

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 22, 2018

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: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, Storm King Engine Co #2 Fire Chief Michael Trainor, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Absent was: Attorney for the Village Joseph McKay (standing meeting in South Blooming Grove)

Mayor Coyne asked for a Moment of Silence in honor of Miriam Yeoman who passed away on January 6th. Mrs. Yeoman is the wife of DPW Working Leader Wayne Yeoman.

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**

Rick Gioia of 167 Hudson Street stated that at last month's meeting, Attorney for the Village McKay reported that the Village is not in a position to pursue a private or public nuisance action against Village Auto Repair for the bright lighting at 172 Hudson Street. Mr. McKay's opinion seemed to be guided by the idea of having a "level playing field" which appears to only consider the "perpetrators" of light and noise pollution and not the people it causes "injury" to. The 14<sup>th</sup> amendment protects the rights of all citizens, and a "one-sided" approach to this issue is not wise. Mr. Gioia would like the Village Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee to work together in crafting laws and codes that equally consider the protection and rights of perpetrators causing light and noise pollution and those it causes injury to.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Coyne is in receipt of the following correspondence:

- An email from Rick Gioia of 167 Hudson Street with a link to an article from the AMA(American Medical Association) regarding the health and safety of LED lights. Mayor Coyne has forwarded this information to the Village Board, Cornwall Town Supervisor Richard Randazzo, and Comprehensive Plan Committee Chairman Led Klosky.

## **MINUTES**

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the December 18, 2017 Business Meeting Minutes as prepared which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the January 8, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as prepared which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Proof of Notice and Publication having been furnished, and copies of the revised budget having been distributed, Mayor Coyne made a motion to reopen the Public Hearing on the 2018 - 2019 Budget at 7:05 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne noted that changes were made in the General and Water Funds to address concerns that were brought up at the January 8<sup>th</sup> public hearing. General Fund revenue increases were made to the Real Property line (A1001) and Summer Recreation Program line (A2089). General Fund expenditure increases were made to Summer Recreation Salary (A7310.1) and Medical/Dental Insurance (A9060.8). Water fund expenditure increases were made to Source of Supply Salary (W8320.1) and Property Maintenance (FF8400.4). To compensate, decreases were made to Insurance (W1910.4) and Contingency (FF1990.4).

Having no one wish to speak, Mayor Coyne made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:07 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 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 2018 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. The law further provides the mechanism whereby if the state comptroller determines that the Village has exceeded the tax levy cap, the Village is in a position to allocate funds to pay the difference.

## **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 2018 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 7:08 PM on a motion by Mayor Coyne, seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Hearing no one speak for or against the introductory local law, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:09 PM which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne stated that it is important for the Village Board to adopt a local law to override the tax cap each year because even if we were able to propose a tax levy less than the tax cap, the NYS Comptroller's Office could update our numbers bringing us over the tax cap. That, in turn, would cause the Village to be in violation of the tax cap law.

Trustee Kane stated that the allowable tax cap set by the NYS Office of the State Comptroller started several years ago at 2%. Each year that percentage changes because it is indexed for inflation (which hasn't increased). This year the tax cap is 1.0078% which is "almost unattainable". The proposed tax levy increase of 1.89% brings the Village slightly over the tax cap.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that contractual obligations and insurance costs alone put us over the tax cap. The Village Board is working to manage increasing costs without significantly increasing taxes; however, 1.0078% is a "difficult bar" that they set.

#### 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 January 8, 2018 scheduling a public hearing to be held by said governing body on January 22, 2018 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 January 8, 2018 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 January 22, 2018 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 #1 of 2018 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 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **QUIET ZONE STUDY – AUTHORIZE ADVANCE PAYMENT**

Mayor Coyne stated that he and DPW Superintendent Halvorsen recently met with Federal Railroad Association representative Mr. Lou Frangella to discuss a “Quiet Zone” study at both Shore Road railroad crossings. The Village will have to pay for the study in advance and then request reimbursement through the \$5,400 grant we received from Assemblyman Skoufis.

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing advance payment of \$6,000 for a “Quiet Zone” study to be transferred from Contingency (A1990.4) to Street Maintenance Expense (A5110.4) which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

### **WEDDING CEREMONY AT DONAHUE MEMORIAL PARK GAZEBO – AUGUST 18, 2018**

Mayor Coyne made a motion approving a request from Cornwall residents Andrew Ward and Paola Moraes to hold a wedding ceremony at the Donahue Memorial Park gazebo on Saturday August 18, 2018 from 2:00 PM -4:00 PM. Approximately 80 guests and 25 cars are expected. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

### **ANNUAL ELECTION - MARCH 20, 2018 - POLLING PLACE AND TIME**

Mayor Coyne made a motion to set the polling place and time for the Annual Election in the Meeting Room of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. between the hours of Noon and 9 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

### **ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS**

The Clerk requested the following be appointed Election Inspectors for the upcoming March 20<sup>th</sup> election at a rate of \$75 per day:

Registration Day:

Margaret Flint, as Chairperson and Elsa Cameron

Election Day Table:	Margaret Flint, Martha Diederich, Lauren Anderson and Rita Ponessa
Alternates:	Robert Anderson, Carol Loggia, Carolyn Mundy and Eileen Schilling
Election Day Machine:	Elsa Cameron and Barbara Gabhart
Field Tech of Voting Machine:	Ray Torracca (\$180 per machine).

Mayor Coyne moved to accept these appointments which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried by a vote of 5 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018, 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 10th 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 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND – STONEHOLLOW**

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Water Service Agreement between Ginsberg Development, LLC (“Ginsberg”) and the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson (“Village”), a performance bond, in connection with the Stone Hollow subdivision was previously posted in the amount of \$147,000.00 (the “Bond”); and

**WHEREAS**, based upon Ginsberg’s completion of the installation of a watermain and fire hydrants to serve Stone Hollow, it has requested a reduction in the Performance Bond to \$14,700.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is willing to reduce the amount of the Performance Bond to \$22,275.00, which is 15% of its current value; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedication of other improvements in connection with the subdivision have not yet been made to the Town of Cornwall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has determined that any further reduction of the Performance Bond is subject to: (1) Ginsburg’s providing the Village with “as built” drawings of the improvements; and (2) the posting a Maintenance Bond to ensure the required maintenance of installed systems at such time as the Village accepts dedication of the watermain and hydrants, which Maintenance Bond shall be required to be posted at the same time that the Town of Cornwall accepts dedication of roadways and other infrastructure in connection with the project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, by the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall on Hudson, that the performance bond may be reduced by 15% to \$22,275.00.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstain (Edsall).

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 421,043.41
Town water & penalties	114,062.13

which included 4 finals/adjustments for the Village and 7 for the Town.

Warrant #1 — Trustee Carnright made a motion to approve the January 2018 Warrant #1 and authorize payment of \$260,594.05, which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Treasurer Mahoney reported that the Village is in receipt of \$6,186,132.81 (83.62%) in anticipated revenues and \$5,345,711.08 (72.25%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of December.

The Sewer Capital Fund balance is \$142,390.53 (including interest) through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Clerk Mahoney reported that the new phone system was installed on December 14<sup>th</sup> and training was held on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Building Department Trustee Schmidt reported 4 building permits were issued, 9 certificates of compliance/occupancy were issued, 21 onsite inspections were performed, 2 fire inspections were conducted, and 1 municipal search was completed. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in December.

Fire Department — Deputy Mayor Edsall reported 1 structure fire, 1 hazardous condition, 1 mutual aid, 3 automatic alarms, 3 carbon monoxide alarms, 1 motor vehicle accident, 3 medical calls, 2 meetings, 5 drills, 1 fire prevention detail, 2 work details, 3 public relations details, 1 holiday parade-Washingtonville, and 1 Santa in the Village for a total of 29 events and 354.58 volunteer man hours.

Deputy Mayor Edsall further reported that the NYS Dormitory Authority (DASNY) grant was returned to Albany for execution. The department hopes to begin some of the work in March. The new fire station siren has been ordered. Delivery is expected in mid-February and installation will be scheduled as weather permits. During 2017, 17 members qualified for the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).

Police Department Trustee Kane reported 1 misdemeanor criminal mischief, 2 misdemeanor harassment, 2 misdemeanor arrests, 1 violation arrest, 5 property damage accidents, 38 traffic summons issued, 55 traffic warnings issued, 7 parking summons issued, 4 traffic enforcement posts, 4 speed/radar sign postings, 6 fire response calls, 5 domestic incident calls, 5 alarm response calls, 1 noise complaint, 1 suspicious person call, 9 suspicious vehicle calls, 2 suspicious activity calls, 9 animal complaints, 1 disorderly adult call, 3 disorderly juvenile calls, 12 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 6 EMS assist calls, 2 assists to other agencies, and 2 welfare checks for a total of 402 total calls for service.

Trustee Kane further reported that during the month of December the department participated in Orange County "STOP-DWI" enforcement, and assisted with traffic/security for the annual Christmas tree lighting and "New Year's Eve Ball Drop" event.

### **RESIGNATION – POLICE OFFICER JILL NYE**

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Jill Nye effective February 28, 2018 with regret and thanks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne thanked Officer Nye for her 18 years of service to the Village and community.

Department of Public Works — Trustee Carnright reported 89.09 tons of trash was collected, 26.16 tons of recycling was collected, 50 yards of yard waste was collected, routine maintenance was performed on Village-owned vehicles, installed new entry door and changed location for employee's safety, continued roadside leaf cleanup, installed new school crossing signs in area of Storm King School, pre-treated roads for anticipated snow, plowed roads, parking lots and sidewalks, and removed snow from parking spots and areas in business district.

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

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen will be on vacation and out of town from February 28-March 6.

#### **AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A SNOW PUSHER**

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Halvorsen, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion authorizing the purchase of an 8' wide snow "pusher" at a cost not to exceed \$2,695.00 which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Water Department — Trustee Schmidt reported an average daily production of 856,000 gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 48). A total of 5 meters were replaced, 10 miscellaneous repairs were completed, 21 final meter readings were done, and 57 utility mark-outs were completed. A curb box and shut off was located and repaired at 117 Main Street, a curb box was repaired at 15 Frost Lane, all reservoirs were inspected, all pressure reduction valves (PRV's) were inspected, and department employees assisted with snow removal and performed routine property maintenance. In addition a frozen water line (Alec Meadow line) to the Upper CL2 building, a fire hydrant and service for the Black Rock Consortium fire sprinkler system was investigated.

Trustee Schmidt further reported that a water main break was repaired in the stream near Hasbrouck Avenue. A boil water notice was issued on December 10 and was lifted on December 13.

Water Superintendent June attended Supervisor Training for Reasonable Suspicion conducted by Partners in Safety at the 911 center on December 7. In addition Mr. June was be out of the office from February 1-7.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mayor Coyne reported that due to inclement weather, the safety committee meeting was rescheduled for January 31. Brian Pomeroy from CSEA Health and Safety will attend along with representatives from DPW and Water, the police department, and the Village Clerk.

##### **KIRYAS JOEL ANNEXATION LAWSUIT**

Mayor Coyne reported that he will attend a meeting of the Orange County coalition of 8 municipalities (including the Town of Cornwall and Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson) tomorrow where they will discuss a number of conditions they would like to present in connection with withdrawing the annexation lawsuit.

##### **CATSKILL TREATMENT PLANT ASSESSMENT – STIPULATION OF AGREEMENT**

Mayor Coyne reported that a Stipulation of Agreement has been drafted regarding a large increase in the tax assessment of our Catskill Treatment Plant. Once it is approved, the Village will withdraw its claim against the Town of Cornwall.

#### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Edsall reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet on January 25 to discuss revisions to portions of the comprehensive plan that were assigned to each of its members.

#### WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

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

#### SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITIONS

Mayor Coyne reported that sections of the current CSEA contract refer to “safety sensitive” positions and department heads have been looking for a definition of safety sensitive. Attorney for the Village Mark Schuh provided a definition which reads in part: “A job or position where the employee holding this position has the responsibility for his/her own safety or other people’s safety”. Mayor Coyne would like to incorporate this language in the next CSEA contract.

Deputy Mayor Edsall would like to ask Attorney for the Village McKay to prepare a resolution adopting the current regulation. He feels this is an “evolving situation”.

#### ENGINEERING – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mayor Coyne stated that the Village issued a Request for Proposals for Consulting Engineering Services to be received by January 16. Proposals were received from Fusco Engineering and Pitingaro & Doetsch Engineering. Mayor Coyne tabled this item for further discussion in executive session later this evening.

#### NEW LIGHTING LAW – STATUS

Mayor Coyne reported that Attorney for the Village McKay is researching possible changes to the Village code and gathering/reviewing laws from other municipalities in response to safety concerns expressed about bright lighting located at 172 Hudson Street.

Deputy Mayor Edsall reported that Lance MacMillan, Acting Region 8 Director of the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) responded to Mayor Coyne’s letter regarding safety concerns brought to him by some residents concerning bright outdoor lighting at 172 Hudson Street (Village Auto Repair). The DOT completed its investigation and it did not identify any apparent difficulty with turning movements as a result of the lighting. In addition they identified no safety concerns relative to Route 218 attributable to the outdoor lighting at Village Auto. The investigation found the area to be “well lighted” and it effectively provides adequate light for pedestrians to be visible to drivers.

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

Mayor Coyne reported that a Special Meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 5:30 PM in order to adopt the 2018-2019 Budget.

## **NEW YEARS EVE BALL DROP**

Mayor Coyne stated that the New Year's Eve celebration and Ball Drop was a success and he thanked Mike Trainor and his committee for their efforts. Mayor Coyne also thanked the police department, who had help from the state troopers that night, and the DPW crew who helped with the festivities and the cleanup. It was a great night despite the chilly temperatures.

## **PBA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

Mayor Coyne reported that PBA contract negotiations will begin shortly. He tabled this item for further discussion in executive session later this evening.

## **VILLAGE WEBSITE**

Mayor Coyne reported that he has been trying to get the Village website redesigned, revised, and updated for years. An intern from Mount Saint Mary College has agreed to help and United States Military Academy cadets have agreed to do research and make recommendations.

## **SUMMER CHARITY CONCERT**

Mayor Coyne reported that he received a request to hold a summer charity concert at Donahue Memorial Park this summer. He tabled this item for further discussion at the February work session.

## **ROCK WALL – LIQUOR LICENSE**

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village has received formal notice from The Rock Wall Pub & Grub of its intent to apply for a liquor license under new management.

## **FUEL DISPENSERS**

Water Superintendent June reported that new fuel dispensers at the Shore Road facility have been ordered from American Petroleum and he is waiting on a delivery and installation date.

## **FYI**

### **STORM KING ENGINE CO. #2 AWARDS DINNER**

Mayor Coyne reported that the Storm King Engine Co. #2 Awards Dinner will be held on January 27.

### **COVAC INSTALLATION DINNER**

Mayor Coyne reported that the annual COVAC installation dinner will be held on February 10.

#### **GREATER CORNWALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Mayor Coyne reported that he will be a speaker at the Greater Cornwall Chamber of Commerce dinner on January 23.

#### **MOODNA COUNCIL**

Mayor Coyne reported that he will be attending the Moodna Council meeting on January 25.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bruce Ramsey owner of Village Auto Repair located at 172 Hudson Street requested the entire letter from Mr. McMillan of the NYSDOT be read into the record.

Deputy Mayor Edsall read the following letter dated January 11, 2018 from Lance MacMillan to Mayor Coyne.

Thank you for your letter relating the safety concerns of some residents of the village of Cornwall-on-Hudson in Order County, regarding the lighting at Village Auto Repair, 172 Hudson Street (Route 218), and your request for New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to study the area. In your letter, you related that residents said that the lighting has blinded them as they passed the garage, they didn't feel safe making turns, and they had difficulty seeing pedestrians.

The NYSDOT has completed an investigation at this location. At night, the lighting at Village Auto Repair shines perpendicular to the direction of travel on Route 218. Therefore, the lighting is not directed into oncoming traffic traveling in either direction on Route 218. No pedestrians were witnessed at the time of the investigation; however, the area was well lighted, which may help make pedestrians more visible to drivers. Your letter did not identify which turns residents did not feel safe making; however, the investigation did not reveal any apparent difficulty with turning movements. In conclusion, NYSDOT did not identify a safety concern on Route 218 that could be attributed to the lighting at Village Auto Repair.

If the Village feels that the lighting at Village Auto Repair is not in compliance with Village lighting ordinances, the issue should be investigated by the Village's Code Enforcement Officer.

We appreciate you sharing your concerns with us on behalf of the residents of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson. If you require further information, please feel free to contact the Traffic Mobility and Safety Group at (845) 437-3396.

#### **BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS**

Trustee Schmidt offered his condolences to the Yeoman family for their loss. He congratulated P.O. Nye on her upcoming retirement.

Trustee Carnright also offered his condolences to the Yeoman family and congratulations to P.O. Nye.

Trustee Kane also offered his condolences to the Yeoman family. He attended the memorial service which was very moving.

Deputy Mayor Edsall also offered his condolences to the Yeoman family. He also attended the memorial service and was impressed by the support from Village residents and staff. It was “amazing” and “very touching”.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that 35 years ago his wedding photos were taken at Donahue Memorial Park. It is a beautiful location and he understands why local residents would want to have their special occasion pictures taken there as well.

Mayor Coyne also offered his condolences to the Yeoman family for their loss. He also attended the memorial service at the Kirkwood House. The place was “jammed” with friends and family. DPW Working Leader Wayne Yeoman is a “great employee” and Mayor Coyne gives them a lot of credit for their efforts to keep Miriam alive.

Mayor Coyne further stated that he attended a meeting last week regarding Shared Services. The Governor is trying to find ways for municipalities to cut costs. Mayor Coyne feels that we already do a good job containing costs and Albany could “learn from local governments”.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the business meeting into executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss the Engineering RFP’s, PBA contract negotiations, and a Water Department employee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.