

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
BOARD MINUTES
January 11, 2010**

Mayor Mark Evans called the Board Meeting to order at 7:20 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 December 14, 2009 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 voted yes. The motion carried.

Correspondence Sent

Mayor Evans stated that a letter was received from NYSDOT regarding a study of the Bailey Street intersection. Their letter stated that signage would be put up indicating limited site distance. Resident Ronald Daoust, 45 Washington Avenue said that it is difficult for the fire trucks to come out of Bailey Street onto Mansion Street and that they would like to see a red light on the pole at this intersection which would be activated when the fire alarm went off so people would know that the fire truck is coming out onto Mansion Street.

Old Business

Mayor Evans reviewed the status of property owned by Paula Chandler at 23-25 Church Street. He stated that Ms. Chandler had agreed to obtaining building permits and that repairs would be completed by April 1, 2010, and that updates as to the progress at the location would be furnished to the Village of Coxsackie Board of Trustees each month, and that no updates have been received to date.

Trustee Hanse stated that Ms. Chandler was scheduled to meet with Code Enforcement Officer Christian Larsen on December 16, 2009 to let him into the building to perform an inspection of the premises. Ms. Chandler did not show up for the meeting nor did she communicate to Mr. Larsen that she would not be able to meet with him at that time. Mayor Evans said that the Village Board has tried to work with Ms. Chandler, but she had indicated that she was going to clean up the contaminated soil and then would sell the property as is. Mayor Evans said that she was given until April 1, 2010 to make repairs and bring the house up to code and was not given the time to clean up the soil and put the house on the market. Mayor Evans stated that he felt Ms. Chandler has been given enough time to provide an update and that the Board has been very patient to this point.

A motion to have the structure at 23-25 Church Street put out to bid to be demolished was made by Trustee Ringwald and seconded by Trustee Backus. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Evans stated that we would contact the Village of Coxsackie attorney Jason Shaw to begin procedures to put the demolition of this building out to bid.

Liaisons & Board Reports

Trustee Dianne Ringwald said that the old Village of Coxsackie municipal building is being removed and that the DPW crew has been busy picking up Christmas trees. She suggested that people stick them down into the snow to prevent them from blowing out into the roadway. She also stated that she and Mayor Evans met with NYS Parks and Recreation regarding the new play area to be built at Riverside Park and that they would like a schedule of how we will proceed with this work. The area would need to be dug down one foot and we would be required to lay fabric down and then top the area with bark chips. A four foot high link fence will surround the area to keep kids safe from traffic.

She is hoping to obtain donations for playground equipment from the Rotary as well as from other local organizations. New tables will be installed and will be chained down so they cannot be thrown into the Hudson River as previously happened. Trustee Ringwald stated that she has also begun working on the Memorial Day parade which will take place on May 31, 2010, and she will go to Coxsackie-Athens School to see if she can get the school band to participate. She also mentioned the clean-up that took place at the American Valve site and said that the site will be monitored for thirty years bi-annually. She did think it was funny that we were not notified of the recent monitoring that would be taking place.

Trustee Greg Backus stated that the engineering plans for the new water treatment upgrade completed by Delaware Engineering have been approved by NYSDEC. He also mentioned that he along with Mayor Evans and Louis Betke will travel to Glens Falls on Wednesday, 1/13/10 to see their system which is what is proposed for the Village. Trustee Backus said that there have been some sewer plant repairs during the past month and he also stated that renovations and improvements to the firehouse will need to be done sometime in the future.

Mayor Mark Evans said that a Special Meeting will be held at Village Hall on Thursday, January 21, 2010 with Delaware Engineering to discuss the water treatment plant improvements. He is hoping if everyone is in agreement to be able to put this out to bid in February, award the bid in March and begin construction in April 2010. Ronald Daoust asked about the letters that went out to people stating that water would be turned off and asked if we have to notify the Department of Health. Mayor Evans stated that the Department of Health and Greene County Public Health will be notified. Judge Richard Roberg approved of the board turning water off and said that this problem has gone on much too long. Trustee Oliver agreed stating that the Village needs the money to pay our bills.

Trustee Stephen Hanse reported that Code Enforcement Officer Christian Larsen is still on his three month probationary period and that he enjoys the job. He has been issuing building permits, certificates of occupancy and addressing other problems as well. Trustee Hanse said that Mr. Larsen attempted to meet with Paula Chandler, owner of 23-25 Church Street, but she did not show up for the appointment. He also mentioned that the Village of Coxsackie Planning Board has tabled the resignation of Patricia Maxwell and that they have been busy working on the UMH project.

Mayor Mark Evans reported that weekly janitorial services will be provided by the Town of Coxsackie because the court room is used by the Coxsackie Court. The walls in the court room will be repainted and new carpeting will be installed in a couple of weeks. Mayor Evans also mentioned that the old Village building is coming down at a good pace thanks to the County for all the assistance they have provided, and the bricks are being held in a secure area to be put out to bid once the building has been removed.

Trustee John Oliver reported that a comparison of 2008-2009 for police department shows calls were up with sixty-five calls outside the Village of Coxsackie. The light bar for the new police car is on order, but has not been received. Trustee Oliver also reported that the ice skating rink is open and that kids are enjoying it. We saved anywhere from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 on taking down the village building ourselves. Trustee Oliver also commented that he has been on the board for five years now and he is astonished on how slow progress is.

Motions & Resolutions

A resolution to adjust mileage reimbursement down to .50 cents per mile from .55 cents per mile to adhere to new Internal Revenue Service mileage rates was read by Mayor Evans and a vote was taken. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. The resolution was approved

A motion to approve the resolution to maintain the current maximum income limits for Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemptions to remain the same as in 2009, \$19,500 with a sliding scale for 2010 was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Backus. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve Mayor Evans to sign an agreement with Greene County for a study of the corridor area from Route 9W to downtown area of the Village of Coxsackie, cost of \$2,500, previously allocated in the budget was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Backus. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to authorize funds to be expended for attorney Jason Shaw to investigate policy of Coxsackie Police Department to issue tickets in New Baltimore to enforce local laws at the Coxsackie Reservoir was made by Trustee Oliver 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 approve resolution to enter into agreement in NYSDOT for planting of trees in the Village of Coxsackie at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00 was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Oliver. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to authorize payment of claim to Robert Van Wie in the amount of \$99.95 for damage to his vehicle as a result of work on Hollister Street for a water line tie-in was made by Trustee Ringwald 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.

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| • 1 Year Term | Rocco Cole |
| • 2 Year Term | Dave Dorpfeld |
| • 3 Year Term | Dan Quigley |
| • 4 Year Term | Scott Sitcer |
| • 5 Year Term | Chester Warren |
| • Alternate 5 year term | Laurel Mann |

A motion to approve December 1-31, 2009 adjustments to water/sewer billings was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

Let the minutes reflect that the Treasurer gave the following December 2009 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 #8, vouchers 337-396 totaling \$60,835.95; Water fund Abstract #8, vouchers 175-202 totaling \$26,319.15; Sewer Fund Abstract #8, vouchers 201-227 totaling \$22,876.78 and Trust & Agency Abstract #8, voucher #1 totaling \$532.50 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.

Mayor Evans opened the floor to comments. Chris Chimento who lives on Church Street said that he was glad to see the Board taking action regarding the property located on 23-25 Church Street. Ronald Daoust who lives on Washington Avenue asked about sidewalks being installed from where they end on Washington Avenue on down to the JCB Development area. Trustee Hanse said that was an issue because this is considered a State highway and the NYSDOT would have to be involved. Mr. Daoust asked why the sidewalk couldn't cut through the field and Trustee Hanse responded that this would be quite expensive to install and that he really didn't want to see a sidewalk district set up. Mr. Daoust then questioned why the property owners did not have to pay for the sidewalks that were recently installed on Mansion Street. Mayor Evans said that this was a safety issue as kids were walking along the road to the new skateboard park.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Murphy
Village Clerk