

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Pat Maxwell called the meeting to order at the Coxsackie Village Building at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance: Pat Maxwell, Wendy Warren, Janet Gerrain, Michael Rausch, Linda Deubert, Betty Cure, Diane Fausel and David Dorpfeld. The Chairperson declared a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

A preliminary application was received from Lia Post for exterior door renovations at One Mansion Street. She plans to remove the exterior door and surrounding glass and replace it with an inset entryway with 2 exterior doors; one leading to a first floor business and one leading to the upstairs stairwell. The entry ceiling will be painted wainscot; the flooring will be tile. The sketch she presented is attached. This change will actually be more in line with the original design. Michael Rausch made a motion for preliminary approval. This was seconded by Betty Cure. The motion was carried. Final approval will be given at the June meeting once the full application with the specifics is received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Betty Cure and seconded by Diane Fausel to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2019, subject to corrections (Michael rather than Dave Taylor under the **Cemetery Progress Report**, **Monuments**, and an incorrect spelling for Michael Rausch under **Other**). The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Cemetery Progress Report

1. Murder Mystery Theatre update: David Dorpfeld reported on the Murder Mystery Theatre held at Pegasus on May 11th. The event was well attended. Pegasus did a great job. Unfortunately, some people treated the hors d'oeuvres as though it was dinner and they had trouble keeping up with the food. Maria said that if we held the event again, she would do a dinner for the same price. Overall it was very successful. People had a good time and were made more aware of the cemetery project. 143 tickets sold. The net profit was between \$3,300 and \$3,400. Amanda was still counting money at the time of the meeting. There was an unexpected gratuity charge. Fortunately, the winner of the 50/50 returned the proceeds and David was able to pay the \$300 gratuity from the raffle money. Dan took some great photos and will be sending them to the paper.

2. Cemetery property update
 - a) See the attached notes from the Cemetery Committee regarding their May 6th meeting.
 - b) Betty Cure reported that the Village included \$12,000 for the cemetery in their budget per year for three years beginning in 2019. Sleepy Hollow Helping Hands donated \$500.

The Bank of Greene County donated \$1,000 for a bench. Betty Cure and Janet Gerrain will meet with Taylor monuments to choose a bench.

- c) Delaware Engineering will be taking down the existing water tower. The village received a grant for a new water tower which will be in a different location.
 - d) The adjoining American Valve property (behind the cemetery) will be going up for sale.
 - e) Michael Rausch reported that the electric pole with the transformer, located on the American Valve property, is not in use and will probably be coming down.
 - f) Fencing – Hugh Quigley will be doing a final RFP for the fence repair and restoration. When that is complete the cemetery committee will hold another meeting. The fence project will need to be approved by the Village Board before any contract can be signed. The money received the Village and the profits from the Mystery Theatre should be sufficient to begin the fence restoration.
 - g) Tree stumps – Betty will talk to Dan and give him the name of a tree removal contractor that she has used.
3. Adopt a Grave Campaign
- a) 10 fundraising letters were handed out at the Mystery Theatre.
 - b) There will be an informational and donation table at the Farmer’s Market once a month

B. South River Street Redevelopment – Pat Maxwell reported that Aaron Flach is scheduled to close on the Patrick Henry property, which is in the Historic District. This will give him continuous acreage from the Dolan Block to 60 South River Street. Preliminary sketches for The Wire at 60 South River Street, which is not in the Historic District, are currently being submitted to the Village Planning Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT -OTHER- none

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Michael Rausch and seconded by David Dorpfeld to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. The motion was approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LINDA DEUBERT, SECRETARY

ATTACHMENTS:

- a) **Update on Cemetery Committee activities**
- b) **Photo of current entry at One Mansion St.**
- c) **Sketch of proposed entry at One Mansion St.**