

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 15, 2015

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

Mayor Coyne welcomed Trustee Kane back to the Village Board.

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 11, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes as prepared which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstain (Kane who was absent from the meeting).

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the May 18, 2015 Business Meeting Minutes as prepared which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays and 2 Abstain (Edsall and Kane who were absent from the meeting).

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the June 8, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes as prepared which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- Letter from Cornwall Independence Day Committee inviting the Village Board to march in the July 4th Parade.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 103,611.18
Town water & penalties	425,478.71

which included 1 final/adjustments for the Village and 7 for the Town.

Warrant #6 – Mayor Coyne made a motion to approve the June 2015 Warrant (#6) and authorize payments totaling \$232,141.05, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Treasurer Mahoney reported receipt of \$3,457,017.74 (50.07%) in anticipated revenues and \$1,169,008.70 (16.93%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of May.

Ms. Mahoney further reported that \$2,453,024.79 has been collected in Village taxes through May 31st. The Sewer Capital Fund balance is \$124,771.38 (including interest) through May 31st.

AMENDMENT OF AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR GATES – MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMPLEX/CATSKILL WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Coyne made a motion amend the resolution adopted at the May 18, 2015 Business Meeting authorizing Premier Fence to install gates and equipment at the Municipal Services Complex at 50 Shore Road and the Catskill Water Treatment Plant on Palomino Road from a cost not to exceed \$26,000 to \$27,845(an increase of \$1,845). The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Trustee Carnright reported 8 building permits were issued, 5 certificates of compliance/were issued, 56 onsite inspections were performed, 5 violations (3 Prospect St., 301 Hudson St., 7 Derby Ln, 348-350 Hudson St., 21 Ave A) were issued, and 3 fire inspections were conducted. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in May.

Mayor Coyne reported that the Building Inspector has been conducting fire inspections on multi-family buildings there were not inspected in the past.

Fire Department – Deputy Mayor Edsall reported 1 structure fire, 1 rubbish fire, 1 brush fire, 2 medical calls, 6 automatic alarms, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 good intent, 3 mutual aid given, 2 meetings, 12 drills, 12 E.M.T. classes, 2 work details, 1 fund raising detail, 3 public relations details, and 1 Memorial Day Parade for a total of 50 events and 675.28 man hours.

Deputy Mayor Edsall further reported that hydro testing of S.C.B.A. cylinders is ongoing, bi-annual “live burn” training was completed on May 31st at the Orange County Fire Training Center, Multiple Alarm Mutual Aid (MAMA’s) plan is ongoing, a multi-year plan for equipment replacement as per NFPA guidelines is being formulated, and the victim from the April 19th river rescue was recovered on May 23rd by NY State Police and Orange County Sheriff’s Office.

Police Department Trustee Kane reported 1 criminal contempt, 3 criminal mischief, 1 fraud, 2 misdemeanor assaults, 1 harassment, 2 felony arrests, 8 misdemeanor arrests, 1 violation arrest, 4 traffic accidents, 77 traffic summons issued, 39 warnings issued, 22 parking summons issued, 9 fire response calls, 1 domestic incident call, 15 alarm response calls, 8 noise complaints, 2 suspicious person calls, 4 suspicious activity calls, 3 suspicious vehicle calls, 8 animal complaints, 1 disorderly juvenile call, 16 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 5 EMS assist calls, 1 assist to other agencies, 4 welfare checks, and 4 citizen assists for a total of 446 total calls for service.

Trustee Kane further reported that the department held firearms training/qualifications held at the Town of New Windsor PD Firearms Range, assisted with traffic/security at the annual “Sun Run” Charity 5K & 10K run/walk, and assisted with traffic/security at the CCHS Junior Prom picture taking detail at Donahue Memorial Park.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Schmidt reported repairs to village vehicles, sweeping of village streets, sewer maintenance, storm sewer maintenance, building maintenance, preparation for River-fest, blacktop patching, weekly yard waste pick up, and line striping of parking areas. DPW Superintendent Halvorsen attended the Cornell Local Roads Program and Highway Superintendents School in Ithaca.

Water Department – Trustee Carnright reported an average daily production of 1,023,000 gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 37). A total of 87 utility mark-outs were done, 5 meters were replaced, 20 miscellaneous repairs were completed, and 5 final meter readings were done. In addition, the department completed flushing mountain and village water mains, replaced concrete sidewalks on Continental Road and Walnut Street, cut all dams, cut grass at all water department properties, and supplied mower and operator to Village of Warwick for cutting of their dams.

Catskill Filter Plant – The department replaced flood lights in the sand filter room, continued painting floors, completed all repairs, and started flushing to prepare for startup (Plant back on line June 3rd – total time and materials \$17,628.60).

Trustee Carnright further reported that Water Department employees Dan Nye and Shawn Arnott completed and passed the Grade A water treatment class in Buffalo. Water Superintendent June congratulated Mr. Nye and Mr. Arnott.

RESOLUTIONS

CONTRACT WITH M&R ENERGY FOR SAVINGS ON ELECTRIC BILL

Mayor Coyne reported that a 24 month contract has been signed with Direct Energy through a consulting agreement with M&R Energy for \$0.066370 per kilowatt hour.

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH SPRINGBROOK – NEW SOFTWARE PROGRAM

Mayor Coyne made a motion to the accept the proposal from Springbrook for a Cloud Finance, Payroll, & Utility software solution program including licensing, conversion, training, and professional services, in the amount of \$82,458 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO MASER CONSULTING – KJ ANNEXATION

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept a joint Village and Town of Cornwall proposal from Maser Consulting to prepare comments relative to the proposed Kiryas Joel (KJ) annexation and approve our portion of the expenditure (\$1,250) for their services. Further to authorize the mayor to sign the proposal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. The deadline to submit comments is June 22, 2015.

Mayor Coyne stated that Kiryas Joel has proposed a change that their well (located just off Route 32 at the border of Woodbury and the Town of Cornwall (Mountainville)) become their interim primary back-up water source rather than secondary. Mr. Coyne reached out to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding his concerns about this proposed change and requested a public hearing on that item alone. The DEC informed him that Kiryas Joel has not yet responded to the comments that were raised one year ago and therefore they will take no action on this matter until those comments/questions are responded to.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND – APPOINTMENT OF COUNSELORS

Upon the recommendation of Summer Playground Director Jen Borland and Assistant Director Amanda Russell, Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Nicole Cast, Samantha Malvey, Tara Mirabile, Samantha Sabini, Johanna Caufaglione, Malachy O’Sullivan, Kaitlyn Preiss, Alexander Cruz, Christopher Bauer, Jenna Park, and Matthew Robinson as Summer Playground Counselors at a salary of \$8.75 per hour. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Kristina Grace, Stephanie Hines, Rebecca DiLorenzo, Amy Dunaief, and Mikayla Clark as Alternate Summer Playground Counselors at a salary of \$8.75 per hour to work if a vacancy arises or the number of campers requires an additional counselor. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

NEW RIVERFRONT SIGN – CONTRACT WITH LEIF SIGNS LLC

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing the Village to contract with Leif Signs, LLC for a new sign at Donahue Memorial Park at a cost not to exceed \$3,000, to be paid with proceeds from a \$10,000 grant received from Hudson River Improvement Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Maureen Spaulding to the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Planning Board for a term to begin on July 1, 2015 and expire April 1, 2019 which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. This appointment is to fill the balance of the term previously held by Mary Anne Rose O’Dell.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH CSEA

Mayor Coyne stated that this item will be discussed in Executive Session later this evening in order to discuss a number of questions that have been brought to his attention.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HARRY HOULIS AT DONAHUE MEMORIAL PARK – JULY 11, 2015

Mayor Coyne made a motion to authorize the family of Harry Houlis to hold a memorial service in his honor at Donahue Memorial Park on Saturday, July 11, 2015 which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne stated that Mr. Houlis lived in the community for many years and volunteered on many committees including the Cornwall Independence Day Committee. The family plans to donate a bench to the Village to be placed at Donahue Memorial Park in his memory.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CAR WASH

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing the Cornwall Central High School National Honor Society to hold a car wash in the Village Hall parking lot on Sunday, August 16, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM subject to standard requirements for insurance, supervision, and cleanup which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CORNWALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – PICNIC AT DONAHUE MEMORIAL PARK

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion authorizing the Cornwall Presbyterian Church to hold a worship service and church picnic at Donahue Memorial Park on Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne reported that he is a member of Cornwall Presbyterian Church.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF DUE TO WATER LEAK – 28 CLARK AVENUE

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of a letter from Emily Faxon Gallo of 28 Clark Avenue requesting relief on a high water bill she recently received. A water pipe had “rotted-through” and was not detected causing water to run for an extended period of time resulting in a water bill in excess of \$9,000.

After some discussion, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion authorizing the removal of sewer and penalty charges associated with the water leak and authorizing the Mayor and Water Superintendent to prepare a payment plan for the remaining balance of \$4,662.49. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH MASER – VILLAGE DAMS

Deputy Mayor Edsall requested that this item be tabled for discussion in Executive Session with the Water Superintendent later this evening.

OTHER BUSINESS

RIVERFEST

Mayor Coyne reported that RiverFest took place on Saturday, June 6th and was a great success. The weather was wonderful and attendance was good. He complimented Wynn Gold and the RiverFest committee for another great event.

ARTFEST

Trustee Schmidt reported that ArtFest took place on Sunday, June 7th and was well attended. Local artists were invited to display their work for a nominal fee.

BANDSTAND ANNIVERSARY

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that the bandstand “rededication” celebration was well attended. He thanked Trustee Schmidt and the bandstand committee for doing a wonderful job. Village Historian Colette Fulton acknowledged the hard work of all the Village residents over the years including efforts of past Mayors. Mr. Edsall also thanked Brian Foley who “stepped up” and rebuilt the bandstand floor, using materials purchased by the Village, and did not charge for labor costs.

NEW YORK PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

Mayor Coyne reported that representatives from New York Public Interest Research Group will conduct a door to door outreach to residents in the Village from June 15th – August 31st.

CONSTELLATION – BANNERMAN’S ISLAND JUNE 28, 2015

Mayor Coyne reported that the “Constellation” project light show on Bannerman’s Island will begin at approximately 8:30pm on Sunday, June 28th and run for 2 years.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GRANT

Mayor Coyne announced that the county will host a grant workshop on June 16th regarding hazard mitigation planning.

UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor Coyne stated that this item will be discussed in Executive Session later this evening.

FYI

CORNWALL YACHT CLUB – KAYAK SAFETY SESSION

Mayor Coyne reported that the Cornwall Yacht Club will be sponsoring a kayak safety session on June 19th.

CORNWALL INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE – JULY 4th PARADE

Mayor Coyne reported that the annual July 4th parade will begin at 5:00pm.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON KIRYAS JOEL- JUNE 24, 2015

Mayor Coyne reported that a panel discussion regarding Kiryas Joel will take place at SUNY Orange in Middletown on June 24th.

BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt welcomed Trustee Kane back to the Village Board and wished him well. Mr. Schmidt then reported that he spoke with Paul Gould, a local artist and member of the Artfest committee, who is recovering from recent open heart surgery and expects to come home from the hospital sometime this week.

Trustee Carnright also welcomed back Trustee Kane. Mr. Carnright then apologized for being unable to attend the Bandstand celebration and hopes that everyone who was there had a good time.

Trustee Kane thanked the Village Board and Village residents for the warm welcome home. It is great to be back. Mr. Kane also thanked American Legion Post #353 Commander Peter Kurpeawski for his presentation on Memorial Day during which he was recognized along with Al Mazzocca and Frank O'Donnell, our other local veterans. Mr. Kane stated that we are "extremely fortunate people living in this country, and fortunate to live in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson".

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that he was able to attend the Bandstand celebration but was "a little under the weather" and unable to attend River-fest and Artfest. He thanked everyone for making these events successful. Mr. Edsall also welcomed Trustee Kane back to the Board.

Mayor Coyne also welcomed back Trustee Kane and stated that it is good to have him back.

Mr. Coyne reported that the annexation proposed by Kiryas Joel has been a huge "time grabber". He attended two meetings this past Friday alone. One meeting was hosted by Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus regarding a "parallel environmental study" being conducted by the county. A lot of discussion revolved around sewer problems in Harriman's Sewer District #1 and concerns regarding Kiryas Joel's proposed primary use of their wells located in Mountainville. Later that morning Mayor Coyne attended a meeting with the NY Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) to bring them "up to date" regarding concerns related to Kiryas Joel's proposed annexation and ask for their support in our efforts. Last Wednesday there was a public hearing on Kiryas Joel and Mayor Coyne spoke on behalf of the Village Board and the Village residents, which he had been authorized to do at the June work session. He voiced our concerns regarding the proposed well in Mountainville. Many local officials attended the public hearing including County Executive Neuhaus, who stated that this proposal is "not in the best interest of the county". The county will issue a "white paper" on their findings this coming August.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session at 7:52 PM with Water Superintendent Robert June and Attorney for the Village McKay in order to receive legal advice regarding a proposal from Maser Consulting regarding our dams and the status of PBA and CSEA union contract negotiations which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. It was noted that the Board may reconvene after Executive Session to take action on the professional services proposal from Maser Consulting.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:13 PM on a motion by Deputy Mayor Edsall which was seconded by Trustee Carrright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH MASER – VILLAGE DAMS

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to authorize Maser Consulting to provide engineering services for the Water Department based on the scope outlined in their proposal revised June 2, 2015 with the fee not to exceed values for each task (values of not to exceed to be as per lump sum quoted for each task). In addition, any subcontract services within the scope (borings, lab testing, etc.) should have three quotes obtained in an effort to cause savings to the Village for these subcontract services. Further, Maser Consulting is to provide a revised proposal for the Mayor's signature. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having concluding the business set before them, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 35 Ayes and 0 Nays.