

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 9, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 A.P.M., at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y on a motion introduced by Mayor Coyne, seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

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 was: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, Police Chief Steven Dixon, Assistant Fire Chief Michael Trainor, Code Enforcement Officer Ben Maggio, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney

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

2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proof of Notice and Publication having been furnished, and copies of the budget having been distributed, Mayor Coyne made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2017-18 Budget at 7:01 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne noted that the draft budget is not a whole lot different from last year. Projected increases in medical/dental insurance premiums (approximately 12%) will have the largest impact on anticipated spending. Mr. Coyne has included an additional \$20,000 for road improvements and contractual salary increases in this draft budget. He stated the tax levy increase will be 1.7%. The tax cap has been set at 0.80% for Villages with a fiscal year starting March 1st.

Board discussion regarding the draft budget followed and Mayor Coyne determined that some adjustments will be necessary to water fund expenditure lines: Taxes on Water Property (W1950.4), BAN Principal (W9730.6), and BAN Interest (9730.7). These changes may require an increase in water rents; therefore, the public hearing should be held open.

Niklas Moran of 187 Mountain Road asked why the expenditure for Street Lighting (A5182.4) has varied so much over the years.

Clerk Mahoney replied that the Village has contracted with Central Hudson to replace some street lighting with LED fixtures, and that might have contributed in a reduction in costs.

Having no one further wish to speak, Mayor Coyne made a motion to hold the public hearing on the 2017-2018 proposed budget open until 7:01 PM on Monday, January 23, 2017 which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne moved to close the Special Meeting and open the work session at 7:25 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The special meeting was reconvened at 8:27 P.M., and then adjourned into Executive Session on a motion introduced by Mayor Coyne in order to discuss a personnel issue involving a particular employee in the Department of Public Works, personnel issues involving 2 particular employees in the Water Department, to discuss a contractual matter involving COVAC, and to discuss the non-union employee agreements. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The Special meeting was reconvened at 9:43 P.M.

RETURN TO DUTY – VILLAGE MECHANIC

Trustee Kane made a motion to accept James Sebestas return to work upon satisfaction of the following and subject to review and acceptance by the Attorney for the Village:

- Submittal of releases for return to work from all attending doctors
- Satisfactory passing of any needed physical or other required tests
- Independent Medical Examination (IME) by physician acceptable to Village.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE – DONATION OF SICK TIME

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to authorize a “donated sick time” arrangement to benefit Water Department employee Doug Seely, to be done on a weekly basis, as needed, and to be reviewed by Water Superintendent Robert June. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Edsall moved to close the Special Meeting at 9:46 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.