

Village of Coxsackie

Workshop Minutes

July 6, 2023

The Workshop Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Evans at 6:00 p.m. Present were Trustee Donald Daoust, Trustee Rodney Levine, and Trustee Rebecca Vermilyea. Trustee Katlyn Irwin was absent.

Correspondence Received

Letters received from the NYS DEC granting sewer moratorium relief and hook-up approval for Riverside Avenue-Alan Palmer, and 38 Warren Avenue-Desiree Osborn.

Letter received from Empire State Development officially awarding the Village the \$1.5 million Restore NY Grant for the Dolan Block Renovations.

Letter received from Tasara Echavarria on behalf of Van Dyck Street residents requesting to block the road for a block party on Saturday, August 12th, 2023 from 2 p.m.-8 p.m. This will go on the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting on 7/10.

Letter received from Katlyn Irwin & Susan Baldaserini, organizers, asking for Reed Street closure for Block Parties on Friday, July 28th, and October 20th, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., both dates. This will go on the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting on 7/10.

Correspondence Sent

Letter from the Mayor to the NYS DOT Commissioner asking for Route 385 to be re-paved as soon as possible.

Water & Sewer Requests

Margaret Mabee, of 13 Warren Avenue, is asking for penalties in the amount of \$259.74 to be waived from her water/sewer account. She purchased the home, and the bills were not going to her, but instead going to the previous owner. This will go on the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting on 7/10.

Sewer Connection Requests

Rosario Lopez, of 46 Sutton Place, is requesting a hook-up to the Village's sewer system. Unfortunately, the Village does not have any more allowable gallons per day credit from NYS DEC. The Village will approach the Greene IDA about having them transfer over 2,000 gallons of their capacity to the Village. This will go on the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting on 7/10.

STR Variance Requests

Both the Variance Application received from James Randle & Marshall McCormick, of 24 Ely Street, and Bruce Rinderman & Scott Johnson, of 28 Ely Street, will go on the agenda for approval via Resolutions at the next Board Meeting on 7/10.

Water Tap-in Fees

The Village Attorney will draft a change in the water tap-in fees to allow the Village to change it without requiring a Local Law change.

Building Department Fees

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Short-Term Rental Law

The Village Board reviewed the proposed Short-Term Rental Code changes. There is a Public Hearing on Monday 7/10 before the Board Meeting. This will go on the agenda for approval during the Board Meeting on 7/10.

South River Street

The Board discussed the potential for creating “No Parking” on South River Street, from the intersection with Reed Street, to down past the Newbury Hotel.

NY Forward Grant Project Submissions

Mayor Evans stated that the Village needs to approve submitting projects for the NY Forward Grant, so as to have enough time to prepare the submissions due by July 19th. The Board discussed the proposed projects of the 14 South River Street building, creating affordable housing at the current DPW site of 38 Mansion Street, creating a Splash Park at Riverside Park, and a Village Branding Project. This will go on the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting on 7/10.

Department Head Monthly Reports

The following Department heads came in at their respective scheduled times to give their monthly report: Department of Public Works Superintendent Scott Martell, Police Chief Samuel Mento, and Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Davide Varade.

The following Department heads were excused: Fire Chief Shawn Burdick, Water Superintendent Adelord Preville, Planning Board Chairman Robert Van Valkenburg, Jr., Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Patricia Maxwell, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ragaini, and Dog Control Officer Sherry Vieta.

All Department head monthly reports are on file with the Village Clerk.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Mayor Evans. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki Berezna
Clerk