

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 18, 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 – late-presenting award at Cornwall High School
Trustee Kenneth A. Schmidt

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, Storm King Engine Co #2 Fire Chief Michael Trainor, Code Enforcement Officer Ben Maggio, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Absent was: Attorney for the Village Joseph McKay – away-performing wedding in Colorado

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 thanked Mayor Coyne and the Village Board for putting the lighting law on tonight's agenda. Both he and his wife Barbara have been coming to Village Board meetings since November in order to plead their case for a "better night sky"; that light pollution is a "scourge" and it is only getting worse. Last month he provided copies of lighting laws adopted by the Town of Warwick and the city of Black Diamond in Washington. Mr. Gioia believes these laws are "complete, detailed, delineated, describe their terms, are quantifiable, and are enforceable". The current Village Code is "woefully inadequate" in dealing with the burgeoning technology and Mr. Gioia feels these laws provide the language needed to move forward toward adopting a new Village lighting law.

Led Klosky-Chairman of the Comprehensive Plan Committee stated that the issue of "light pollution" has been brought before his committee a "number of times". In order to preserve our residents' quality of life, there should be a direct and enforceable Village code regarding lighting. Complaints could then be adjudicated by the Village rather than involving lawyers. Mr. Klosky further stated that in the advent of LED lighting, which comes in a variety of different "flavors", there is nothing currently in Village code to prevent this type of illumination from being installed and that could cause long-term problems. Mr. Klosky stated that Mayor Coyne forwarded him copies of the laws provided by Mr. Gioia. Mr. Klosky believes these laws to be "enforceable"; however, he would prefer not to allow such broad exceptions for motion detector type lighting.

Todd Silverman-owner of Riverside Apartments stated that his property borders Village Auto on Hudson St. as well as a property behind him that has “5 towers” of lights that shine all night long. Mr. Silverman stated that he is dealing with light pollution from “both sides”. He showed the Village Board pictures of these lights at night. The lights from these towers are so bright and “offensive”, that the river view from his property is completely obscured. Mr. Silverman believes a new lighting law in the Village is warranted at this time and he is asking the Board for assistance.

Kevin Greene of 318 Hudson Street stated that he came before the Village Board 2 months ago about the flag hanging in front of Village Hall. The flag had become torn and tattered by tree branches. Fortunately that flag was replaced a couple of days later. Unfortunately the new flag is invisible from the street. The tree next to the flag pole needs to be pruned so the entire pole may be seen from the street. With July 4th coming up, he would like to see this done as soon as possible.

Barbara Smith of 167 Hudson Street thanked Mayor Coyne for putting the lighting law on tonight’s agenda. She looks forward to seeing the Village Board adopt a law that “levels the playing field” with no exceptions.

Niklas Moran of 187 Mountain Road stated that he serves on the Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council and deals with a lot of LED lighting issues. In his opinion, the outdoor lighting used by Village Auto and Walden Savings Bank does not fit in with the Village’s “character”. LED technology and the bright headlights on some automobiles can make it difficult to see what’s behind you. He would appreciate the Village Board doing something.

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 May 21, 2018 Business Meeting Minutes as presented which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstain (Edsall who was absent).

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$128,679.92
Town water & penalties	300,739.39

which included 5 finals/adjustments for the Village and 4 for the Town.

Warrant #6 — Mayor Coyne made a motion to approve the June 2018 Warrant #6 and authorize payment totaling \$528,630.59, 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:	\$2,718,536.12	Expenditure:	\$ 1,047,988.89
Water Fund Revenue:	\$ 559,810.20	Expenditure:	\$ 653,748.12
Sewer Fund Revenue:	\$ 93,766.53	Expenditure:	\$ 45,782.02

Total receipt of \$3,372,112.85 (45.63%) in anticipated revenues and \$1,747,519.03 (23.65%) in anticipated expenditures through the end of May.

The amount collected in Village taxes is \$2,627,225.93 through May 31.

The Sewer Capital Fund balance is \$250,820.31 (including interest) through May 31.

VILLAGE HALL INTERNET - SPECTRUM

Upon the recommendation of Clerk Mahoney, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion authorizing execution of documents to upgrade Village Hall to “high speed internet 200 (download) x 15 (upload) with wifi for a monthly fee not to exceed \$125.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BOARD DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Department Trustee Schmidt reported 8 building permits were issued, 5 certificates of compliance/occupancy were issued, 27 onsite inspections were performed, 8 violations were issued, 3 municipal searches were completed, and 7 fire inspections were conducted. Inspector Maggio worked 80 hours in May.

Trustee Schmidt further reported that DB Mart must remove the contaminated soil pile by July 7 or fines will be issued by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON ORDERING THE CLEAN UP AND REPAIR OF THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17 PAYSON AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO SAID ORDER

Trustee Kane introduced the following motion and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 120-1 of the Village Code, it is necessary for the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson to keep properties

clean and free from vermin, noxious weeds and disease-bearing insects, and it is necessary to properly maintain properties so they are kept free of nuisances, hazards, debris and litter; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is empowered by Chapter 120 to take action to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of persons and property in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson by requiring that buildings and properties be properly maintained, repaired or demolished and removed; and

WHEREAS, the Village Code Enforcement Officer is empowered to enforce Chapter 120 of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, the Village Code Enforcement Officer has made an inspection of the premises located at 17 Payson Road and has reported to the Village Board that for an extended period of time this property has been vacant; that the building on the premises needs repairs to the roof; that the premises needs to be secured from the outside, that the property needs cleanup of debris on the front driveway, and its landscaping needs maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has determined that the condition of the premises violates multiple sections of Chapter 120 of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has issued an Order to Remedy the existing violations, including, but not limited to: removing excessive plant and weed growth on the property (§ 120-5); to repair the exterior structure of the property, including window, skylight and door frame repairs (§120-5(J)(1)); to repair the roof of the premises (§120-5(J)(5)), and to remove rubbish and garbage from the premises (§120-5(J)(7)); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is empowered by Chapter 120 of the Village Code to order property owners to clean-up their properties and repair their unsafe buildings, or if any building cannot be properly maintained or repaired, to order its employees or independent contractors to enter the property to remedy the charges listed above in accordance with Chapter 120-7.A of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, after the review of the Code Enforcement Officer's report and the documentation and photographs included therein, and after due deliberation thereon;

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 action (the "project") in accord with the 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 a Type II action pursuant to SEQRA Part 617.5(c)(2), for which no further environmental review is required; and let it be further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, by the Village Board of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson that the building located at section 107, block 4, lot 20 within the Village of Cornwall-on-

Hudson, also known as 17 Payson Road, is being kept in violation of Chapter 120 of the Village Code in that it contains nuisances and hazards the abatement of which are necessary for the public health, safety and general welfare in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the owner of said property Danny Feliciano, and/or his representative, Rushmore Loan Management, or any other person or entity having occupancy or control of the premises, shall make all necessary repairs to the premises to clean-up the property and make the building safe in compliance with the Order to Remedy issued by the Code Enforcement Order; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a hearing be by held by the Village Board at 7:00 p.m. on July 16, 2018, at Village Hall 325 Hudson Street, to determine, in accordance with section 120-7, whether the Village Board shall abate the foregoing conditions and charge the total costs of the same to the owner of the property, which costs shall be assessed and constitute a lien and charge against the real property on which it is levied until paid or discharged, and be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other village charges; 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 Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Fire Department Deputy Mayor Edsall reported 6 automatic alarms, 2 brush fires, 9 medical calls, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 river rescue, 1 CO detector activation, 1 good intent, 10 hazardous conditions, 2 meetings, 11 drills, 1 work detail, 1 Memorial Day Parade, 3 Basic Exterior Firefighter classes, 1 NARCAN training class, and 3 interior firefighting operations training for a total of 53 events and 648.95 volunteer man hours.

Deputy Mayor Edsall further reported that the overhead door upgrades have been completed, the exhaust system is scheduled for installation in July once contracts are signed, and T413 is back in service as of June 11.

VEHICLE EXHAUST CONTRACT AREEMENT

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to award the Vehicle Exhaust Contract to Air Cleaning Systems Inc. in the amount of \$57,275.00 and authorize Mayor Coyne to sign the contract agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Deputy Mayor Edsall noted that this is a proprietary sole source ventilation system for the apparatus bay known as a vehicle exhaust extraction system. It is proprietary because the connections are compatible with various systems in the nearby area and equipment from adjoining fire service. He further noted that proceeds from Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) grants will be used to pay for this work.

Police Department Trustee Kane reported 1 misdemeanor fraud, 1 misdemeanor petit larceny, 2 misdemeanor harassments, 1 felony arrest, 4 misdemeanor arrests, 1 violation arrest, 2 warrant arrests (other pd's), 7 property damage accidents, 97 traffic summons issued, 32 traffic warnings issued, 29 parking summons issued, 5 traffic enforcement posts, 4 speed/radar sign postings, 9 fire response calls, 2 domestic incident calls, 10 alarm response calls, 1 noise complaint, 3 suspicious person calls, 10 suspicious vehicle calls, 8 animal complaints, 1 disorderly adult call, 1 disorderly juvenile call, 9 assists to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, 9 EMS assist calls, 1 assist to other agencies, 1 assist to other police agencies, 6 welfare checks, and 9 assists to citizens for a total of 444 total calls for service.

Trustee Kane further reported that the department applied for a \$2,125.00 grant with the US Department of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program for the purchase of new police officer bullet proof vests. In addition, the department participated in the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's "Click it or Ticket" seatbelt mobilization initiative as well as Orange County "STOP-DWI" traffic enforcement. The department also assisted with traffic/security at the annual CCHS Junior Prom Picture Taking Event held at Donahue Memorial Park.

Department of Public Works — Trustee Schmidt reported 122.09 tons of trash, 34.03 tons of recycling, and 250 yards of yard waste was collected. The department performed service and repairs to Village-owned vehicles, sweeping of streets, blacktop patching of potholes, roadside mowing, weekly mowing and maintenance of Village owned properties, cleanup from severe wind and rain storm on May 15, and installed boat docks thanks to the help from Cornwall Yacht Club. In addition, flower beds were planted in the village square thanks to Randazzo landscaping, the DPW assisted the police department with traffic control for the CCHS Junior Prom and Memorial Day Parade, and Donahue Memorial Park was cleaned up and prepared for Riverfest.

Trustee Schmidt further reported that DPW Superintendent Halvorsen would like to speak with the Village Board about the condition of the tree in the Village Square Bandstand.

DECLARE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SURPLUS – AUTHORIZE SALE

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Halvorsen, Mayor Coyne made a motion to declare the following surplus: 1989 Ford Tractor 3910 serial# BCII408.

1999 Dodge 1Ton dump with plow VIN#3B6MF366XXM570290

1989 Unimog. 427/10 with snowblower VIN#WDB4271011W153522

Further authorizing the Village Clerk to advertise these items for sale on Auctions International once the agreement has been reviewed and accepted by the Attorney for the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Water Department — Trustee Kane reported an average daily production of 936,000 gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 64), 6 meters were replaced, 21 miscellaneous repairs were completed, 5 final meter readings were done, and 174 utility mark-outs were completed. Pressure reducing valves (PRV's) were rebuilt on Weeks Ave and Mailler Ave, an old 6" water main was removed from service on Homeland Ave, a new 6" valve was installed on Curie Roads water main, and new

service lines were installed at 318 Hudson St and 164 Main St. In addition, water leak sites were blacktopped at Veterans Way, Curie Road and Homeland Ave, routine maintenance was performed at all water department properties and fire hydrants, and the department completed cleanup from storm damage.

MAY 15th STORM

Catskill Treatment Plant, Riley Road station and Maple Road pump station were taken off Central Hudson power and put on generators for the duration of the storm. Generators were online until May 18-until it was confirmed that Central Hudson grid was reestablished and stable. Total overtime hours for the department is approximately 10 hours. Total fuel used for generators-450 gallons.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that the storm was short in duration yet caused many branches and wires to come down. The biggest concern we had was maintaining operation of the water system and making sure none of the electrical problems caused damage to any of our equipment. He thanked Water Superintendent June and the Water Department employees who worked to protect our investment in the equipment and keep the system running.

WATER DEPARTMENT PROPERTY – ASSESSMENT INCREASES

Mayor Coyne reported that the Town Assessor has increased the assessment of our water department properties located on Palomino Road (Catskill Treatment Plant) and Pecks Road (Black Rock Plant). The Village has paid for an independent appraisal of these properties and it came in “much lower” for both. He attended a hearing before the Board of Assessment Review on June 4 along with Water Superintendent June, Clerk Mahoney, and Attorney for the Village John Furst. Another hearing has been scheduled for June 19. Unfortunately the Village has not received the status of their review of information it provided to support its objection to the assessments.

RESOLUTIONS

SUMMER PLAYGROUND APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to appoint Jennifer Borland Summer Playground Director at a salary of \$3,500.00 which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne made a motion to appoint Samantha Malvey Summer Playground Assistant Director at a salary of \$2,000.00 which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to appoint Hailey Lindenberger as Summer Playground EMT at a salary of \$12.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Mayor Coyne and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Upon the recommendation of Summer Playground Director Jen Borland, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to appoint Rich Ward, Ann Marie Laudato, Alexandria Ackerman, Emily Brooks, Janine Clancy, Hannah Corbett, William Fredericks, Nathan Kirk, Matthew Robinson, Samantha Sabini, and Maia Tice as Summer Playground Counselors at a salary of \$10.40 per hour. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Kane made a motion to appoint Sophia Harding, Christopher Robinson, Emily Trieste, and Mikayla Clark as Alternate Summer Playground Counselors at a salary of \$10.40 per hour to work if a vacancy arises or the number of campers requires an additional counselor. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Edsall and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CLIFFSIDE PARK BLOCK PARTY: JULY 7, 2018

Mayor Coyne made a motion to approve the request to hold a block party between 42 Grandview Ave and 43 Cornwall Ave on July 7 between 12:00-4:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON ELEMENTARY MOVING UP DAY

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School 4th graders to hold their “moving up” ceremony at the Village Bandstand on Thursday, June 21. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR RIVERFEST AND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing the Village to allocate \$250.00 from A7550.4 - General Fund Cultural & Patriotic Expense Line to Cornwall-on-Hudson River-fest, Inc. for this year’s River-fest event which took place on June 2 which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne commended the Riverfest committee who do a “great job” every year bringing several thousand people in to visit and enjoy a nice day in the Village. In addition, Mayor Coyne commended Wynn Gold who has chaired the event for 21 years.

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing the Village to allocate \$250.00 from A7550.4 - General Fund Cultural & Patriotic Expense Line to Cornwall Independence Day Celebration for this year’s July 4th Celebration taking place on Wednesday, July 4th which was seconded by Trustee Kane and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coyne noted that Trustee Carnright and he serve on the Independence Day Committee.

APPROVE DONAHUE PARK VISIT BY MONROE-WOODBURY STUDENTS: JULY 6, 2018

Mayor Coyne made a motion authorizing a group of about 20 special needs students who attend a summer program at Monroe-Woodbury High School and 10 monitors/teaching staff to visit Donahue

Memorial Park on Friday, July 6 from 11:30 – 1:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

Mayor Coyne announced that the next Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting will be held in the Village Hall Board Room on June 21st at 7:00 PM. Mayor Coyne thanked Chairman Klosky and his committee for their efforts.

STATE-MANDATED CANCER BENEFIT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Clerk Mahoney reported that she and Fire Chief Trainor have been working on this issue. Currently we are waiting to get an update from PERMA on approval of a benefit purchasing option for our eligible volunteer fire members.

TAYLOR ROAD WATER PLANT

Water Superintendent June reported that plans for the Taylor Road upgrades were submitted to the NYS Health Department for review. Their engineers have made a couple of requests including raising the well casing 7.5' above the flood plain. Mr. June has been in contact with the Village engineers to go over a couple of different proposals/plans to accomplish this. Mr. June asked the Health Department to waive the alteration but the department refused his request.

VILLAGE FUEL PUMPS

Water Superintendent June reported that the fuel dispensers have been installed; however, the tracking system is not yet operational. Mr. June has been in contact with our vendor, American Petroleum, several times in the past two weeks to try to get this issue resolved.

HISTORICAL MARKER: CORNWALL LANDING

Mayor Coyne reported that the Village Historian is working to get a historical marker placed at Cornwall Landing/Donahue Memorial Park. It is a piece of our history that should be remembered in some fashion.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

Mayor Coyne stated that he recently attended one of the two presentations led by Carla Castillo of the Natural Resources Inventory. Mayor Coyne commended Ms. Castillo and this group for their efforts to inventory all assets including our natural assets. Many maps have been prepared and more are on the way. These maps will help our Planning, Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Committees. Attendance at the presentations was excellent, and he thanked Mr. Klosky and some of our Village employees for attending.

CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: MARY O'MARA RETIRING

Mayor Coyne reported that Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School Secretary Mary O'Mara is retiring. She has been an "amazing part of the Village school" for many years; however, "all good things must come to an end". Mayor Coyne wishes her well in her retirement.

Trustee Schmidt stated that he served as principal of the school and worked with Ms. O'Mara for the longest period of time. She was an "excellent secretary" and the kids adore her. Teachers relied on Ms. O'Mara who was always willing to put in extra time, care, and anything needed to make the building a special place. Mr. Schmidt appreciates spending his career as principal working with Ms. O'Mara.

Deputy Mayor Edsall congratulated Ms. O'Mara along with Irene Pons and Michele Powell on their retirement.

RIVERFEST: REPORT

Mayor Coyne reported that this year's RiverFest went very well and he gave kudos to the committee for another job well done.

Deputy Mayor Edsall thanked Wynn Gold on his 21 years chairing the committee. Mr. Edsall appreciates the time and energy it takes for Mr. Gold to run his own business plus chair this event each year.

RIVERFRONT PASSES

Mayor Coyne reported that Trustee Schmidt is working toward a solution to make the purchase of riverfront passes more convenient to visitors. It has been a "difficult situation" for a long time.

LIGHTING LAW

Mayor Coyne thanked Mr. Gioia for forwarding the ordinances from Black Diamond Washington and the Town of Warwick. Mayor Coyne forwarded them to the Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan to review. In addition, Mayor Coyne has been working on this issue with Attorney for the Village Joe McKay. These ordinances may be helpful as we move forward.

HUDSON STREET MALLS: LANDSCAPING

Mayor Coyne thanked Eugene Randazzo and Randazzo Landscaping for continuing to take care of the Hudson Street malls in the Village Square area each year.

ETHICS MEETING: MAY 24, 2018

Mayor Coyne reported that the Ethics Board met on May 24. They are required to meet annually unless issues come up that they need to address.

CRUDE OIL SHIPMENTS

Mayor Coyne reported that shipments of crude oil on cargo trains and river barges have been “scaled back”. This is a small success; however, it is an issue that we will need to continue to monitor.

Trustee Carnright arrived at 7:50 PM.

FYI

Mayor Coyne reported that the Storm King School graduation took place on June 2nd, NYMA graduation took place on June 9th, and Cornwall Central High School graduation will take place on June 22nd.

Mayor Coyne reported that he and former Village Historian Collette Fulton attended the Cornwall-on-Hudson Placemaking Tour on June 9, sponsored by the Orange County Citizens Foundation.

Mayor Coyne reported that the “Saving the Hudson” conference took place on June 14.

Mayor Coyne reported that the Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School Playground Ribbon Cutting event took place on June 15. Mayor Coyne stated “hats off” to the folks who were involved with this committee and to Senator Larkin and Assemblyman Skoufis who were able to secure a large share of the money that was needed. Mayor Coyne also thanked the school district creating for a beautiful playground.

BOARD ACTIVITIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Schmidt stated that he recently attended the Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School retirement dinner for Mary O’Mara, Irene Pons, and Michele Powell. It was a wonderful event and well attended.

Trustee Kane stated that although he was not able to attend RiverFest this year, he was told that it was very enjoyable. Mr. Kane thanked Wynn Gold for his 21 years of success with RiverFest.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that he is working with Attorney for the Village McKay on the solar law and hopes to meet with him again soon. In addition Mr. Edsall spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Maggio on how to structure a proposed solar law. Mr. Edsall also congratulated CCHS Seniors on their upcoming graduation and wished them success.

Trustee Carnright congratulated Mary O’Mara, Irene Pons, and Michele Powell on their retirement. These women helped to make Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School a “better place” for kids. Mr. Carnright apologized for being late to tonight’s meeting; however, he was making a presentation at Cornwall High School Awards Night.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Skrzyński of 38 Idlewild Avenue is wondering what the timeframe is to get a lighting law in place. When the Comprehensive Plan Committee submits their final report to the Village Board, is that when a resolution to this issue is anticipated?

Mayor Coyne stated that the lighting issue is currently with the Comprehensive Plan Committee and offered to meet with Ms. Skrzyński to discuss this issue further.

Rick Gioia stated that we must keep a critical eye toward “unintended consequences” of the Warwick ordinance as it stands. Unmitigated use of motion sensors does have an effect that we should look at more critically. Street light shielding is another “hot button issue”. It is difficult for citizens to deal with a utility, but shielding is done in other communities. Mr. Gioia feels that the Comprehensive Plan Committee is doing “admirable work”.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that he has reviewed some of the illumination engineer’s publications on street lights, and has had discussions with Comprehensive Plan Chairman Klosky on this issue.

Christine Ruppert of 103 Mountain Road stated that she is also concerned about the lighting issue. The last comprehensive plan did not get adopted and she would like to know when a new plan may be ready to come before the Village Board for adoption.

Mayor Coyne replied that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has been meeting regularly and working on a new draft plan for close to two years now. Unfortunately at this time we do not know when a draft plan will be completed. The last effort was completed but not voted on by the Village Board in 2007.

Deputy Mayor Edsall stated that when you adopt a comprehensive plan, it is more or less a guide and “road map” for hot button or long term planning issues, it is not law. Following adoption of a comprehensive plan, individual local laws must be adopted by the Village Board to address issues. The two laws that Mr. Gioia has provided have been given to the Attorney for the Village for review.

Trustee Kane stated that the Comprehensive Plan committee is doing a “great job”. It will most likely take quite a bit of additional time to create a comprehensive plan; however, that doesn’t prevent the Village Board from passing a law in regard to the lighting issue. While the “ball is in their court”, the Village Board is also working on our end to get to a point where we have a law that we want to pass.

Trustee Carnright stated that he is a former Central Hudson employee. The street lights are not owned by the Village, they are rented. All street lights replaced by Central Hudson are 3,000K LED that are fully compliant with all standards including AMA. They do not require reflective technology because it is built in. Very few communities have replaced all their street lights because it is very expensive.

Led Klosky stated that he had success in getting Central Hudson to come out to his property and install a light shield that was causing distress.

Wynn Klosky of 88 Maple Rd stated that it is important to protect the nature around us and bright and unshielded lighting at night interrupts life-sustaining wildlife behaviors such as reproduction, living habits, and protection from predators.

Niklas Moran stated that there is a program where the street lights can be purchased and then converted in to LED's and he has been working on a lot of these cases in the mid-Hudson region with good results. Prices are coming down and can be recouped through reduced maintenance costs and energy savings. He has previously brought this information to the Village Board and is happy they have agreed to look into it. Mr. Moran thanked the Village Trustees for their participation in and support of the Natural Heritage Project. In addition, he noted NY-Sun offers community engagement for local solar laws.

Kevin Greene suggested that residents invest in darkening curtains until a better idea comes along.

Vishwa Chaudhary of 13 Barr Avenue stated that he already pays a lot of taxes to live in Cornwall-on-Hudson and asks that the Village Board be frugal before spending taxpayer's money on street lights. Mr. Chaudhary then recognized the Department of Public Works workers who continue to do a great job with garbage cleanup. Unfortunately many residents do not place garbage inside containers and animals get into it leaving a mess that our garbage men end up cleaning up. They should not have to do that.

Having concluded the business set before them, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to adjourn the business meeting at 8:10 PM which was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.