

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 7, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:05 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, Building Inspector Ben Maggio, and Storm King Engine Co. #2 Fire Chief Michael Trainor.

RESIGNATION – POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER LAHAR

Mayor Coyne made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Christopher Lahar effective May 1, 2018 with regret and thanks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Police Chief Dixon complimented Officer Lahar for his seven years of service, sharing his expertise and knowledge with the department.

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Stephen Smedley and Daniel Labodin Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson part-time police officers effectively immediately, as per the current union contract, and with a one year probationary period which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM EMPIRE STATE APPRAISAL CONSULTANTS, INC.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to retain the services of Empire State Appraisal Consultants in connection with an evaluation of the Village owned Water properties as per the April 30, 2018 proposal with a lump sum fee of \$12,500. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY FOR THE VILLAGE TO FILE TAX ASSESSMENT OBJECTION

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

**WHEREAS**, certain properties of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson (hereinafter the “Village”) are located within the boundaries of the Town of Cornwall (hereinafter the “Town”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has conducted a review concerning assessments of Village property located within the boundaries of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village wishes to file an Application with the Town of Cornwall Board of Assessment Review objecting to the Town’s real property assessments for Village property located within the Town’s boundaries (the “Application”); and

**WHEREAS**, if the Village’s Application is denied or is otherwise unsatisfactory to the Village, it may become necessary to commence Tax Certiorari proceedings against the Town;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the Attorneys for the Village are authorized to file an Application with the Town’s Board of Assessment Review objecting to the Town’s real property assessment for Village-owned property within the Town; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Attorneys for the Village, are authorized to commence Tax Certiorari proceedings against the Town.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**IMPROVEMENTS TO STORM KING ENGINE FIREHOUSE – DASNY GRANTS**

Deputy Mayor Edsall and Fire Chief Trainor explained to the Board two proposed projects in connection with the grant monies received by the Village from Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for improvements to the Storm King Engine Firehouse. These two projects involve sole source acquisitions which will not conform with normal bidding procedures nor the Village procurement policy. First, the repair and replacement work to the bay doors involve work on the Raynor overhead doors. As this is the manufacturer of the existing doors, a sole source authorization is to be granted for this work. Estimated cost approximately \$16,000. Second, the fire department intends to have installed a new apparatus exhaust system in the main station bay. Chief Trainor explained that it is beneficial that the system be compatible with the systems utilized by nearby fire departments, who regularly respond to Storm King Engine for standby and/or mutual aid. As such, the Chief has requested the Board approve a sole source acquisition from Plymovent. The Chief has reported that he contacted the funding agency and based on same no objection was indicated. The cost of the system is estimated between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to authorize the purchases as requested which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

#### AUTHORIZE ORANGE COUNTY ROWING ASSN SCRIMMAGE-MAY 22, 2018

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing a one-time event of a rowing scrimmage between the Orange County Rowing Association with Newburgh Free Academy (NFA) on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at Donahue Memorial Park. 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 Coyne moved to adjourn the Special Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and a contractual matter at 8:16 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Having no further business to bring before them, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to close the special session meeting at 8:50 PM which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.