion to schedule a special meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 or Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 4:30 pm at Riverbank Lane, Cornwall-on-Hudson, in order to visit the property owned by Ms. Susan Glendening. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

FYI

ROUTE 218 – CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

Mayor Coyne announced that Route 218 between Cornwall-on-Hudson and West Point has been closed in order to repair portions of the stone fencing that was damaged in an automobile accident. He expects the repairs to be completed and the road to reopen later this week.

PINE STREET AND DUNCAN AVENUE BLOCK PARTIES

Mayor Coyne announced that residents of Pine Street and Duncan Avenue held block parties on Saturday, September 6th.

CORNWALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - PICNIC

Mayor Coyne announced that Cornwall Presbyterian Church held a service and picnic at Donahue Memorial Park on Sunday, September 7th.

STORM KING ENGINE COMPANY – PICNIC

Mayor Coyne announced that members of Storm King Engine Co. #2 held a picnic at Donahue Memorial Park on Saturday, September 13th.

BENEFIT FOR FAMILY OF MATT CLANCY

Mayor Coyne announced that a benefit for the family of Matt Clancy, an employee of our Water Department and long-time volunteer with Storm King Engine Co #2, was held at Black Rock Fish & Game Club on Sunday, September 14th. It was well organized and there was a large turn-out. Mr. Coyne thanked both Storm King Engine Co. #2 and Highland Engine for organizing the event.

RIVERFRONT WEDDING

Mayor Coyne announced that a wedding will take place at the gazebo located at Donahue Memorial Park on Saturday, September 20th.

OCTOBER-BULLYING AWARENESS MONTH&DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Coyne announced that October is “Bullying Awareness” month and “Domestic Violence Awareness” month.

CAR WASH – CORNWALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mayor Coyne announced that the Cornwall Middle School music program will hold a car wash in the Village Hall parking lot on Saturday, October 4th.

OCTOBER WORK SESSION – OCTOBER 6, 2014

Mayor Coyne announced that the next work session will be held on **Monday, October 6, 2014 at 5:00 pm** due to the Columbus Day holiday.

APPLETIME FAIR / VILLAGE-WIDE YARD SALE

Mayor Coyne announced that the annual “Appletime Fair” held at Cornwall Presbyterian Church and village-wide “yard sale” will both take place on Saturday, October 18th.

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing the Bandstand Restoration Committee to utilize the Village bandstand property in order to participate in the village-wide yard sale. Money raised will be used for necessary repairs to the Village Bandstand. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt reported that the Bandstand Committee will schedule a meeting later this month in order to discuss fund raising ideas. In addition, Mr. Schmidt will be featured in an upcoming TV program and he encouraged that organization to request permission for future filming in the Village.

Trustee Carnright thanked Mayor Coyne for all his work on the Hudson River grant. It is very difficult for the Village to qualify for most grants.

Mayor Coyne acknowledged the Cornwall Historical Society and the local ministry for hosting the September 11th ceremony at the Town traffic circle. The event was well attended, and several local representatives spoke. The Cornwall community lost one of its own that day, FDNY firefighter Ken Kumpel, and this ceremony reminds us all of that loss. Orange County Legislator Kevin Hines mentioned that a memorial in honor of Mr. Kumpel is “in the works”.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session at 7:48 PM with Attorney for the Village McKay in order to discuss a legal matter involving a developers property, and union contract negotiations, The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.