

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 P.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. The meeting was moved up from 7:00 P.M. in anticipation of major snow storm.

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

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, 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 22, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the January 12, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the December 15, 2014 Business Meeting Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- Letter from Anthony Foxx, Director of the Department of Transportation in response to Mayor Coyne's comments regarding concerns with crude oil trains.

- Letter from Erin O’Dell-Keller regarding an energy distribution information session in Kingston on February 4, 2015.
- Letter from Jackie Gaillard regarding a proposal from the local Chamber of Commerce for seasonal decorations.
- Letter from Steve Ridler of NYS Empire State Development denying the Village’s grant application for Consolidated Funding.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 365,037.68
Town water & penalties	168,478.22

which included 1 final/adjustment for the Village and 6 for the Town.

Warrant #1 – Mayor Coyne made a motion to approve the January 2015 Warrant (#1) and authorize payments totaling \$289,602.32, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Treasurer Mahoney reported receipt of \$5,621,778.10 (82.25%) in anticipated revenues and \$5,488,058.95 (80.30%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of December.

Treasurer Mahoney reported that she spoke with representatives from Energy Price Management Group who would like to manage the Village’s cost for electricity, natural gas and fuel oil through a fixed rate program. They would like the opportunity to meet with the Board in February.

BUDGET TRANSFERS – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing a budget transfer of \$2,557.00 from A3411.4 (General Fund – Firematic) to A1910.4 (General Fund – Insurance) to correct a voucher coding error made in March of 2014 on an insurance policy renewal with Dewit Insurance. The motion 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 \$2,900.00 from A9025.8 (General Fund – Service Award Program) to A3411.4 (General Fund – Firematic) 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 \$4,000.00 from A3410.11 (General Fund – Firehouse Mechanic) to A3411.4 (General Fund – Firematic) which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

REMOTE CONTROLLED MOWER WITH SINGLE PURPOSE TRAILER – BID OPENING

Treasurer Mahoney reported that a bid opening was held on January 9th and the sole bidder was Joe Johnson Equipment. The base bid was \$62,926.00, along with option #1 – a Blade bar kit (\$375.00) and option #2 - parts kit (\$525.00).

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the bid from Joe Johnson Equipment in the total amount of \$63,826.00 (base bid with options #1 & 2) which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – DONAHUE MEMORIAL PARK RIVERFRONT GAZEBO ACCESSIBILITY

Clerk Mahoney reported that the Village sought out Requests for Proposals on the Donahue Memorial Park Riverfront Gazebo Accessibility project with a return date of January 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM. For the second time, no proposals were received. It has been recommended to her that the bid documents be updated to provide more details about the project.

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing the Village Clerk to re-advertise a Request for Proposals on the Donahue Memorial Park Riverfront Gazebo Accessibility project with a return date of February 20, 2015 at 2:00 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

NUGENT & HAEUSSLER PROPOSAL

Trustee Carnright made a motion authorizing Mayor Coyne to sign the Nugent & Haeussler proposal in the amount of \$12,500 for a compilation of the Village's financial statements for fiscal year ending February 28, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Trustee Carnright reported 6 building permits were issued, 5 certificates of compliance/ were issued, 20 onsite inspections were performed, 3 violations were issued (DB Mart, Maple Rd, and River Ave), and 16 fire inspections were conducted. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in December.

Fire Department – Trustee Schmidt reported 1 structure fire, 9 medical calls, 3 automatic alarms, 1 hazardous condition, 1 motor vehicle accident, 3 mutual aid calls, 1 good intent call, 3 meetings, 4 drills, 8 work details, 1 parade, 2 public relations details, and 1 training class for a total of 38 events and 497 man hours.

Upcoming January events include: Department Meeting (01/07), Annual Sexual Harassment/Workplace Violence Training (01/14), Probationary Firefighter Training (01/15), Annual Blood Borne Pathogens Training (01/21), Firehouse software Management Training (01/22), Apparatus Operator Training (01/22), Department Wash (01/28), and Annual Officer Installation Dinner (01/31).

Mr. Schmidt further reported that S.C.B.A. bottles are receiving testing, turnout bunker gear is receiving cleaning and inspection, and Amkus M.V.A. extrication equipment is receiving annual servicing and inspection. The department is upgrading the computer system with Dell workstations and server under

government sales program. (The existing computer system is well over 10 years old.) In addition, security cameras for the apparatus bay area have been purchased and installed.

Police Department Trustee Carnright reported 2 criminal mischief, 2 identity theft, 1 trespass, 1 harassment, 1 felony arrest, 3 misdemeanor arrests, 2 violation arrests, 6 traffic accidents, 29 traffic summons issued, 30 warnings issued, 4 parking summons issued, 4 fire response calls, 3 domestic incident calls, 10 alarm response calls, 1 noise complaint, 2 suspicious person calls, 1 suspicious activity calls, 3 suspicious vehicle call, 2 animal complaints, 8 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 8 EMS assist calls, 1 assist to other agencies, 1 welfare check, and 3 citizen assists for a total of 304 total calls for service.

Trustee Carnright further reported that department assisted with traffic and security at the annual Village New Year's Eve Ball Drop, and continued to participate in Orange County "STOP DWI" enforcement.

A certificate of achievement was recently presented to P.O. Terwilliger for using no department sick time throughout 2014. In addition, P.O. Desjardines attended "legal updates" training which was held in Goshen.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Schmidt reported that yard waste collection stopped mid-December, lights were placed on Christmas tree at the bandstand, cold patching of potholes, cleaning of leaves from gutter lines, replacement of light outside Village Hall, equipment maintenance, cleanup of DPW yard to add additional parking, assisted with set up for ball drop for New Year's Eve, and winter maintenance of roadways.

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen thanked Town Councilperson Helen Bunt for buying our DPW employees lunch after last Saturday's snow storm. In addition, she bought tonight's dinner for our DPW and Water Department employees in advance of the impending storm. Her generosity is greatly appreciated.

Water Department – Trustee Carnright reported an average daily production of 988,000 gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 30). A total of 86 utility mark-outs were done, 3 meters were replaced, 26 miscellaneous repairs were completed, and 7 final meter readings were done. In addition, markers were installed on fire hydrants, a water main bleed was repaired on Route 218, meters are being installed on all water main bleeds, completed fire hydrant flushing, completed replacement of culvert pipe at Maple Road tank, relocated gate at Maple Road tank, and all pipework was painted at Catskill Treatment plant.

Water Superintendent June reported that he will be replacing approximately 1,400 residential meters with remote meters. This will dramatically reduce the number of days required to read meters for billing purposes.

Mayor Coyne reported that Maser Consulting has completed its response to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation on the draft Upper Reservoir & Arthur's Pond Dams Engineering Assessment Report. Discussion followed regarding our inability to obtain insurance coverage for the dams because of their hazard classifications.

RESOLUTIONS

2015 – 2016 BUDGET ADOPTION

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2015 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2016, 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, 2015 and ending February 29, 2016 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, 2015.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Carnright. Mayor Coyne called for a vote which resulted in 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne thanked the Department Heads and Treasurer for their help in developing the budget. He stated that we “held the line as best we can.”

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 2015-2016 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 2015-16 with a tax rate of \$10.17 per thousand of assessed valuation:

General Fund	
Total taxes for Current Budget	\$2,446,000.00
Delinquent water rents & charges	49,963.82
Delinquent sewer rents & charges	57,967.28
Delinquent garbage charges	45,944.35
Total Relewy	\$153,875.45
Total Real Property Taxes and Other Charges on Roll	\$2,599,875.45

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

DEVELOPMENT FEES – BULL RUN PROPERTIES

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept a settlement agreement with Bull Run Properties, in accordance with the terms agreed upon by counsel, which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

WATER BILL – PENALTY WAIVER

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of a letter from Chad McCormack who owns property at 26 Duncan Avenue. He is requesting relief of penalty charges on past due water, sewer, and garbage charges that his tenant did not pay. He was unaware that the bills had been unpaid until recently.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to remove \$264.71 in penalty charges for the property located at 26 Duncan Avenue (#007011250) which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

VILLAGE REGISTRATION DAY

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, 2015 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 7th 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 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

VILLAGE SEWER SYSTEM INSPECTION

Mayor Coyne reported that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will perform an inspection of the Village sewer system on January 30th.

MS4 EVALUATION

Mayor Coyne reported that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will perform an evaluation of the Village's Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) on February 18th.

CODE RED – STATUS REPORT

Mayor Coyne reported that the Code Red System was utilized for the first time today to alert Village residents that there will be no garbage collection tomorrow because of the impending storm. Approximately 4,000 calls were made in a matter of a couple of seconds. Discussion followed on future uses of the notification system.

APPROVAL OF 2015 KAYAK PERMITS

Discussion took place regarding increasing the commercial permit fee by \$250.00 for annual use of a portion of the parking lot and riverfront landing at Donahue Memorial Park to launch kayaks. Currently Storm King Adventure Tours (SKAT) and Mountain Valley Guides launch from the shoreline and the Board will not permit any additional commercial use.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to approve 2015 commercial permits for SKAT and Mountain Valley Guides, subject to all conditions previously set by the Village Board, at a cost of \$750 each which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

HANSON-HOWELL SUBDIVISION – PARKLAND FEE

After some discussion, Trustee Schmidt made a motion authorizing Mayor Coyne to negotiate with Ms. Hanson-Howell's attorney on a parkland fee as part of her final approval for a 2-lot subdivision which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor Coyne reported that an agreement with the CSEA on a union contract is “very close.” He is trying to schedule another meeting with PBA representatives.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Mayor Coyne announced that a State of Emergency will go into effect from 11:00 PM tonight, Monday January 26th until 6:00 AM on Wednesday, January 28th due to the impending snow storm. Only emergency vehicles will be permitted on village roadways during this time.

FYI

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL DROP

Mayor Coyne reported that the annual New Year's Eve Ball Drop went well. No incidents were reported. He thanked the Department of Public Works, Police Department, and Fire Department for their assistance, and the Village Historian who organized the event, Village resident Bill Braine who

coordinated the effort, the Donahues for decorating the bandstand, and Brian Foley for donating his firm's time to renovate the bandstand.

STORM KING ENGINE CO. #2 INSTALLATION DINNER

Mayor Coyne announced that the annual Storm King Engine Co. #2 installation dinner will take place on Saturday, January 31st.

MAYOR'S MEETINGS

Mayor Coyne reported that he attended the following meetings this month: Assemblyman Skoufis/CSX (01/05), Hudson River Comprehensive Restoration Plan (01/14), Community Development (01/15). He will be attending a meeting with Moodna Watershed Council (01/29), Boys & Girls Club (TBA), and Mayor's Roundtable (TBA).

BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt thanked all our employees in advance for the work they will be doing over the next couple of days in preparation for and during the impending snow storm and hopes they stay safe.

Trustee Carnright also thanked our employees and hopes they get home safely.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Carnright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.