

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 21, 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
Trustee James P. Kane
Trustee David Carnright
Trustee Kenneth A. Schmidt

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Storm King Engine Co #2 Fire Chief Michael Trainor, Code Enforcement Officer Ben Maggio, Attorney for the Village Joseph G. McKay, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Absent was: Deputy Mayor Mark J. Edsall - vacation

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 HEARING

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A FOUR MONTH MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR POWER SYSTEMS WITHIN THE VILLAGE, EXCEPT FOR RESIDENTIAL, ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR SYSTEMS

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

Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be referred to as the “A Local Law Establishing a Four Month Moratorium Prohibiting the Permitting, Construction and Installation of Solar Power Systems within the Village, Except for Residential, Roof-Mounted Systems.”

Section 2. Purpose and Intent

Recognizing the need to regulate Solar Power Systems ("SPS") within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson (the “Village”), the Village Board is in the process of adopting regulations that will ensure that newly installed solar power systems are safe and located in the appropriate zoning districts within the Village. Pending the adoption of these regulations, it is necessary for the Village Board to take reasonable temporary measures to prohibit the permitting, construction and installation of solar power

systems within the Village in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare. This local law does not prohibit the issuance of any permit or approval for the installation of residential, roof-mounted solar systems.

Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Village to regulate and control land use and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Village Board hereby declares a four-month moratorium on certain approvals relating to the permitting, construction and installation of SPS within the Village.

The purpose of this moratorium is to enable the Village to temporarily halt the installation of SPS for a reasonable period of time so that the Village may adopt appropriate regulations for these systems, which are not currently regulated by the Village Zoning Code.

In recent years, the installation of SPS has become wide spread due to various tax incentives and energy cost-reductions that benefit property owners. The Village recognizes that SPS have many benefits for property owners, and the community in general, but wise regulation regarding these systems is required.

The Village Board hereby finds that it is in the public interest to prevent the premature and inappropriate installation of SPS that would cause negative impacts to properties in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson.

The Village Board hereby further finds that, pending the completion of the necessary studies, meetings, hearings, environmental review and other actions necessary and incident to the proper consideration and adoption of a Local Law regulating the installation of SPS, and any revisions and amendments of the land use regulations of the Village, reasonable measures must be taken to maintain the status quo in order to protect the public interest.

Section 3. Prohibitions and Scope of Controls

A. During the effective period of this Local Law:

1. No permits shall be issued, nor any applications granted, for the construction and/or installation of solar power systems within the village without the approval of the Village Board, which approval will not be considered except in the event of unreasonable hardship proven by an applicant.

2. The Village Planning Board shall not accept any application or grant any approval for a subdivision plat, site plan, special use permit or other permit that includes the permitting, construction and/or installation of SPS within the Village or would have as a result the enlargement, relocation, or modification of an existing solar installation or facility.

3. The Village Zoning Board of Appeals shall not accept any application or grant any approval for a variance or other permit that would result in the permitting, construction and/or installation of SPS facilities within the Village.

4. The Village's Building Department shall not accept any building permit application or

grant any Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance for any permitting, construction and installation of SPS facilities within the Village.

B. The term “Solar Power Systems” shall be broadly construed to include all residential and commercial solar equipment installations, including, but not limited to, building-integrated photovoltaic power systems (other than residential roof-mounted systems); collective solar power systems; free-standing and ground-mounted solar energy systems; solar farms or solar power plant energy systems, designed to produce solar energy for sale or commercial purposes, and solar thermal (water or liquid) power systems.

C. This moratorium shall apply to all currently pending and future applications.

D. This moratorium shall not apply to the installation of residential, roof-mounted solar systems, however, any person, firm or entity that wishes to install a residential, roof-mounted SPS must first obtain the approval of the Code Enforcement Officer before any such system may be installed.

Section 4. Term

The moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall be in effect for four (4) months from the effective date of this Local Law.

Section 5. Penalties

Any person, firm or entity that shall construct and/or install a SPS within the Village or would have as a result the enlargement, relocation, or modification of an existing system in violation of the provisions of this Local Law or shall otherwise violate any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be subject to:

A. A fine to be imposed by a court of competent jurisdiction, which fine shall not be less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for a first conviction, and a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) and not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for subsequent convictions; and

B. Injunctive relief in favor of the Village to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this Local Law and, if necessary, to remove any construction that may have taken place in violation of this Local Law, and to recoup any legal fees and/or expenses incurred by the Village in the prosecution of any such action; and

C. Any application accepted or approval granted in violation of this Local Law shall be null and void.

Section 6. Validity

The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Local Law that can be given effect without such invalid provision.

Section 7. Hardship

A. Should any owner of property affected by this Local Law suffer an unnecessary hardship due to the enactment and application of this Local Law, then the owner of said property may apply to the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson in writing for a variance from strict compliance with this Local Law upon submission of proof of such unnecessary hardship. For the purposes of this Local Law, unnecessary hardship shall not be the mere delay in being permitted to make an application or waiting for a decision on the application for a variance, special permit, site plan, subdivision, or other permit or approval during the period of the moratorium imposed by this Local Law.

B. Procedure. Upon submission of a written application to the Village Clerk by the property owner seeking a variance of this Local Law, the Village Board shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of said application, schedule a Public Hearing on said application upon five (5) days' written notice in the official newspaper of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson. At said Public Hearing, the property owner and any other parties wishing to present evidence with regard to the application shall have an opportunity to be heard, and the Village Board shall, within thirty (30) days of the close of said Public Hearing, render its decision either granting or denying the application for a variation from the strict requirements of this Local Law. If the Village Board determines that a property owner will suffer an unnecessary hardship if this Local Law is strictly applied to a particular property, then the Village Board shall vary the application to this Local Law to the minimum extent necessary to provide the property owner relief from strict compliance with this Local Law.

Section 8. Conflicting Laws Superseded

All local laws, ordinances, or parts of local laws and ordinances, of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson that are in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect during the effective period of the moratorium.

Section 9. Supersession of the Village Law

This Local Law is hereby adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §10(1)(i) and §10(1)(ii)(a)(14) and Statute of Local Governments §10(6) of the State of New York. It is the intent of the Village Board, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §10(1)(ii)(d)(3) to supersede the following provisions of the New York State Village Law, Chapter 6 relating to time limits in connection with zoning and planning determinations:

- Village Law §7-712-9 (Zoning Board of Appeals determinations);
- Village Law §7-725-9 (Site Plan Application determinations);
- Village Law §7-725-b (Special Permit Application determinations);
- Village Law §7-728 (Review and approval of Subdivision Applications)

Section 10. Severability

A. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision(s) of this law invalid, in whole or in

part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid, and all other provisions of the law shall continue to be separately and fully effective.

B. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds the application of any provision of this law to any building, other structure of tract of land to be invalid, in whole or in part, the effect of such decisions shall be limited to the person, property or situation involved in the controversy, and the application of any such provision to any other person, property or situation shall not be affected.

C. The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity, or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability, shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of this Local Law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson that this Local Law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such person or circumstance to which the Local Law or part thereof is held inapplicable had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 11. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed 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 establishing a four-month moratorium prohibiting the permitting, construction and installation of solar power systems within the Village, except for residential, roof-mounted solar systems was called to order at 7:01 PM on a motion by Mayor Coyne, seconded by Trustee Carnright, and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Kris Seiz – proprietor of Storm King Adventure Tours located at 178 Hudson Street stated that she would like to know how this local law would affect commercial buildings and pre-existing situations since she was looking to replace existing solar panels on the building’s roof.

Attorney for the Village McKay replied that the proposed 4-month moratorium is the first step in addressing further installation of solar power systems in the Village. The law is meant to help prevent any “unintended consequences” since the Village Code does not currently address this issue. There is a provision in the local law that allows property owners to apply to the Village Board for a “hardship” variance. Ms. Seiz would not be required to apply for a hardship to repair the pre-existing solar panels; however, if replacement of solar panels is needed, then she would need to apply and appear before the Board.

Code Enforcement Officer Maggio reported that requests to install roof-mounted solar panels come mostly from residential not commercial properties. This law pertains to “land arrays” in which solar panels are installed over a portion of someone’s property.

Trustee Kane stated that Ms. Seiz's situation is "unique". He suggests she submit a hardship waiver to the Village Board quickly so her business is not adversely impacted.

Hearing no one further speak for or against the Local Law establishing a four-month moratorium prohibiting the permitting, construction and installation of solar power systems within the Village, except for residential, roof-mounted solar systems, Mayor Coyne made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:06 pm which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

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

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson on April 16, 2018, designating the board as Lead Agency and scheduling a public hearing to be held by said Governing Body on May 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall to hear all interested persons on a proposed Local Law, entitled a "Local Law Imposing a Four Month Moratorium on the Approval and/or Installation of Solar Power Systems within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson"; and

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

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on May 21, 2018, at or about 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that moratoria are listed as Type II Actions under §617.5 of SEQRA and, as such, determines that the proposed local law is not subject to further environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Village to adopt said Local Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby adopts said Local Law No. 2 of 2018, entitled a "Local Law Imposing a Four Month Moratorium on the Approval and/or Installation of Solar Power Systems within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk be and she hereby is directed 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kris Seiz – proprietor of Storm King Adventure Tours located at 178 Hudson Street would like to know if the Donahue Memorial Park riverfront commercial permit fee will be the same as last year.

Mayor Coyne replied that there will be no increase this year; however, the Board will address this fee annually.

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 April 16, 2018 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 April 26, 2018 Special 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 May 7, 2018 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 April read as follows:

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$284,985.33
Town water & penalties	176,528.84

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

Warrant #5 — Trustee Carnright made a motion to approve the April 2018 Warrant #5 and authorize payment of \$257,579.38, which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Treasurer Mahoney reported that the revenue/expenditure reports by fund are:

General Fund Revenue:	\$2,696,895.82	Expenditure:	\$ 652,871.76
Water Fund Revenue:	\$ 360,191.52	Expenditure:	\$ 416,340.40
Sewer Fund Revenue:	\$ 79,726.30	Expenditure:	\$ 7,124.29

Total receipt of \$3,136,813.64 (42.44%) in anticipated revenues and \$1,076,336.45 (14.56%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of April.

The amount collected in Village taxes is \$2,611,369.23 through April 30.

The Sewer Capital Fund balance is \$229,236.52 (including interest) through April 30^t.

BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Trustee Carnright reported 8 building permits were issued, 6 certificates of compliance/occupancy were issued, 19 onsite inspections were performed, 4 municipal searches were completed, 14 fire inspections were conducted, and an electrical house fire occurred at 30 Payson Road on Easter Sunday morning. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in April.

Trustee Carnright further reported that DB Mart resumed underground tank removal on May 8th. Installation of new tanks will be scheduled afterward. In addition Code Enforcement Officer Maggio met with management personnel at abandoned house (17 Payson Rd) to discuss cleanup issues. Mr. Maggio attended Code Enforcement School from April 10-12 and energy code training on April 16.

Fire Department — Trustee Schmidt reported 1 structure fire, 1 automatic alarm, 5 medical calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 river rescue, 1 mutual aid, 2 meetings, 8 drills, 2 work details, 1 Easter Breakfast fund raiser, 1 Basic Exterior Firefighter class, 1 EMT Refresher class, and 1 F.D. response to group homes class for a total of 27 events and 382.87 volunteer man hours.

Trustee Schmidt further reported that overhead door upgrade material has been ordered and the department hopes to have work done in June. Asst. Fire Chief Chatfield attended the inspection of Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School on April 25. Truck T413 was out of service for maintenance the week of May 14. The apparatus exhaust system specifications are ready for review by the Village Board and/or Attorney for the Village. The pumper/tanker is ready to move forward with Village Board approval.

Police Department Trustee Kane reported 1 felony burglary, 1 misdemeanor fraud, 1 misdemeanor criminal mischief, 3 misdemeanor petit larceny, 3 misdemeanor harassments, 5 misdemeanor arrests, 1 violation arrest, 2 warrant arrests (other pd's), 2 personal injury accidents, 4 property damage accidents, 85 traffic summons issued, 47 traffic warnings issued, 21 parking summons issued, 4 traffic enforcement posts, 3 speed/radar sign postings, 2 fire response calls, 3 domestic incident calls, 8 alarm response calls, 2 noise complaints, 11 suspicious person calls, 1 suspicious vehicle call, 15 animal complaints, 1 disorderly adult call, 10 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 8 EMS assist calls, 2 assists to other police agencies, 1 welfare check, and 3 assists to citizens for a total of 435 total calls for service.

Trustee Kane further reported that the department applied for a \$3,968.00 traffic grant with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for traffic enforcement initiatives and one new radar unit. In addition, Det. Terwilliger attended Motorcycle Enforcement Training in Goshen.

BUDGET TRANSFER

Upon the recommendation of Chief Dixon, Trustee Kane made a motion authorizing a budget transfer of \$2,000.00 from General Fund Police Grant Revenue (A3090) to General Fund Police Expenditure (A3120.4). The department received a \$2,000 grant from the National Rifle Association (NRA) to purchase 2 new colt patrol rifles.

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL AID POLICE ASSISTANCE

Mayor Coyne reported that he is in receipt of an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) between the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and Town of Cornwall for “Mutual Aid Police Assistance”. After some discussion, acceptance of this agreement was tabled until the June Business Meeting to provide time for the Attorney for the Village to review the document.

Department of Public Works — Trustee Carnright reported 138.11 tons of trash, 25.92 tons of recycling, and 90 yards of yard waste was collected. The department performed service and repairs to Village-owned vehicles, continued roadside cleanup from plow damage, sweeping of streets, spring cleanup of Village owned properties, completed Village wide bulk cleanup, and replaced a collapsed sewer main on Curie Road through a combined effort of DPW employees and a crew from Nannini & Callahan.

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen will be attending Highway School at Ithaca College from June 3 – 7.

Trustee Carnright further reported that the boat docks were installed earlier this month thanks to the help from members of Cornwall Yacht Club.

Water Department — Trustee Schmidt reported an average daily production of 999,000 gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 42), 6 meters were replaced, 21 miscellaneous repairs were completed, 5 final meter readings were done, and 109 utility mark-outs were completed. A new service line, curb line and curb box was installed at 426 Hudson Street, a new water service and meter pit was installed at 216 Maple Rd, a new drain pipe #1 fire pump was installed and a water leak #1 fire pump was repaired at Maple Road pump station. In addition vehicle maintenance was performed (oil change, repaired/reinstalled tool box) to truck #42, annual maintenance of all mowing equipment was completed, spring cleanup of all water properties was completed, and mowing has started at all water department properties.

With assistance from New York Leak Detection, the department confirmed 3 water leaks.

OTHER BUSINESS

SALUTE SEN. LARKIN ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mayor Coyne reported that NYS Senator William (Bill) Larkin, a long-time Village resident, has announced that he plans to retire at the end of this year. He offered each board member an opportunity to “salute” Senator Larkin for his years of service to our country, state, and community.

Mayor Coyne shared a story from when he first came into office back in 2011. The Village Department of Public Works garage had been closed and could not reopen until some building improvements were made. Mayor Coyne was determined to get the garage reopened, so he went to Senator Larkin for help. Senator Larkin immediately called the head of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Region 3 and “smoothed” the path for us to get the improvements done and the building reopened. Recently Senator Larkin helped the police department get a new car and has been “very helpful” to the fire department as well. Mayor Coyne stated that we will miss him and are very grateful for the Senator’s many years of service to our community.

Trustee Kane thanked Senator Larkin for a lifetime of service to the United States military starting at the tender age of 16 in World War 2, and then in the Korean conflict. Mr. Kane further thanked the senator for his 23 years of leadership and dedication to this great country. In addition Mr. Kane thanked the senator for 40 years of public service. Senator Larkin has had a positive impact on the community and will be “sorely missed”.

Trustee Kane read a prepared statement from Deputy Mayor Edsall, who could not attend tonight’s meeting. Deputy Mayor Edsall wrote that it has been an honor and pleasure to know and work with Senator Larkin for nearly 4 decades. Senator Larkin started his career in public service as Supervisor of the Town of New Windsor, then as NYS Assemblyman, before being elected State Senator. Deputy Mayor Edsall has worked with the senator on many issues as a resident citizen, member of Highland Engine Co., local business owner, and as an elected local official. The senator’s long career of serving our country and government is not matched by many others. Senator Larkin’s energy and determined efforts to do what was best for his constituents was always done to meet their needs in gold. Deputy Mayor Edsall thanked Senator Larkin for his 40 years of service to our legislature, 23 years of military service, and all his hard work. He wishes the senator enjoyment and good health in his retirement.

Trustee Carnright has known Senator Larkin for 25 years. At the recent Storm King Engine Co. #2 Installation Dinner, Senator Larkin spoke about the need for people to dedicate their service and to volunteer. His words were so appropriate for everyone to listen to because the senator is a “glowing” example of both. Senator Larkin has been good to all his districts, has a great reputation among his colleagues, and will be missed.

Trustee Schmidt stated that he will remember Senator Larkin for his support to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, many appearances at community events, and the “abundance” of monetary grants secured by him for our entire community.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

Mayor Coyne announced that the next Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting will be held in the Village Hall Board Room on May 24th at 7:00 PM.

RIVERKEEPER SWEEP: MAY 5, 2018

Mayor Coyne reported that approximately 75 people participated in the “Riverkeeper Sweep” on May 5. All our schools were represented (Cornwall High School, Storm King School, NY Military Academy), along with members of the conservation committee. He thanked our DPW crew who picked up the debris that was collected.

Mayor Coyne stated that his is a “good reminder” to take care of our environment. Our waterways are in “bad shape” from so much plastic littered into it and we must all do our part to end that to make it safe for fish and aqua life.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Mayor Coyne reported that the website update is “moving along” thanks in part to the efforts of an intern from Mount Saint Mary College. Mayor Coyne received a website report at a meeting with a class of West Point cadets on May 9th. He will make this report available for the Board to review.

DOCK HILL ROAD SLOPE

Mayor Coyne reported that he also met with another class of West Point cadets on May 9th and received a report on findings/options to make the slope along Dock Hill Road safer. He will make this report available for the Board to review.

ORANGE COUNTY ROWING ASSOCIATION

Mayor Coyne reported that the Orange County Rowing Association will hold a scrimmage with Newburgh Free Academy (NFA) at Donahue Memorial Park on May 22nd.

ETHICS BOARD

Attorney for the Village McKay will be attending a “reorganization” meeting of the Ethics Board on May 24th. At this meeting Mr. McKay will review requirements/procedures the board members must follow and undertake review of the annual financial disclosures.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: MAY 28, 2018

Mayor Coyne reported that the annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 28th starting at 10:00 AM.

STATE-MANDATED CANCER BENEFIT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Mayor Coyne reported that Governor Cuomo has signed a law establishing a new cancer benefit for certain volunteer firefighters that will take effect January 1, 2019. Clerk Mahoney is working with Fire Chief Trainor to get necessary coverage in place for eligible members.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND

Mayor Coyne reported that the Summer Playground program will run from Thursday, July 5 – Friday, August 10. It will be held at Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School between the hours of 9:00AM – 1:00 PM. Jen Borland will be returning as director.

TAYLOR ROAD WATER PLANT

Mayor Coyne reported that there is nothing new to report on this item.

VILLAGE FUEL PUMPS

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen reported that there is nothing new to report on this item.

LOT LINE CHANGE REQUEST: LAURIE ALFONSO - 9 COLONIAL PLACE

Mayor Coyne reported that DPW Superintendent Halvorsen and Water Superintendent June visited the property and they have no objection to a proposal for a lot line change between the Village and Ms. Alfonso.

After some discussion, Trustee Kane made a motion to declare that the Village Board has no objection to Ms. Alfonso's request for a property lot line change at 9 Colonial Place. Ms. Alfonso must now submit an application to go before the Village Planning Board to proceed with the lot line change. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

WATER PROPERTY ASSESSMENT: APPRAISER, ENGINEER

Attorney for the Village McKay reported that his associate, John Furst, filed Complaints on Real Property Assessments for 2018 on Village Water Department properties located at 55 Palomino Place and 100 Pecks Road earlier today. The Board of Assessment Review will hear this matter on June 6. Mr. Furst is working with Barry Herold of Empire State Appraisal Consultants (ESAC) to gather additional information to support our objection to the assessments.

HISTORIC MARKER: CORNWALL LANDING

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village Historian is working to get a historic marker placed at Cornwall Landing- Donahue Memorial Park to acknowledge the commerce and activity that occurred on the landing for many years.

OPIOID CRISIS: CLEARYOURCABINET.AG.NY.GOV

Mayor Coyne stated that the news is frequently reporting about an “opioid crisis”. Often addiction begins with drugs found in family medicine cabinets. ClearYourCabinet.ag.ny.gov is a website that will help find a safe place to get rid of unused medication near you.

HISTORIC VILLAGE PROPERTY: 311 SHORE ROAD

Mayor Coyne reported that at the May 7th work session, Village Historian Kathleen Christenson and Town Historian Mary Anne O'Dell presented a comprehensive review of a historic property located at 311 Shore Road. Mayor Coyne thanked them for their research and encourages their continued efforts to seek funding in order to purchase the property. There is no budgetary line for the Village to purchase the property.

SEVERE STORM OF MAY 15TH

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen reported the severe storm of May 15th took down a lot of trees in the Village. He and his department went out that evening to assess the damages before they started clearing debris. Mr. Halvorsen participated in several conference calls in the days after the storm hosted by the Orange County Office of Emergency Management and Central Hudson. At one point the Village led the county with 99% of Central Hudson customers without power. Central Hudson did a really "good job" in prioritizing community needs and getting power restored as quickly as possible.

Fire Chef Trainor reported that many trees and power lines came down as a result of the storm. Not one fire call was received; however, Storm King Engine Co. #2 went out on their own to assist Village residents. Chief Trainor further reported that there are many residents in the Village on oxygen machines, and there is no system currently in place other than dialing 911 to get them assistance when power is out. Central Hudson will check on customers that have previously been reported to be "high risk" (i.e. on oxygen).

Clerk Mahoney reported that Village Hall was operational after the storm thanks to generator power. Although there was no internet for several days, Village Hall had power and phone service. This gave residents an opportunity to call and/or a place to stop by with questions and concerns. It also gave a place for other Village departments to work from. Ms. Mahoney thanked all the Village departments for coming together. Ms. Mahoney further reported that Central Hudson did a great job bringing crews in, assessing damages, and restoring power to its customers.

Trustee Kane thanked all Village departments for their efforts and for "excellent" communications with the Board to keep them "in the loop". The entire water system ran off back-up generators. Deputy Mayor Edsall declared a state of emergency in the Village after the storm in order to be eligible for future reimbursements if/when they are available.

Trustee Carnright thanked the DPW for clearing roads of brush and debris caused by the large number of trees that came down. Everyone, including Central Hudson, did a great job. Water Superintendent June was in contact with Central Hudson District Director Lisa Carver about the water system. Cornwall Central Middle School sustained roof damage over the gym during the school budget vote.

Trustee Schmidt appreciates the "excellent response" by all Village departments after the storm. He is particularly impressed with the DPW for making multiple trips to collect brush as residents cleaned up their yards.

Mayor Coyne stated that he was in Ireland. He appreciates the efforts of Deputy Mayor Edsall and all Village departments for taking care of what was a difficult situation.

AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen has been in contact with Auctions International, a business that can assist the Village with selling our surplus vehicles and equipment. This company is a little different from the one we currently use in that they give the Village the ability to reject any bid. There is no requirement to sell the vehicle to the highest bidder. They collect a 10% “buyer’s fee” so there is no cost to the Village to use their auction site. He provided an agreement and requested that it be reviewed by the Attorney for the Village.

FYI

Mayor Coyne attended the annual Food Bank of Hudson Valley reception to thank its volunteers on May 10. The Village is “fortunate” to have that type of operation here, they do great work.

Mayor Coyne reported that the Orange County Citizens Foundation “Placemaking” Tour will be held on Saturday, June 9.

Mayor Coyne reported that the CCHS Junior Prom took place on May 18.

Mayor Coyne reported that the annual River-fest celebration will take place on Saturday, June 2.

Mayor Coyne reported that the CCHS Senior Prom will take place on Thursday, June 7.

Mayor Coyne reported that the Girls on the Run event will take place on Sunday, June 10.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol O’Keefe of 2 Payson Road asked when the next July 4th committee will be held.

Trustee Carnright replied it will be held on June 13 at 7:00 PM in Munger Cottage.

BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS

Mayor Coyne thanked Deputy Mayor Edsall and Village departments who “kept the Village running” when he was away. There was a 36 hour period where both the mayor and deputy mayor were out of time and during that period Trustee Kane was in charge.

Having concluded the business set before them, Mayor Coyne made a motion to adjourn the business meeting into attorney/client session at 8:11 PM with the Attorney for the Village to review solar law procedures because of the short timeframe and to discuss the status of pending legal matters. Mayor Coyne noted that no action is anticipated at the conclusion of attorney/client session this evening. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.