

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 13, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:58 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 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mayor Brendan G. Coyne
Deputy Mayor Mark J. Edsall
Trustee David Carnright
Trustee Kenneth A. Schmidt

Absent was: Trustee James P. Kane (vacation)

Also present was: Water Superintendent Robert June and DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen

TAYLOR ROAD WELL PUMP AND ELECTRICAL

The Board discussed the impending shutdown of the NYC Aqueduct scheduled for October 1, 2018. For several years, the Village’s engineering consultant has been preparing a design and pursuing approvals from the Department of Health for improvements to the Taylor Road well site to improve the reliability of the facility. Such work includes modifications to the well casings for both wells, maintenance replacement of the north well (south well maintenance replacement already complete), installation of a new standby power generator with structure above flood elevation, and new wiring and controls. The Board also discussed the current problems at the Black Rock Plant and its potential unavailability during the aqueduct shutdown.

Progress on the Taylor Road project has been slow and final approvals have not yet been received. At this point it is clear the overall improvement job could not be bid, constructed and made operational for the aqueduct shutdown. In recognition of the need to maintain a reliable water source for the Village and Town users, and the short time frame between this meeting and the scheduled shutdown, the Board has decided to act as follows:

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Edsall:

WHEREAS, the Village needs to take immediate action to cause interim improvements to make the Taylor Road well facility reliable for the impending NYC Aqueduct shutdown; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the replacement of the north well with a 240v unit and installing a new 240v electrical service from Central Hudson to serve both well pumps will improve such reliability and can be considered maintenance improvements that are not inconsistent with the pending project currently under review by the NYSDOH; and,

WHEREAS, the delivery time for the north well pump equipment could be up to two months, thereby necessitating action by the Board at this time to cause such unit to be available for installation before the aqueduct shutdown.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board declares the need for replacement of the north well pump and referenced electrical work an emergency and intends to take action to acquire and install the work as indicated.

The Village Board further declares the emergency maintenance replacement and electrical work a Type II action under SEQRA.

The Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the needed well pump as a sole source purchase, which such unit to match the south well, thereby affording maintenance benefits for spare parts and interchangeability. The Board further authorizes the Water Superintendent to cause the installation of the well pump and installation of the replacement electrical service from Central Hudson.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

SURVEY WORK FOR COLUMBUS AVE

DPW Superintendent Halvorsen has advised that he intends to pave Columbus Avenue and he has a concern with regard to the actual limits of the Village roadway's right-of-way metes and bounds. Based on this concern, Trustee Carnright made a motion to authorize a survey by Stephen P. Drabick, PLS, seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

Inasmuch as the Village Board has received a retirement notification from Robert June, Water Superintendent, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to authorize the Mayor to advertise for candidates for this position and to further investigate the possible creation of the position of Assistant Water Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carnright and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nay

Having no further business to bring before them, Deputy Mayor Edsall made a motion to close the special session meeting at 9:00 PM which was seconded by Trustee Schmidt and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.