

VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
BOARD MINUTES
October 13, 2009

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 September 14, 2009 and to dispense with reading of the same was made by Trustee Backus and seconded by Trustee Oliver. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Backus abstained. Trustee Hanse abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes from September 24, 2009 and to dispense with reading of the same 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.

Old Business

Mayor Evans updated the public on the demolition of the old village building and stated that progress is being made with about 30% of the building having been torn down and there are hopes that the remainder of the building will be removed by Thanksgiving.

Mayor Evans announced that Laurel Mann has resigned her position as Code Enforcement Officer but will stay through October 31, 2009 while the board searches for a replacement.

Mayor Evans said that the crews have been working at the reservoirs and dams and have cleared the brush and trees from the area and that signage will be installed to protect our water supply.

Mayor Evans also gave an update on 25 Church Street and stated that the owner has been sent a notice of unsafe building paperwork and has twenty days in which to comply with the notice or the board will vote to have the building condemned and removed.

Mayor Evans stated that drawings have been done by the engineer pertaining to the additional sidewalks to be installed along a section of Mansion Street from the Methodist Church up to the Village of Coxsackie municipal building, and they should be done before winter.

New Business

CSX met with Village of Coxsackie board members regarding the Viaduct area and the possibility of installing a special crossing from Cato Street for future emergencies. After taking a tour of the area it was agreed that the viaduct area is deteriorating and CSX will send their engineers down to look at a possible solution to this problem.

The Village of Coxsackie is also soliciting quotes for maintenance of the Village's computer system.

Liaisons & Board Reports

Trustee Dianne Ringwald reported that the old Village building is being taken down and thanked Greene County for supplying the dumpsters. She stated that the old beams will be kept in storage for possible use in the future or perhaps sold at a later date. The bricks are being palletized and will be sold. She also stated that work has begun on Christmas by the River which may turn out to be a week-end event as PAL is working on doing something too.

Trustee Greg Backus spoke about the water plant and said that brush and miscellaneous junk have been removed from the perimeter of the building in preparation for the filter plant expansion which will take place next year. Removal of brush and trees from the lower and upper reservoirs is nearly complete and signs will be put around both reservoirs to educate the public and limit activities that could be detrimental to our water quality. The waste water plant is operating without any major problems and maintenance is up to date. He also reported that the Coxsackie Fire Department participated in Fire Prevention Day at the Coxsackie Elementary School on October 6, 2009, and thanked the volunteer fire personnel for their dedication and for teaching our youngsters about fire safety. The roof at DM Hamilton has been repaired.

Trustee Stephen Hanse reported that Code Enforcement Officer Laurel Mann is leaving and that we have a number of applicants for this position which is fifteen hours each week. Trustee Hanse said that the board hopes to expand those hours next year after the new budget is put into place. We have a couple of health concerns in the village, one at 25 Church Street and a mold problem at Mansion Square Apartments. He also reported that the Planning Board has been busy and things are running smoothly with them.

Trustee John Oliver reported that he and Mayor Evans met with the Police Department last week and that they are within budget. He also said that nighttime activity is down due to the extension of patrols. On January 1, 2009 live scan machines linked to DCJS became available and that the cost of owning one is very high, and mentioned that Catskill has one. Trustee Oliver also reported that the new police car is coming from New Jersey and should be here in a couple of weeks. He asked if benches could be put in the skate board park before winter so that the ice skaters would have a place to sit and remove their boots and put on their skates. Trustee Oliver said that the 5K Race was a huge success and that PAL made \$1,500.00. He mentioned how nice the upper and lower reservoirs look and said that maybe a gate should be installed to replace the chain going into the reservoir.

Motions & Resolutions

A motion to approve a water/sewer refund to Bryan Frisbee in the amount of \$578.70 for a credit adjustment due in his account was made by Trustee Backus 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 a refund of water credit to the Town of New Baltimore in the amount of \$198.50 for a duplicate payment on National Bedding account from the July billing was made by Trustee Ringwald 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 approve Coxsackie Flag Football for the use of McQuade Park field for their championship games on October 30, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. was made by Trustee Backus 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 resolution to accept the Final EIS dated October 9, 2009 for UMH Properties of Coxsackie, LLC was made by Trustee Backus and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. Mayor Evans voted yes. The resolution passed.

A motion to cancel the contract with Victor Cornelius, grant writer with Endeavor, Inc. 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 accept the contract with Ritter Associates, LLC for grant writing services was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Backus. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Ringwald abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with Medway-Grapeville Fire District for a dry hydrant at the Medway 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 adopt the resolution for the Water Quality Improvement Project per request of Delaware Engineering was made by Trustee Hanse 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 rescind last months motion to approve the sale of the John Deere tractor and instead turn it over to the Water and Waste Water departments for future use 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.

Let the minutes reflect that the Treasurer gave the following 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 #5, vouchers 172-235 totaling \$78,649.59; Water fund Abstract #5, vouchers 85-118 totaling \$49,124.70; Sewer Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 94-131 totaling \$25,319.40 and Trust & Agency Abstract #5, vouchers #6-8, totaling \$848.41 was made by Trustee Ringwald and seconded by Trustee Oliver. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Backus voted yes. Trustee Oliver voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

Public Comment Period

Yale Frank, Jr. spoke about the Firemen's Convention being held in Coxsackie next year. The theme is Old Time Firemen and men's night will be held at the Coxsackie Yacht Club next year. The viewing stand for the parade will be at the Knights of Columbus building and road use permits are needed to have the parade. Trustee Dianne Ringwald said that she would take care of those permits. The fire company would like to meet with the Board after the first of the year to discuss donations toward trophies, etc. The gambling fundraiser is now a joint effort with the Athens fire department. Mayor Evans told the fire company that he appreciates all their hard work for the convention.

Dianne Ringwald personally thanked Chairman of the Greene County Legislature Wayne Speenburgh for his commitment to the Village of Coxsackie.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Murphy
Village Clerk