

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 12, 2015

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened 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 David Carnright
Trustee Kenneth A. Schmidt

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Police Chief Steven Dixon, Storm King Engine Co. #2 Fire Chief Jeffrey Armitage, Code Enforcement Officer Ben Maggio, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney

Absent was: Trustee James P. Kane – Military Duty
Water Superintendent Robert June (vacation)

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

PUBLIC HEARING 2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proof of Notice and Publication having been furnished, and copies of the budget having been distributed, Trustee Carnright made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2015-16 Budget at 7:01 PM which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having no one wish to speak, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:02 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne noted that the draft budget increases the tax levy by 1.6% and includes proposed CSEA and PBA salary increases. He is optimistic these contracts will be settled soon. Mr. Coyne also noted that he has increased General Fund Expenditure line Street Maintenance Expense (A5110.4) by \$10,000. In addition, the Water Department salaries have been combined into Source of Supply Salary (F8320.1).

ANNUAL SEWER CAPITAL FEE - Mayor Coyne stated that he would like to change the way the annual sewer capital fee is charged. Rather than bill it once a year, he would like to break it down and include in each bill period. Mr. Coyne suggested a single family residence be charged \$15.00 each billing period for a total annual sewer capital fee of \$90.00. The current fee is \$100.00. Discussion followed.

Deputy Mayor Edsall asked if the percentage used to calculate salary increases was checked since it appears to differ from line item to line item. Clerk Mahoney replied that the numbers were checked and the differences are due to changes in department personnel. Mr. Edsall also suggested General Fund Expenditure line Fire Equipment Mechanic (A3410.11) be increased from \$5,000 to \$7,500. This line item was reduced from \$10,000 in the current budget to \$5,000 in the draft budget and he feels that a 50% deduction is not a “realistic”. Discussion followed.

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen stated that he requested General Fund Street Cleaning Salary line (A8170.1) be moved to Street Maintenance Salary line (A5110.1). In reviewing the draft budget he notes that the salary has been removed from line A8170.1 but was not included in A5110.1. This needs to be corrected prior to budget adoption.

After some discussion, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to rescind his prior motion to close the public hearing and to schedule a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 5:30 PM in order to continue the public hearing on the 2015-2016 draft budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

RESOLUTIONS

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE – WATER DEPARTMENT

Mayor Coyne made a motion to re-hire Michael Donato as a Seasonal Employee in the Water Department not to exceed 24 hours per week, for a period not to exceed 6 months, and at the same rate of pay (\$14.00 per hr). The effective date will be set by Water Superintendent June. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MAPPING OF SEWER SYSTEM

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion authorizing Maser Consulting, Engineer for the Village, to work with DPW Superintendent Halvorsen in gathering information together for the upcoming DEC inspection of the Village’s sewer system on January 30th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE/TIME – VILLAGE ELECTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the next annual election of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will be held in the Board Room of the Village Hall, 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y., on the 18th day of March 2015, between the hours of Noon and 9 PM by voting machine. The office and terms for which are as follows: Mayor – Two Years, Trustee – Two Years, Trustee - Two Years.

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

ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS

The Clerk requested the following be appointed Election Inspectors for the upcoming March 18th election at a rate of \$75 per day:

Registration Day:	Margaret Flint, as Chairperson and Elsa Cameron
Election Day Table:	Margaret Flint, Elsa Cameron, Martha Diederich, and Colette Fulton
Alternates:	Lauren Anderson, Robert Anderson, Barbara Fletcher, Floranne Moulton, Susan Ostrander, and Carmela Yerdon
Election Day Machine:	Brigid Flynn and Barbara Gabhart
Voting Machine Inspector:	Ray Torracca (rate of \$150 per machine)

Mayor Coyne moved to accept these appointments which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

Mayor Coyne made a motion to move the March Business Meeting date from March 23rd to March 16th at 7:00 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays. At the annual Reorganizational meeting, the March Business meeting date was moved to the 4th Monday because of the Village Election. This year, the election date has been moved to Wednesday, March 18th because of St. Patricks' Day; therefore, there is no need to move the Business Meeting date.

Having concluded the business set before them, Deputy Mayor Edsall moved to adjourn the special meeting at 7:35 PM, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.