

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 8, 2018

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, Police Chief Steven Dixon, Fire Chief Michael Trainor, 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

2018-2019 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 2018-19 Budget at 7:01 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne stated that drafting the water fund budget this year has been challenging. He expects that additional changes to the budget are needed and may require an increase in water rents; therefore, the public hearing should be held open.

Having no one wish to speak, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to keep the public hearing on the 2018-2019 proposed budget open until 7:01 PM on Monday, January 22, 2018 which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Board discussion regarding the draft budget followed and it was determined that adjustments will be necessary to the following water fund expenditure lines: general insurance, taxes on water property, and legal expense. Increases in medical/dental budget lines may also be required.

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED

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

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board is mindful that prudent fiscal decisions are one of the mainstays of good government, the Village Board is also mindful that certain essential services must be provided to the residents of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson. The Village Board desires to have the flexibility to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing 2018 that exceeds the real property “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c if necessary to provide essential services;

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing to consider overriding the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby determines that it will be the lead agency with respect to the review of the proposed local law (the “project”) in accord with New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and part 617 of the regulations implementing SEQRA, since there are no other agencies that have the authority to approve the project; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby classifies the action as an unlisted action under SEQRA; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Village Board in order to receive comments and suggestions regarding the proposed local law to override of the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c, and to receive any comments concerning the potential adverse environmental impacts of the proposed legislation in accord with SEQRA, on January 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Village Hall located at 325 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York; 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 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Deputy Mayor Edsall 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.