

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 19, 2016

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 James P. Kane
Trustee David Carnright
Trustee Kenneth A. Schmidt

Absent was: Deputy Mayor Mark J. Edsall (death in the family)

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, Code Enforcement Officer Ben Maggio, Attorney for the Village Joseph McKay, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Meyer of 26 Andrews Street stated that he is here this evening to make the Village Board aware of a tax assessment issue involving his property. Earlier this year his assessment was increased from \$143,850 to \$239,700, and the full market value of the property increased from \$188,400 to \$326,034, resulting in a significant increase in taxes. Mr. Meyer's home is 1,335 sq. ft. and he feels the increase is excessive. Mr. Meyer brought a grievance petition before the Orange County Small Claims Assessment Review Board and the case was "thrown out on a technicality". He has gone to Cornwall Town Supervisor Richard Randazzo and the Tax Assessors' Office and they were not helpful. Mr. Meyer asked if the Board of Ethics is permitted to review complaints brought against the Tax Assessor. He provided the Village Board members with copies of a 2009 Orange County Small Claims Assessment decision pertaining to another property which states "The assessors' presentation is convoluted and difficult to follow". Mr. Meyer would like to know his rights as a taxpayer not to be "put through this kind of an abusive system".

Mayor Coyne stated that he spoke with Supervisor Randazzo and was told that the Tax Assessor is appointed by the Town to serve a term of office; however, he works under the NYS Office of Real Property Services. Therefore the Town Supervisor does not have "complete control" of his office.

Trustee Kane suggested Mr. Meyer bring this issue before the Town Board.

Trustee Carnright stated that the Town Assessor has "autonomy" in his position so as not to work for or answer to anyone who might attempt to influence his decisions.

Elizabeth Marte-Meyer stated that her husband went before the Grievance Board and “nothing was done”. In addition they got a lawyer and took this matter to court. Unfortunately some paperwork was not filed properly and the case was dismissed.

Sandy Welch of 23 Andrews Street stated that he feels that is rude of Mayor Coyne to restrict the Meyer’s time limit to speak during public comment when they are trying to appeal above the Village Board for help.

Mayor Coyne replied that there is an established 3 minute limit for each speaker during the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 155-42 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON ESTABLISHING A STOP INTERSECTION AT AVENUE A AND KING STREET

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, County of Orange, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1.

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10.1(i) and 10.1(ii) and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Trustees by the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Section 2.

After hearing concerns from local residents and after a review of pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns and safety requirements, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that the safety of pedestrians and the orderly and safe flow of traffic requires the establishment of a stop intersection at Avenue A and King Street.

Section 3.

Chapter 155 of the Village Code of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, entitled “Vehicle and Traffic”, is hereby amended at section “155-42. Schedule VII: Stop Intersections.” by adding the following text beneath the existing column headings:

Intersection	Controlling Traffic
Avenue A with King Street	Avenue A
King Street with Avenue A	King Street

Section 4. Separability

If any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby declares that it would have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section 5. Repeal

All ordinances, local laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Proof of Notice, Affidavit of Posting and Publication having been furnished, the Public Hearing on a Local Law Amending Chapter 155-42 of the Village Code of Cornwall-on-Hudson Establishing a Stop Intersection at Avenue A and King Street was called to order at 7:12 PM on a motion by Trustee Carnright, seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Michael McGuirk of 43 Avenue A stated that he has lived here since 2005 and wants to slow traffic down on Avenue A. He applauds the proposed local law to put a stop sign at the Avenue A and King Street intersection.

Scott Mathews of 31 Avenue A asked the Village Board to consider changing location of the proposed stop sign for westbound traffic from the Avenue A and King Street location to the Avenue A and Avenue B “junction”. Eastbound traffic (coming from Homeland Avenue) would stop at King Street and Avenue A “junction”. This change would prevent motorists from encountering a child coming out of either Avenue B or King Street.

After some discussion, the Village Board determined the location of stop signs in the proposed local law is the best solution to this traffic issue and should not be changed.

Hearing no one further speak for or against the introductory local law, Mayor Coyne made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:28 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Trustee Kane introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson on November 21, 2016 scheduling a public hearing to be held by said governing body on

December 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to hear all interested parties on a proposed local law entitled a “Local Law Amending Chapter 155-42 of the Village Code of Cornwall-on-Hudson Establishing a Stop Intersection at Avenue A and King Street”; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2016 the Village Board designated itself as the Lead Agency with respect to SEQR review of the foregoing proposed local law, classified the proposed action as an unlisted action under SEQR, and scheduled a public hearing with respect to the action, and

WHEREAS, the notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Cornwall Local the official newspaper of said Village according to the law; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was held on December 19, 2016 at or about 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 325 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said to proposed local law or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson has reviewed the proposed local law, the short Environmental Assessment form prepared in connection therewith and the public comment provided at the aforesaid public hearings and after duly deliberations thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board finds that the proposed local law has no significant adverse environmental impacts and issues a negative declaration thereon, that the adoption of the proposed local law is in the best interest of the residents of the Village and hereby adopts said local law #2 of 2016 entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 155-42 of the Village Code of Cornwall-on-Hudson Establishing a Stop Intersection at Avenue A and King Street” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and

HEREBY directs the Village Clerk to enter said local law in the minutes of this meeting and in the local law book of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

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

A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

While a cap on the property tax levy may provide “political appeal in its simplicity,” according to the New York Conference on Mayors’ Mayoral Task Force on Mandate and Property Tax Relief, a cap without specific exclusions - such as costs associated with health care, pensions, extraordinary capital expenditures and reductions in state aid - and relief from state mandates will result in destructive local

budget deficits, decimated municipal work forces and a dangerous reduction in the essential services provided by local governments.

In order to provide essential municipal services, and truly achieve property tax relief, the state must first reform the cost drivers that lead to high property taxes in New York, particularly the many mandates on local governments pertaining to collective bargaining and managing workforce costs.

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson the flexibility to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c if necessary to provide essential services.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, County of Orange, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Proof of Notice, Affidavit of Posting and Publication having been furnished, a Public Hearing to Override the Tax Levy Limit was called to order at 7:33 PM on a motion by Mayor Coyne, seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

William Fogarty of 33 Avenue A asked if eligible residents will continue to receive a tax rebate from NYS Office of the State Comptroller.

Clerk Mahoney replied that 2016 is the last year for eligible property owners to receive a NYS “property tax freeze credit”. It was a 2-year program from the NYS Office of the State Comptroller that

reimbursed qualified homeowners for increases in local property taxes as long as the taxing jurisdiction complied with the tax cap and developed a Government Efficiency Plan to reduce future costs.

Hearing no one further speak for or against the introductory local law, Mayor Coyne made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:37 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne stated that the Village Board may need to override the tax levy limit, which is 0.68% this year, in order to provide essential services. This will be the sixth year that the Village Board has sought to override the tax cap. The Village is faced with operating, health care, equipment, and general insurance costs which are increasing at much higher rates than the tax cap allowance.

Trustee Kane stated that no one who works for the Village is “getting rich”; however, costs are going up incrementally and the Village Board is working to manage increasing costs without significantly increasing taxes. In addition, the Village has been paying down our debt service in a responsible and reasonable manner despite the annual tax cap.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

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

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson on November 29, 2016 scheduling a public hearing to be held by said governing body on December 19, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. to hear all interested parties on a proposed local law entitled a “Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c”; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2016 the Village Board designated itself as the Lead Agency with respect to SEQR review of the foregoing proposed local law, classified the proposed action as an unlisted action under SEQR, and scheduled a public hearing with respect to the action, and

WHEREAS, the notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Cornwall Local the official newspaper of said Village according to the law; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was held on December 19, 2016 at or about 7:01 p.m. at Village Hall, 325 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said to proposed local law or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson has reviewed the proposed local law, the short Environmental Assessment form prepared in connection therewith and the public comment provided at the aforesaid public hearings and after duly deliberations thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board finds that the proposed local law has no significant adverse environmental impacts and issues a negative declaration thereon, that the adoption of the proposed local law is in the best interest of the residents of the Village and hereby adopts said local law #3 of 2016 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit

Established in General Municipal Law §3-c” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and

HEREBY directs the Village Clerk to enter said local law in the minutes of this meeting and in the local law book of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Coyne reported that this month’s correspondence has been incorporated into tonight’s agenda.

MINUTES

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the November 21, 2016 Business Meeting Minutes as prepared which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the November 29, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as prepared which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstain (Schmidt who was absent).

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the December 1, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as prepared which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes, and 0 Nays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 218,796.06
Town water & penalties	304,041.08

which included 5 finals/adjustments for the Village and 3 for the Town.

Warrant #12 — Trustee Carnright made a motion to approve December 2016 Warrant #12 and authorize payment of \$257,954.19, which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Treasurer Mahoney reported that the Village is in receipt of \$5,186,202.50 (73%) in anticipated revenues and \$5,504,042.89 (76.83%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of November.

The Sewer Capital Fund balance is \$137,840.44 (including interest) through November 30th.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Treasurer Mahoney reported that in the Department of Public Works, a 2003 Dodge Ram 2500 was recently sold for \$10,526.00 and a 1987 Mack Garbage truck was sold for \$2,001.00 through GOVDEALS.

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing a budget amendment to increase General Fund Revenue – Sale of Equipment (A2665) by \$10,526.00 and increase General Fund Expenditure – Street Maintenance Expense (A5110.4) by \$10,526.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing a budget amendment to increase General Fund Revenue – Sale of Equipment (A2665) by \$2,001.00 and increase General Fund Expenditure – Sanitation Expense (A8160.4) by \$2,001.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Trustee Carnright reported 11 building permits were issued, 13 certificates of compliance/occupancy were issued, 30 onsite inspections were performed, 2 violations were issued (28 Andrews St. and 11 Boulevard), 1 stop work order was issued (11 Boulevard – work without permit), 2 fire inspections were conducted, and 4 municipal searches were completed. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in November.

Fire Department — Trustee Schmidt reported 3 automatic alarms, 7 medical calls, 1 brush fire, 1 rubbish fire, 1 carbon monoxide emergency, 1 meeting, 11 drills, 2 work details, and 1 public relations detail for a total of 28 events and 230.51 volunteer man hours.

Trustee Schmidt further reported the rescue boat is out of service for the season, the pumper/tanker committee met with KME vendor, new pages have been received and are being distributed, 7 new SCBA cylinders have been delivered and are in service, paperwork for a NYS grant has been submitted to both the Senate and Assembly funding committees, mold remediation in the basement is underway (all interior walls have been demolished and removed), and delivery of accountability ID cards from Orange County has been delayed.

2017 LINE OFFICERS

Trustee Schmidt reported that 2017 Storm King Engine Co. #2 elections were held earlier this month. Firematic Officers will be: Chief – Jeff Armitage; Asst. Chief – Mike Trainor; Captain – Eric Chatfield; 1st Lieutenant – Chris O’Dell; and 2nd Lieutenant – Brian Moynihan.

Trustee Carnright made a motion to approve the 2017 Storm King Engine Co. #2 Firematic Line Officers which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Police Department Trustee Kane reported 1 misdemeanor aggravated harassment, 1 misdemeanor criminal mischief, 1 misdemeanor harassment, 3 misdemeanor arrests, 1 warrant arrest, 8 property damage accidents, 23 traffic summons issued, 16 traffic warnings issued, 5 parking summons issued, 6 fire response calls, 1 domestic incident call, 13 alarm response calls, 1 noise complaint, 1 suspicious person call, 4 suspicious vehicle calls, 2 suspicious activity calls, 5 animal complaints, 2 disorderly adult calls, 1 disorderly juvenile call, 10 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 9 EMS assist calls, 1 assist to other agencies, 3 welfare checks, and 1 assist to citizen for a total of 346 total calls for service.

Trustee Kane further reported that during the month of November the department continued participating in Orange County "STOP-DWI" enforcement, and assisted with traffic/security for the annual "Harvest Run" 5K/10K road race event.

In addition, Trustee Kane reported that Chief Dixon has initiated a "Safe Seniors" program where the police department will provide monthly interaction and assistance to senior citizens in the community. The program is open to all senior citizens 75 years of age and older who live alone in the Village.

LEASE TO PURCHASE 2017 CHEVY TAHOE

Trustee Kane made a motion authorizing the execution of a lease for a new 2017 Chevy Tahoe for use by the Police Chief, with the understanding the Chief's current Chevy vehicle will be declared surplus and sold at a subsequent meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Department of Public Works — Trustee Carnright reported 101.46 tons of trash was collected, 33.6 tons of recycling was collected, 175 yards of yard waste was collected, routine maintenance was performed on Village-owned vehicles, 2281 feet of sewer main was treated for root control, routine inspections of previously treated sewer lines was performed, cleaning of sewer main line on Curie Rd., blacktop patching on Wood Ave., Curie Rd., Boulevard, and other areas, fall property cleanup of Village Hall, fire house, bandstand, and park area, replaced bearing rollers and adjustment controls on salt spreader (10 years old), roadside leaf cleanup of gutter lines, cleaning leaves from catch basins for drainage, decorated the Christmas tree and prepared for the tree lighting.

Trustee Carnright further reported that the DPW will be assisting the Village Police and Ball Drop committee with barricades, barrels, cones and trash cans for New Year's Eve celebration.

Mayor Coyne reported that a follow-up inspection was recently conducted at the DPW facility by the NYS Department of Labor – Public Employees Safety & Health Bureau (PESH). The Village has resolved the issues previously noted and is now in compliance.

Water Department — Trustee Schmidt reported the average daily production numbers were not available for this evening. All bacteria samples passed N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 45). A total of 18 meters were replaced, 9 miscellaneous repairs were completed, and 7 final meter readings were done. A service line leak was repaired at 62 Canterbury Ave., water service was turned off/on at 16 Wood Ave., 8 Grandview Ave, and 217 Main St., and the department assisted NYMA with water leak location. In addition, the department

cut brush meter pits on Quaker Ave. and Cedar Ln., removed leaves at all department properties, completed new drainage at entrance to Catskill Treatment Plant, completed installation of new down spouts and leaders at Catskill Treatment Plant, installed new sander on Truck #46, and prepared all snow removal equipment.

RESOLUTIONS

2017-2018 DRAFT BUDGET – SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND TIME

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New York State Village Law § 5-508(3), the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing to obtain input and to consider the proposed budget for the Village’s 2017 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that a Special Meeting be scheduled by the Village Board for the purpose of conducting a public hearing in order to receive public comment regarding the proposed Village Budget on January 9, 2017 at 7:01 pm at the Village Hall located at 325 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, and any other business that may come before the Board; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

ZOMBIE UTILITY POLES

Mayor Coyne reported that he has provided Central Hudson with several pole numbers and locations of “zombie” or double poles. They have offered to help the Village find the responsible parties for getting the poles removed.

Attorney for the Village McKay provided the Board with copies of a local law from the Town of Wallkill that addresses “zombie” or double utility poles. This local law requires a public utility to notify the Town of Wallkill, in advance, of plans to install or change of location of any pole(s) on a public roadway or right of way. The public utility which has the “top plant on the double pole” is required by this local law to remove the plant within 30 days or be subject to penalty. Poles that pose a threat to public safety must be removed within 15 days. Further, the last utility to remove its plant is responsible for removing the “zombie” or double pole within an additional 60 days or be subject to penalty. This

applies to damaged poles as well. Mr. McKay stated that adoption of a local law does not cover state or county roads because they are not in our jurisdiction. Discussion followed.

Mayor Coyne feels this issue is “worth pursuing” and needs to be addressed. He asked Mr. McKay to reach out to officials from the Town of Wallkill to find what research was done in drafting this law and how they determine which utility is the last to remove its plant. This item was then tabled for further discussion at the January work session.

LIVESTOCK IN VILLAGE – REQUEST TO CHANGE VILLAGE CODE

Attorney for the Village McKay reported that the Village currently has 2 laws that would seem to handle the “rooster” situation. There is a noise ordinance law and an animal control law. Complaints involving animals that make loud noises and disturb the peace in the Village can be handled by the Building Inspector through code violations under these laws. Discussion followed.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to cancel the public hearing on an Introductory Local Law to Regulate/Restrict Livestock in the Village scheduled for January 23, 2017 at 7:01 PM which was seconded by Trustee Kane.

Mayor Coyne stated that if problems continue to exist, the Village Board will revisit this issue.

This matter was then put to a vote which resulted in 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

FEE SCHEDULE

Mayor Coyne reported that an updated fee schedule was prepared last year. He tabled this item for discussion at the January work session.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Mayor Coyne reported that the committee will meet on January 26th and has invited the Village Clerk, DPW Superintendent, and Water Superintendent to attend this meeting if available.

MS4 – MAPPING

Mayor Coyne reported that data collection for mapping of our storm sewer system is ongoing.

SOLAR POWER

Mayor Coyne reported that he is interested in installing solar panels on the DPW building and on a water department building.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Trustee Schmidt reported that the lighting of the Christmas tree took place on December 4th and was successful with a large turnout. We were fortunate to have the Storm King School choir lead the

caroling. He thanked the Department of Public Works for preparing the grounds, the Police Department for providing safety, and the Fire Department for an excellent job hosting a reception afterward.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL DROP

Mayor Coyne reported that the New Year's Eve Ball Drop is in its 16th year and is a "popular event". He thanked Assistant Fire Chief Michael Trainor and Trustee Kenneth Schmidt for their involvement this year and help with fund raising. This year we will have a new ball to drop and live entertainment starting at 11:00 PM.

MENORAH LIGHTING

Trustee Schmidt reported that the Menorah will be lit in the Village Square near our bandstand at sundown on the first night of Hanukkah.

THE TRESTLE RESTAURANT — AMENDED LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village has received formal notice from The Trestle Restaurant of its intent to amend their liquor license to include a juke box.

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES' AGREEMENT

Mayor Coyne tabled this item for discussion in attorney client session later this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol O'Keefe of 2 Payson Road asked why the Christmas tree lighting was at 5:00 PM and not 5:30 PM this year.

Mayor Coyne replied that caroling started at 5:00 PM and the tree was lit at 5:30 PM. For the last several years it has been done at these times.

BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt and Trustee Carnright offered their condolences to Deputy Mayor Edsall, his wife Maureen, and their family for their loss. In addition they thanked all the Village Departments and individuals for their help with the Christmas tree lighting, Menorah lighting, and New Year's Eve Ball Drop. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Carnright wishes everyone Happy Holidays and a happy, healthy 2017.

Trustee Kane wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. He hopes to see everyone at the Village's New Year's Eve Ball Drop.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the business meeting into a closed meeting to receive advice of counsel at 8:40 PM with the Attorney

for the Village to discuss the non-union employee agreements. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays. Mayor Coyne noted that the Board may reconvene after closed session in order to take action.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:55 PM on a motion by Mayor Coyne, seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS

Trustee Kane made a motion to issue retroactive check, through December 14, 2016, to non-union employees as follows:

Water Superintendent Robert June - \$4,329.00
DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen - \$25,740.00
Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney - \$2,862.00
Village Treasurer Jeanne Mahoney - \$2,365.00
Deputy Village Clerk Mary Ellen Dennett - \$1,053.00
Deputy Village Treasurer Paula Sebesta – No retro
Secretary to the Planning Board Arlene Roberts - \$8,622.00

The foregoing motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright.

Trustee Kane noted that this action is reflective of ongoing negotiations. Retroactive amounts are based on pay increases from March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2017. Checks are to be issued by December 22nd. Trustee Kane further noted that the remainder of retro, if any, (from December 15th forward) is to be issued in the next paycheck along with the new pay rates.

This matter was then put to a vote which resulted in 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.