**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**August 14, 2017**

Deputy Mayor Stephen Hanse called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustee Donald Daoust, Trustee Joseph Ellis and Trustee Dianne Ringwald. Mayor Mark Evans was excused.

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 Board Meeting and dispense with reading of the same was made by Trustee Ellis and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

**Correspondence Received**A letter was received from DEC reminding municipalities of the reporting requirements for sewer overflows. This is in response to Albany & Troy discharging several millions of gallons of sewage.

A donation request was received from D.M. Hamilton Fire Company.

A notice of approval section 32 agreement was received from the Workmen’s Compensation Board regarding Kenneth Rosimini WCB Case #G055 3086.

An invitation was received from the Athens American Legion Post 187 to a flag retirement ceremony on October 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post in Athens.

A letter was received from EPA granting an extension as requested by Delaware Engineering for additional time to submit the Operations Maintenance Procedures for the Sanitary Sewer System.

A letter was received from Assemblyman Lopez regarding the DOT closure of Route 385 for culvert replacement and detour route, addressing citizen concerns.

**Liaisons & Board Reports**

Trustee Ringwald reported that the Department of Public Works has been busy with patching roads, cleaning culverts, and maintaining the parks. Also, they were busy putting out signs for yard sale day, and with set up and cleanup for the Riverside Festival. They have improved the church corners by installing a handicapped ramp, blacktopping and having crosswalk striping done with no parking zones painted. The men installed two new barbeque grills at Riverside Park for the Farmer’s Market cook off, and they dug out grass and installed 10 yards of mulch at Riverside playground. They moved the fire hydrant sign across the street from the Cask and Rasher, and installed two “No Dumping” signs by guardrails on Kings Road. The men filled in a large sink hole on Van Dyck Street by the old Parks Dairy farm, and cleaned the trucks inside and out. They also repaired two water breaks on July 5th and two on July 13th. Trustee Ringwald reported that the Police Department has been invited to attend a meeting at the Greene County Emergency Services building at the end of August pertaining to alternative sentencing for youthful offenders. Our Police Department is one of the few that participate in the alternative sentencing program. Sgt. O’Brien will be representing our Police Department. The Police Department has been advised that the grant and funding have been approved for the proposed speed trailer. Greene County will be donating $6,000 towards the cost of purchase. Chief Mento is awaiting confirmation to place the order for the trailer pending Board approval which is on the agenda for this evening. The Police Department had the Annual Hero’s Day along with the Fire Department. They had a large turnout of children and adults and Chief Mento would like to thank Sgt. Petrillo for representing our Police Department and helping make it fun and educational for all that attended.

Trustee Daoust reported that all preventative maintenance has been completed and is up to date for both the Water and Wastewater Departments and both of their monthly reports are on file with the Clerk’s Office.

Trustee Ellis reported that the Fire Chief reported that the Riverside Festival went well with no problems, and they used the fire truck to spray water on the children. The Fire Chief has been in contact with Bethany Village, Aaron Flach, Peppertree Apartments and the C-A School for the installation of the Knox Box System. It is a secured system that lets emergency personnel enter a building with the use of a key in case no key holder is on scene. The Fire Department has been doing routine maintenance on vehicles. Trustee stated that there will be a fire drill at Bethany Village for the residents, and Chief Rausch is going to talk with Verizon about getting tablets in the vehicles for the I Am Responding program along with floor plans and hydrant maps of various locations. Chief Rausch is putting in purchase requests for new hose for Village vehicles to replace outdated hose, and the roof leaks at D.M. Hamilton Firehouse are being addressed by Delaware Engineering. Trustee Ellis reported that Chief Rausch would like to have a small room built that can be secured for storing new equipment and used equipment for the Fire Department. The location desired would be next to the food pantry.

Trustee Hanse reported that the Code Enforcement Officer has been busy issuing building permits. Trustee Hanse stated that the Planning Board held a Public Hearing on July 13th for the Town of Coxsackie Site Plan application for 56 Bailey Street, which was passed at the regular monthly Planning Board Meeting that followed. Ed Ross, owner of 40 Bailey Street, submitted all documentation to Pat Maxwell regarding his project except for the landscaping plan and the actual application form itself. Pat Maxwell will meet with the property owners of 29 Elm Street to go over questions they have on the application for a lot line adjustment. A potential subdivision at 60 Van Dyck Street has been tabled because of Wayne Park’s concerns that a major subdivision application would be too costly to pursue. The zoning will be reviewed when and if the project comes before the Planning Board. Trustee Hanse reported that the Historic Preservation Commission had their meeting on July 11th. An application received from Sharon Ann Mahota to repaint the building at 12-14 Reed Street using paint colors presented to the Commission and to restore the damaged wood in accordance with regulations was passed. Demetri Chriss addressed the Commission regarding the possibility of building a Victorian style commercial building on the south side of Reed Street on vacant property currently owned by the Warren family. Mr. Chriss currently owns property on Ely Street and operates a business in Greece. An application received from Lia Post to rebuild the wall on the first story back addition on the east side of the building at 45 Reed Street was passed. Steps will be built leading up to the doors, and both the doors and windows will be trimmed out and painted white to match woodwork on the rest of the building.

**Motions & Resolutions**

A motion to approve going out to bid for the Washington Avenue Sidewalk project contingent upon Delaware Engineering getting successful NYS DOT approval and acquiring proper bid specs was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from Judy Ganance of Route 385 to remove penalties in the amount of $ 69.36 from her water/sewer account, due to the fact that there was a mix up in paying and the account has always been in good standing was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve moving $35,000 from the Water Fund to the General Fund, and $25,000 from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund per the Treasurer’s recommendation was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the quote received from Playgrounds by Leathers in the amount of $1,800.00 for an assessment of the McQuade Park Playground in order to gain an idea of what needs to be upgraded was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the bid received from Sean Collins in the amount of $1,150.00 for the 2003 Dodge Ram 2500 Sewer Department truck was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve a new one year contract with Hose Co. #3 in the amount of $2,800.00 for the bay rental for the Village engine ETA-53 was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from Judy Hallsted to have a live nativity on December 9, 2017 on the Fori’s lawn and to have street closures in the surrounding area from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the quote received from North Country Landscapes in the amount of $2,674.08 for replacement of Leonard Wood’s hedges in front of his house, due to the fact that his hedges were removed during the sidewalk construction last summer was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve purchasing a Kayak EZ Dock to be installed at Riverside Park in the amount of $2,218.76 was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve purchasing a trailer mounted speed sign at a cost of $8,560.00, with $6,000.00 of this cost being reimbursed through a donation from Greene County was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Peddler’s Permit Application received from Jacob Peterson of Vivant Solar contingent upon a successful background check was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve installing 3 additional street lights at the corner of Matthew Lane and Mark Road, and two on John Street, at a one time cost of $400 for a transformer was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve giving the old fire siren located at the DPW garage to Hose Co. #3 if they would like it was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Village of Coxsackie to switch to Marshall & Sterling Insurance as health insurance broker effective September 1, 2017 was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve advertising, interviewing and hiring a laborer for the water department was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve James Pregent to sell back an additional week of vacation time was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve Andres Felix to sell back an additional week of vacation time was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the following appropriation changes was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.



A motion to approve water/sewer adjustments from July 1-31, 2017 was made by Trustee Ellis and seconded by Trustee Daoust. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills on General Fund Abstract #3, vouchers 106-236 totaling $88,918.77; Water Fund Abstract #3, vouchers 29-66 totaling $ 71,448.68; Sewer Fund Abstract #3, vouchers 35-73 totaling $ 29,484.51 was made by Trustee Ellis and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve General Fund Voucher #70 totaling $ 4,573.07 moved from Abstract #2 to Abstract #3 was made by Trustee Ellis and seconded by Trustee Ringwald. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried.

**Public Comment Period**

Eddie Gibbons of Bethany Village submitted a petition to the Village Board in regards to allowing him to serve Italian Ice at the Farmer’s Market. He was recently approved by the NYS Department of Health, and was previously denied to sell at the Farmer’s Market because he did not have approval from the state yet.

Trustee Hanse stated that he will forward the petition and information to Kim Bender and Pat Maxwell of the Farmer’s Market Council.

Jonathan Hayden of 174 Mansion Street stated that he, along with other residents, received a letter from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding property bordering the old American Valve property. In the letter it states that there still may be unsafe levels of copper and lead. According to a phone conversation he had with William Welling of NYSDEC he indicated that there could be up to 3 times what is considered safe levels. DEC stated that the soil was only cleaned up to the existing fence line on the American Valve property, but according to the map that was provided to residents the contamination could extend past the fence line onto neighboring properties. The DEC made their determination of placing the responsibility of foundry sand/contaminated soil removal on the property owners should they do any digging along the border of the fence line.

Trustee Hanse stated that he will bring this matter to Senator Amedore’s attention. This matter involves both the NYS Department of Health and DEC, both of which failed to notify the Village. He said that he is not happy about the lack of communication with both the homeowners and Village regarding this issue. He will look into drafting formal communication with both the Assemblyman and Senator.

Jonathan Hayden stated that he has spoken to Assemblyman Lopez’s office regarding the issue and was told that they will look into the matter. The Department of Health is also supposed to contact him.

Trustee Ellis asked if when Mr. Hayden bought the property at 174 Mansion Street a survey was done.

Jonathan Hayden stated that the last known survey on file with Greene County is from 1919 according to the tax map.

Trustee Hanse stated that we need something in writing from the state, not just verbal communication. The Village might possibly decide to involve their council on this matter. He said that the Village has been working towards purchasing the American Valve property in order to gain some control over uses of the property. This came after an out of state developer wanted to put workforce housing on the property.

Trustee Ringwald stated that before Peter Lopez became an Assemblyman he put a lot of work into seeing that the American Valve property got cleaned up.

Jonathan Hayden stated that the DEC said that the Village already owns the American Valve property.

Trustee Hanse stated that the Village does not own the property. The DEC and Village are still negotiating.

Jonathan Hayden asked if the DEC is still supposed to maintain the property.

Trustee Hanse stated that the state is still responsible for maintaining the property.

Jonathan Hayden said that when he spoke with DEC they stated that the Village is responsible for maintaining the property.

Trustee Hanse stated that the DEC is responsible for maintaining the property. He will circle back with the Mayor and find out what the Village’s next steps should be in trying to resolve this issue. He stated to Mr. Hayden that should he receive any correspondence from DEC in the meantime to please contact the Village Clerk and let her know.

Jeff Haas asked if there will be any work on the Mansion Street cemetery this summer.

Pat Maxwell of the Planning Board and Historic Preservation Committee stated that the Historic Committee is currently applying for a grant to fix up the cemetery.

Jeff Haas asked if the Village Board thought the purchase of the trailer mounted speed sign will really be effective against speeding cars in the Village.

Trustee Hanse stated that according to the information he has read it seems that these speed signs can be effective.

Jeff Haas stated that there is a lot of speeding cars going up and down lower Mansion Street. He also asked why the state isn’t responsible for purchasing the kayak dock at Riverside Park since it is a state park.

Trustee Hanse stated that a lot of the upkeep and maintenance of Riverside Park is done by the Village.

Trustee Hanse reported that the Village anticipates that once the state culvert project is done on Washington Avenue, the Village will go out to bid for the Washington Avenue sidewalk project.

Pat Maxwell said that the speed sign should be placed on Lafayette Avenue since there is a lot of speeding cars through there.

No further public comments were offered.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Bereznak

Clerk