

VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
BOARD MINUTES
February 8, 2010

Mayor Mark Evans called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Deputy Mayor Stephen Hanse, Trustee Dianne Ringwald, Trustee John Oliver and Trustee Greg Backus.

A motion to approve the Board minutes from January 11, 2010 and to dispense with reading of the same was made by Trustee Oliver and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes from January 21, 2010 and to dispense with reading of the same was made by Trustee Ringwald and seconded by Trustee Backus. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Hanse abstained. The motion carried.

Old Business

Mayor Evans reviewed the status of property owned by Paula Chandler at 23-25 Church Street. Ms. Chandler along with her attorney Angelo Scaturro was present. Mr. Scaturro stated that Ms. Chandler has been attempting to get contractors in to do the necessary repairs to the building. Ms. Chandler stated that DEC gave a clean bill of health regarding the contaminated soil, but that they are waiting for tests to come back on the water in the basement. Trustee Hanse told Ms. Chandler that the board needs a time frame as to when this will all be done. Ms. Chandler stated that her contractor Oddvar Karlsen can begin the work in mid-March. Mr. Scaturro added that he would speak with Oddvar soon to get a time frame. Mayor Evans told Ms. Chandler that he would like documentation from the DEC to be sure the area is cleaned up and that the board had asked for an engineer's report but Ms. Chandler gave us a report from an architect. Mr. Scaturro said that he had been in touch with the Village of Coxsackie Attorney Jason Shaw and understands that the burden is on Ms. Chandler. Mayor Evans told Ms. Chandler that our Code Enforcement Officer still needs to get into the house and asked her if she could meet with Christian Larsen on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Ms. Chandler said yes to meeting with Mr. Larsen on Friday, February 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Evans told Ms. Chandler that building permits needed to be applied for to get the process going. Ms. Chandler said that the Village of Coxsackie's Code Enforcement Officer could not make any structural decisions, but that he had her lock up the windows and doors which she did. Mayor Evans confirmed the meeting time again for Friday, February 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. and Ms. Chandler agreed. Mayor Evans said that the house needs to be brought up to code soon and reminded Ms. Chandler that he would need the reports from DEC.

Mayor Evans mentioned that a past due list of water bills along with a list of water meters that have not been read in the last two to five years or more has been prepared by the Clerk's office. He stated that it is important for people to pay their water bills and to also read their meters so that the Village of Coxsackie has money to operate with and that the board has sent out numerous notices to residents and that we are now prepared to turn water off unless these past due bills are paid.

New Business

Mayor Evans reported that part of the embankment along Noble Street collapsed and declared emergency repairs need to be conducted before we experience a collapse of a portion of the newly paved roadway. Repairs could cost anywhere from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and drainage pipes have already been ordered and Greene County has offered to assist us in this endeavor.

Mayor Evans also mentioned that budget work sessions will be held at Village hall at 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2010 and March 25, 2010.

Liaisons & Board Reports

Trustee Dianne Ringwald thanked everyone for their hard work in taking down the old Village of Coxsackie municipal building. She reported that she and Mayor Evans met with NYS Parks and Recreation and received approval on the location and design of the playground to be installed at Riverside Park. They also approved installation of a couple of swings that the Village had purchased a couple of years ago. In April 2010 we will start preparing the ground so that fencing, park chips and the swings can be installed. Ms. Ringwald also said that two benches have been put in at McQuade Park near the ice rink and that this park also needs several repairs due to mischievous kids.

Trustee Greg Backus reported that he along with Mayor Evans and Louis Betke traveled to Glens Falls on January 13, 2010 to look at the technology of their water plant and said he was amazed at the simplicity of the system. This system is like the one we will be installing and said that Delaware Engineering has worked with us on this system and that it should be more cost effective. Mayor Evans agreed with the simplicity of the plant and stated that he was able to understand the technology involved.

Trustee John Oliver reported that the Police Department has done a comparison of arrests from last year and this year and that there were five arrests in January of 2009 and that in January 2010 there were fifteen arrests. DWI arrests continue to be made and Trustee Oliver hopes the word will get out that Coxsackie does not tolerate driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He also reported that local business man Jim Brockett donated \$1,000 to the PAL program which is now holding basketball games for the kids during the winter months. Trustee Oliver stated that he is glad to see we are moving forward on enforcing the rules and regulations to protect our water reservoir.

Trustee Stephen Hanse reported that the Village of Coxsackie Planning Board has been working with owners on Van Dyck Street to alleviate a property dispute. He also mentioned that the FEIS for Hamlet-on-the-Hudson is complete and that the Planning Board does not anticipate any further submissions from this project at this time. Trustee Hanse noted that Code Enforcement Officer Christian Larsen was on a three month probationary period and that the board will appoint him permanently tonight. He has been working with residents of the Village on safety issues and conducted eight investigations this past month with five of those resolved. He brought in more than \$500.00 this past month.

Motions & Resolutions

A resolution to support Greene County's Centralized Records Management Study was read by Mayor Mark Evans. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Trustee Backus and seconded by Trustee Oliver. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. The resolution was approved

A motion to approve a Bond Resolution for the acquisition of airpacks and other related equipment for the Village of Coxsackie Fire Department was made by Trustee Backus and seconded by Trustee Oliver. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve radiator repairs to the generator at the West Coxsackie pump station from Kinsley in the amount of \$5,630.72 was made by Trustee Backus and seconded by Trustee Oliver. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve permanent appointment of Christian Larsen as Village of Coxsackie Code Enforcement/Building Inspector effective immediately was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to authorize Delaware Engineering to put upgrades for the Village of Coxsackie Water Treatment Plant out to bid was made by Trustee Ringwald and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve adjustments to water/sewer billings dated January 1-31, 2010 was made by Trustee Backus and seconded by Trustee Oliver. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the below listed appointments and terms to the Village of Coxsackie Planning Board with the terms to run until the organizational meeting of the village in April with full term re-appointments at that time was made by Trustee Backus and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve quotes from Pettinelli & Associates, Inc. for a quote of \$5,963.20 for wood fill, fabric and installation of a swing set and \$7,940.00 for installation of fencing at Riverside Park Playground was made by Trustee Ringwald and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried. (Pettinelli & Associates is approved by State Parks for installation and safety compliance.)

A motion to approve the attached appropriation changes was made by Trustee Backus and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

Let the minutes reflect that the Treasurer gave the following January 2010 reports to the Board of Trustees: Monthly Report of Treasurer (detail statement of all money received and disbursed), Balance Sheet/Trial Balance, Detail of Revenues and Expenditures for all funds.

A motion to approve the bills on General Fund Abstract #9, vouchers 397-457 totaling \$79,385.49; Water fund Abstract #9, vouchers 203-235 totaling \$32,743.87; Sewer Fund Abstract #9, vouchers 2228-260 totaling \$14,849.96 was made by Trustee Ringwald and seconded by Trustee Oliver. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

Public Comment Period

Joseph Zanchelli from 78 Lafayette Avenue asked Mayor Evans who is authorized to call out the plows when the weather is bad. Mayor Evans stated that he can do that, but it is generally the responsibility of the Superintendent of Department of Public Works. Mr. Zanchelli then stated that the plows seemed to be quite late coming around for one of the recent storms. Mayor Evans stated that we have serious issues with our trucks and that a new truck is on order but we are not sure when it will arrive.

Mr. Zanchelli asked if the Village would be getting radio read water meters and if we do who will pay for them. Mayor Evans responded saying that the new meters are part of the upgrades the Village of Coxsackie will be doing with the water treatment plant and that this project will be bonded. Part one of this project is new filters and part two is completion of a water storage tank. Meters may follow once these two items are completed. Mr. Zanchelli said that he thinks radio read meters is a great idea. Trustee Hanse said that people should read their meters as they have a responsibility to pay for the water they use. He also said that the Board will work with people who are having hard times.

Mayor Evans thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss DPW contract negotiations and an employee issue.

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting and go into Executive Session was made by Trustee Ringwald and seconded by Trustee Backus. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn Executive Session was made by Trustee Backus and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Murphy
Village Clerk