**Informational Meeting**

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE**

**October 24, 2017**

Mark Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustee Joseph Ellis and Trustee Dianne Ringwald. Trustee Stephen Hanse and Trustee Donald Daoust was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Sewer Upgrade Project.

Present from the Village of Coxsackie were Mayor Mark Evans, Trustee Joseph Ellis and Trustee Dianne Ringwald.

Present from Delaware Engineering were Mary Beth Bianconi, Tad Johnston and Brock Juusola.

Mayor Evans gave a brief explanation of the project that the Village is working on in conjunctions with Delaware Engineering. He stated that over the years the Village has been working on upgrading the infrastructure. In 2009 the Village upgraded the Water Treatment Plant, which at the time was a main priority. The new plant has 4 filters, but can run on as little as 1 filter. The plant automatically kicks on the filters when they are needed. After the Water Plant was completed, the Village started work on studying the distribution system. At the time there were no decent maps showing detail of the water pipes. The Village decided that they should look into mapping the pipes so that not only would the locations be known, but the size of the pipe and how much capacity they could handle would be known as well. The New York Rural Water Association did the mapping work of the Village’s system through GPS location. They also mapped the valves which has helped in isolating areas during water breaks. The Village also instituted the CodeRed Emergency Alert System to help inform residents when there are water breaks or other emergencies. After the distribution system work was done, the Village moved on to focusing on the Sewer Plant and collection system. The Sewer Treatment Plant takes sewage in from the Village as well as a portion of the Town of Coxsackie. The Village is currently under a sewer moratorium. In 2005 the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation said that the Sewer Plant is too small to handle the amount of wastewater entering the system. This causes the Sewer Plant to overflow into the waterways and river. This happens mostly during rain events or when the system takes on extra ground water that works its way into the system. The Village Board hates the fact that untreated sewage is being permitted to flow into the river in this day and age. The DEC stated that until the Village remedies this situation there can be no more hook-ups into the sewer system. The Village is currently under an order on consent and is working on a plan to resolve the problem. An agreement with DEC was made around 2 ½ years ago to allow the Village to upgrade to a larger Wastewater Treatment Plant, therefore increasing capacity. However, this means that the collection system will need a few larger pipes installed. The work will be done on Mansion Street in front of the Town of Coxsackie Senior Center proceeding down to the church corners, and on lower Mansion Street by the Eagle Apartments and proceeding down Reed Street to South River Street. The Village is currently in the final design phase. It will then be sent to DEC and the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation for approval. Once approved, the Village will go out to bid on the project over the winter, with hopes of construction starting in spring/early summer of 2018. Mayor Evans stated that the Village will notify residents before construction starts. The cost of the project is around 10.3 million dollars. The Department of Corrections uses around 60% of the Village’s sewage capacity, and therefore will be paying their fair share towards the project, which amounts to around 6 million dollars. The Village has also received a grant for 2.5 million dollars, which means that the Village’s share for the project is around 1.9 million dollars. Mayor Evans stated that he is aware of the proposed project for the new Greene County Jail on Route 9W. If the County’s project moves forward, they would hook into the Village’s sewage system and therefore would have to contribute as well. He said that the Village will continue to look for more grant opportunities.

Brock Juusola of Delaware Engineering stated that the project involves taking the sewage collection system and increasing capacity. There are 2 areas in the system where the pipes bottleneck. One bottleneck area is on Mansion Street. From the Senior Center the sewage is gravity fed down Mansion Street. The West Coxsackie Pump Station can pump more wastewater than the system is capable of handling, creating an overflow. The project will extend the force main on the south side of Mansion Street. The other bottleneck area is on Reed Street to South River Street. This area doesn’t have hydraulic capacity, therefore creating an overflow into the river. The Wastewater Treatment Plant currently has a capacity around 2.5 million gallons. The upgrade will increase the capacity to around 6 million gallons. The new plant will also be outfitted with a new grit removal system, screening and new 2018 equipment. This will be an upgrade from the current 1970’s era plant.

Mayor Evans then opened the meeting to the public being able to direct their questions to the representatives of Delaware Engineering and the public inspection of project maps.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Ringwald and seconded by Trustee Ellis. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Ellis voted yes. Trustee Ringwald voted yes. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Bereznak

Clerk