

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
BOARD MINUTES
September 11, 2023**

Mayor Mark Evans called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present was Trustee Donald Daoust, Trustee Katlyn Irwin, Trustee Rodney Levine, and Trustee Rebecca Vermilyea.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2023 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Vermilyea. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. Trustee Daoust abstained. The motion carried.

Public Comment-Agenda Items Only

Veronica Foley stated that she has a question regarding the Appropriation Changes that are set to be approved tonight. She said that she hasn't seen one from the Village before, so she is hoping to get some clarification on how to read them.

Clerk Nikki Berezna stated that this report is a little bit different because it is for the end of the fiscal year, so there is a lot more changes than normal. The report shows the debit and credit accounts for the headings on the top. So, it is showing that money was moved from one account to a different account within the budget. The totals reconcile those accounts.

Veronica Foley asked if she is understanding correctly that it is not necessarily that more money has been spent.

Clerk Nikki Berezna stated that it is just showing money being moved between lines within the budget.

Mayor Evans asked the Clerk how the Appropriation Changes are made.

Clerk Nikki Berezna stated that the Treasurer, Shannon Slater, created these changes based upon the end of the fiscal year reports she is working on with the Auditor.

Veronica Foley asked if this was an Auditor from the State Comptroller's Office.

Clerk Nikki Berezna stated that it is not an Auditor from the Comptroller's Office, but rather a private Auditor that the Village has come in and help the Treasurer with various tasks throughout the year.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village has a yearly contract with UHY, LLC out of Leeds, NY. This was started several years ago. This allows the Treasurer to have access to an accountant or CPA, in case there are any questions. The Village never goes more than a month without the books being looked at by a CPA. It costs about \$15,000.00/year, but he feels that it is peace of mind knowing that problems can't go on for too long without being caught. It has worked well for a long time.

Liaisons & Board Reports

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board will dispense with the reading of the monthly department head reports, but that all monthly reports are on file with the Village Clerk.

Motions & Resolutions

A motion to approve scheduling a Public Hearing on October 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for Local Law #6 of 2023-To Amend Section 145-40 of the Village Code of the Village of Coxsackie was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve scheduling a Public Hearing on October 9, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. for Local Law #7 of 2023-To Amend Section 145-47 of the Village Code of the Village of Coxsackie was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from the Coxsackie Elementary PTO to hold a 1K and 5K on September 30th, with the 1K starting at 10:00 a.m., and the 5K starting at 11:00 a.m., with assistance from the Coxsackie Police Department was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve entering into a 5 year lease agreement in the amount of \$9,528.99/year with Sun First Equipment Finance for the purchase of a Spider 2SGS-EFI Remote Controlled Slope Mower for the Water Department was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Vermilyea. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted no. Trustee Irwin voted no. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the annual Firehouse Bay Lease Agreement between the Village of Coxsackie and Hose Company #3 for the amount of \$2,800.00/year was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the quote received from OnSolve (CodeRed) in the amount of \$10,127.62 for a revised 2 year subscription to include SMS texting was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve Local Law #5 of 2023-New Water Main Connection Fees was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 272023-Building Permit Fees. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The resolution passed.

A motion to approve water/sewer adjustments from August 1-31, 2023 was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the following Appropriation Changes was made by Trustee Vermilyea and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

Appropriation Changes

Meeting:

September 11, 2023

Description: AS PER BOARD APPROVAL or UNANTICIPATED REVENUE (if using revenue)

*****Budget Journal-Fiscal Year Ending 5/31/2023*****

General Fund					
From (Debit)			To (Credit)		
Account	Account #	Amount	Account	Account #	Amount
Mayor-Personnel Service	A1210.1	\$ 0.01	Board of Trustees-Personal Services	A1010.1	\$ 0.04
Officer-Equipment	A1325.2	\$ 1,588.02	Board of Trustees-Contractual Expense	A1010.4	\$ 516.88
Tax Collection-Contractual	A1330.4	\$ 240.12	Mayor-Contractual Expense	A1210.4	\$ 594.20
Election-Personnel Services	A1450.1	\$ 57.37	Auditor-Contractual Expense	A1320.4	\$ 1,850.84
Election-Contractual	A1450.4	\$ 503.68	Office-Personnel Services	A1325.1	\$ 1,043.84
Records Management-Contractual	A1460.4	\$ 1,500.00	Office-Contractual Expense	A1325.4	\$ 2,824.41
Buildings-Personnel Services	A1620.11	\$ 1,411.09	Attorney-Contractual	A1420.4	\$ 15,447.49
Buildings-Custodial	A1620.12	\$ 2,448.46	Engineer-Contractual	A1440.4	\$ 39,398.74
Municipal Associations Dues	A1920.4	\$ 351.00	Buildings-Contractual	A1620.4	\$ 52,709.25
Police-Personnel Services Police SRO	A3120.13	\$ 9,778.70	Central Communications-Contractual	A1650.4	\$ 3,036.06
Police-Equipment	A3120.2	\$ 1,847.00	Unallocated Insurance	A1910.4	\$ 31,233.17
School-Contractual	A3310.4	\$ 108.22	Police-Personnel Services Police Chief	A3120.11	\$ 4.37
Fire Dept.-Equipment	A3410.2	\$ 11,189.77	Police-Personnel Services Police Patrol	A3120.12	\$ 34,980.84
Animal Control-Personnel Services	A3510.1	\$ 0.02	Police-Contractual	A3120.4	\$ 16,426.92
Animal Control-Contractual	A3510.4	\$ 500.00	School-Personnel Services	A3310.1	\$ 4,434.19
Safety Inspector-Equipment	A3620.2	\$ 250.00	Fire Dept.-Personnel Services	A3410.1	\$ 100.00
Safety Inspector- Contractual	A3620.4	\$ 246.69	Fire Dept.-Contractual	A3410.4	\$ 2,118.04
Public Health-Contractual	A4010.4	\$ 500.00	Safety Inspector-Personnel Services	A3620.11	\$ 131.54
Supt. Pub. Works Contractual	A5010.4	\$ 119.85	Registrar-Contractual	A4020.4	\$ 185.00
Street Maint. Personnel Services	A5110.1	\$ 18,504.58	Supt. Pub. Works Personnel Services	A5010.1	\$ 3,891.20
Brush & Weeds-Personnel Services	A5140.1	\$ 8,232.35	Street Maint.-Equipment	A5110.2	\$ 9,386.71
Brush & Weeds-Contractual	A5140.4	\$ 3,200.00	Street Maint.-Contractual	A5110.4	\$ 15,288.76
Snow Removal-Contractual	A5142.4	\$ 6,040.12	Highway Improvement-Chips	A5112.2	\$ 46,990.13
Highway, Equip & Capital Outlay	A5197.4	\$ 30,000.00	Garage-Personnel Services	A5132.1	\$ 26,284.68
Sidewalks-Contractual	A5410.4	\$ 10,000.00	Garage-Contractual	A5132.4	\$ 6,462.85
Culture & Recreation-Festival	A7010.4	\$ 2,938.49	Snow Removal-Personnel Services	A5142.1	\$ 3,628.06
Culture & Recreation-Farmers Market	A7010.41	\$ 3,266.14	Snow Removal-Equipment	A5142.2	\$ 7,034.61
Parks - Equipment	A7140.2	\$ 8,500.00	Street Lighting-Contractual	A5182.4	\$ 127,063.31
Youth Recreation-Personnel Services	A7310.1	\$ 693.92	Sidewalks-Personnel Services	A5410.4	\$ 11,167.71
Historian-Contractual	A7510.4	\$ 1,500.00	Culture & Recreation-Music In the Park	A7010.43	\$ 200.00
Celebration-Contractual	A7550.4	\$ 528.75	Parks-Personnel Services McQuade	A7140.11	\$ 8,389.85
Planning Board-Personnel Services	A8020.1	\$ 500.00	Parks-Personnel Services Riverside	A7140.12	\$ 5,665.42
Planning Board-Contractual	A8020.4	\$ 712.81	Parks-Equipment McQuade	A7140.201	\$ 51,447.50
Refuse Disposal-Contractual	A8160.4	\$ 1,300.30	Parks-Equipment Riverside	A7140.202	\$ 1,929.47
Community Environment-Contractual	A8510.4	\$ 6,265.21	Parks-Contractual	A7140.4	\$ 31,714.06
Cemeteries-Personnel Services	A8810.1	\$ 596.26	Youth Recreation-Contractual	A7310.4	\$ 404.35
Employee Benefits-State Retirement	A9010.8	\$ 3,315.66	Zoning Board-Contractual	A8010.4	\$ 216.20
Employee Benefits-Workers' Comp.	A9040.81	\$ 13,691.50	Drainage-Personnel Services	A8540.1	\$ 5,499.70
Employee Benefits-Workers Comp. Fire	A9040.82	\$ 664.00	Drainage-Contractual	A8540.4	\$ 3,428.10
Firefighter Cancer Benefit	A9055.81	\$ 2,956.50	Employee Benefits-State Retirement Poli	A9015.8	\$ 4,459.00
Employee Benefits-Hospital & Medical	A9060.8	\$ 3,413.62	Employee Benefits-Social Security	A9030.8	\$ 10,584.79
Employee Benefits-Health & Wellness	A9089.8	\$ 2,714.00	Debt Service-14-16 S. River Int.	A9710.78	\$ 0.01
FUND BALANCE:	A599	\$425,998.08			
		<u>\$588,172.29</u>			<u>\$588,172.29</u>

Street, Hamilton Street, and South Main Street. The second area to be paved is on Lawrence Avenue from the intersection with Mansion Street, to about halfway down where the first bend in the road is. That should happen in the next two weeks or so. Finally, after waiting about 2 years, the Village has received the new contract with the Department of Corrections (DOCCS), which then allowed DOCCS to pay their portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project. Through dozens of emails back and forth between attorneys and DOCCS, the Village received over \$9,000,000.00 wired to our account a week and a half ago, which then had to clear the bank, and then was wired to the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). So, that payment took care of the Village's payment this year. If you recall, the Village had to make the last two full payments without that money over the last two years. That is now all resolved, EFC has been paid, and now the Village will receive a new payment schedule and find out what the new yearly payment will be every September. The Village will have that payment for the next 27 years or so.

Veronica Foley stated that she had a question about the Wastewater Infrastructure project. It was impressive when the gentleman from Delaware Engineering came and presented to the Board and public a few months ago. It seemed that the project would help with the drainage and flooding in the village. He explained that when the creek overflows, it affects our system and makes things worse for a while. She said that she is curious if there have been any updates on planning on putting that into action. She thinks that she remembers that it had to be split up because of the possibility of grant funds.

Mayor Evans stated that this project is to separate the Sanitary Sewer from the Storm Sewer.

Veronica Foley asked if this would also help drainage problems in some areas.

Mayor Evans stated that the goal is to separate what is called the Combined Sewer. So, it is wastewater and storm water together. They were built that way decades ago. The problem is that the Village does not need to treat stormwater at the Wastewater Plant, so the Village just has extra going into the system. One way to remedy this is to separate them in those places that still need to be separated. There has been a lot of work done over the last 20 years to separate them, but the village still has some spots that haven't been done. That's what that project will be for. That is kind of in the downtown area, but there is also an area behind Cumberland Farms where the manholes are deteriorating. When the creek rises, the creek water is going into the sewer line in that area. Again, the Village doesn't need to treat creek water. So, the idea is that once those have been rehabilitated, the amount of flow that we see going to the Wastewater Plant should be significantly reduced.

Veronica Foley stated that there was a woman who attended the last meeting that lives on Mansion Street that was experiencing drainage issues. She asked if this project would help eliminate those drainage problems.

Mayor Evans stated that unfortunately this project would not help the drainage issue on Mansion Street. The woman who came to the last meeting was Carol Ann Lucio. Some of the Board Members, along with the Superintendent of Public Works, went to her house to take a look at the issue. The Village Attorney also followed up to see if the Village had any type of drainage easement, or right of way through there. Unfortunately, there is absolutely nothing. There is not too much that the Village can offer to help her situation. The other project in the works is the replacement of the Ely Street water line. The Village is hoping to have that project approved by the Department of Health (DOH) in the next week. That project will be put out to bid, and is split between the Village and the Town of Coxsackie. The other large project is the addition of the water tank up at the Water Plant. It will cost around \$3,000,000.00. Those plans are in front of the DOH as well. The Village doesn't anticipate approval for those until sometime this fall. Which means that it might get bid out over the winter, and then maybe construction in the spring.

Veronica Foley asked what that project is for.

Mayor Evans stated that it is to add a 2 million gallon water tank about 1,000 feet down from the Water Plant. The location is ideal because it can be gravity fed. There doesn't have to be pumps installed. That will be the Village's reserve. Right now, if the Village has a big water break, the Plant can only store 350,000 gallons. Those water levels will start going down very quickly. If you are losing 1,800 gallons/minute out of a 10 inch water line, it will start going down very rapidly. So, that is the Village's safety net. There is some new water line addition with that project as well. Bailey Street would get a new water line. That is not going to happen this year, but probably next year.

Veronica Foley stated that there were so many conversations over a long period of time regarding the monitoring of Site Plans. The sentiment of the Village was that there would be a system put into place to monitor future endeavors of Empire Riverfront Ventures (ERV) or other developers, to make sure that there are compliance with the Site Plan. That is the role of our Building Inspector, which is a Village employee who is directed by the Board. She said that she would just like to better understand how the Site Plans are being enforced. A letter of Resolution is a legal document that is voted on by the Planning Board, and is signed by the Clerk. It is done in confidence that what has been negotiated there will be followed through on. She would just like to know how Building Inspector, Mike Ragaini, is doing the work of reviewing Site Plans, and what else on the list may not be compliant. Since she has sent out a message to the neighborhood on Saturday, she has heard of a couple of other things that people have noticed that don't fall in line with the Site Plan. She thinks that there is an opportunity to get ahead of it, and to be clear with the public about how projects coming to the growing village will be monitored as they should. It is for the public's wellbeing. That is why the Village has zoning rules, laws, and regulations, so that the interest of business balance with the interest with people who live here. She just wants to make sure that the Village is doing the bare minimum of enforcing the laws.

Mayor Evans stated that he is not sure how to explain it that is going to be satisfactory, but Mr. Ragaini is on it. He has visited the site several times, he has communicated with the Village Attorney numerous times, and the Engineer has been brought in.

Veronica Foley asked if this is after she brought attention to it, or before. Her concern is that she can't be the Building Inspector. She said that it is wonderful to hear that he is doing something now, and that action is being taken.

Mayor Evans stated that when Ms. Foley asks these questions, she seems to be implying that she thinks the Village is doing something wrong, and he doesn't think that that is appropriate, because the Village is not doing something wrong. The Village is on top of it, and Mr. Ragaini is communicating with the Village Attorney and Village Engineer almost every other day.

Veronica Foley stated that they have a lot to catch up on.

Mayor Evans stated that he agrees, but that doesn't mean that the Village is not doing what they are supposed to be doing. They are communicating. He stated that Thursday he was down there for a dinner, and he saw both Planning Board Chairman, Bob VanValkenburg, Jr., and Mr. Ragaini down there looking at things.

Veronica Foley stated that she did ask directly if anything was being done prior, and what Mayor Evans responded to her was none of this information. He made it sound like this was her opinion, and she felt that he gaslit her. Which is unfair, because the public can see what is there, and she has read the letter of Resolution, and followed this process intimately for months, and months.

So, to be told that it is her opinion is unfair. Especially when there was work being done while they were communicating. If there are breakdowns, that is just what she wants to bridge, so that she understands how to move forward.

Mayor Evans stated that there is an appropriate time to act on things, and there's not. His understanding, from talking to the Village's Attorney, and talking to Mr. Ragaini, is they were working along on getting all of the construction materials out of there. They removed it all. The next step was to start doing what they needed to do.

Veronica Foley stated that that is not what the letter of Resolution said. It said that all of that had to be done, including the landscaping, and the lighting, before a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy could be given. Unless there was an explicit agreement between the legal team and ERV.

Mayor Evans stated that they are not going to debate this here. He said that he doesn't know everything involved. He is not the one who tracks this. The Village Attorney is the one who tracks it, and the Code Enforcement tracks it.

Veronica Foley stated that she reached out to Code Enforcement directly, and instead of him responding to her, Mayor Evans did. So, it is hard for her to believe that he does not track, and/or dictate the work of that department.

Mayor Evans stated that he does not dictate to the Building Inspector his job. He knows his job.

Veronica Foley asked why is it then that Mayor Evans responded on his behalf. He could tell her himself.

Mayor Evans stated that Ms. Foley is putting in FOIL Request, after FOIL Request, after FOIL Request.

Veronica Foley stated that it is because she wants to understand a timeline of what is being done to ensure that the Village's laws are enforced.

Mayor Evans stated that he understands that, and Clerk Nikki Berezna, as the Records Officer, gets every one, and she copies him, and sends it to the Village Attorney on every single one. Unfortunately, it costs the Village a significant amount of money to do this.

Veronica Foley stated that it would cost less to follow the laws that the Village has in place already. That is part of her interest in the Appropriation Changes. She saw that there is a huge amount shifted to Attorney's Fees.

Mayor Evans stated that you have to understand that that budget line includes all attorney's fees. It even includes the attorney's fees that are paid for by developers through escrow. He has never been in favor of that. He has always thought that it should be separated, so that you can see what the Village is trying to do with the attorney, versus what is allocated to a specific project, like ERV, or United Mobile Homes, or something like that. That is the accounting world. He doesn't know why it can't be separated.

Veronica Foley stated that she thinks that her point is that this is public government, and she is not here to be litigious. She is here as a community member that is interested in knowing how the elected leaders, that her taxpayer dollars paid for, and were elected by herself and her peers, uphold the word of law that they have in this village. So that they can ensure that there's a very bare minimum level of security and understanding amongst each other. When there's a miscommunication, or it is unclear how something is being dealt with, it creates hostility, or

confusion, or more questions that might cost money to backtrack. She wants to advocate for clear communication about how the Village does the bare minimum when it comes to enforcement. When asked the last time around, it was shared that Clerk Berezna would now be going to the meetings, and that's how the Village would avoid what we are experiencing again, right now. She said that she knows that Mr. Ragaini comes to the Workshop Meetings sometimes, but she has never actually heard him report much out about anything. What was agreed to before might not be enough. She would like to ask that there is more done about enforcing Site Plans moving forward. If it could start now, she would like help in understanding when ERV will be compliant with the Site Plan.

Mayor Evans stated that he looked at the Site Plan the other day, and it is obviously not yet compliant.

Veronica Foley stated that that is against the Resolution. Which was voted on by an elected body.

Mayor Evans stated that he will let the Village Attorney speak to that.

Veronica Foley stated that it's a shame. The Village Attorney doesn't contact her, he contacts the Mayor, and then she gets her information from the Mayor, which is very little. She doesn't want to sue anyone. That's not her angle at all. This is where she has a position to share her concerns, and to insert herself into a conversation. This level of government is participatory. The Village needs the public to be involved. She is happy to do her part, she just wants to work with the Board. She asked if there is some way that the Village will be addressing the fact that ERV is not compliant, but they are open. It would be great if there was a timeline now to get the building, parking space, landscaping, and everything up to the requirement of the Site Plan. It makes sense that if there was an explicit agreement between the attorneys, that that may be a helpful thing to see, because maybe the Village needs one now, just to say that these things will be done by this time. She just doesn't want to have to act for these concessions every time someone brings something to the community. It's a wonderful thing, but she thinks the Village can do a better job of just following the letter of the laws and systems that are already in place. If there is anything like that to be shared, that would be helpful. She stated that she remembered reading the minutes from the day that the budget was approved, and in that was the explanation for the tax increase. She thinks that what Mayor Evans shared was that it hasn't been done in a number of years. She asked if Mayor Evans could remind her of how many years it was without an increase.

Mayor Evans stated that he has kept track of it while he has been Mayor. He can get that information to her, but he does not recall off the top of his head. He knows that there were a lot of financial problems back when he came in as Mayor in 2009. He thinks that that year was around a 9.5% tax increase. In the following years, the increases were very small, and in one year it was around a 5% tax decrease. There were mostly small increases over the years, but he does have that information. He said that he will email it to Ms. Foley.

Veronica Foley stated that the most recent tax increase of over 20% has really been a shock to a lot of people.

Mayor Evans stated that the Town of Coxsackie had a tax increase of 18%.

Veronica Foley asked if there was a way to breakdown what the Village's vision is for those extra funds, that would be helpful.

Mayor Evans stated that those funds are just to keep afloat. Unfortunately, it is not for any new grand projects. It is just that every cost the Village has, has gone up. It was to keep the Village above water, that's about it.

Veronica Foley asked if the State Comptroller's Office has chosen a date to begin the audit yet.

Mayor Evans stated that he has not heard anything yet.

Veronica Foley stated that she thinks that the last Mayor Evans had shared with the public, is that they were going to give the Village some time.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village has a new Treasurer. So, when the Village received the letter, he called the gentleman and explained that if they came right down, they would be coming into an office with somebody that is still kind of figuring things out. He asked if they could give the Village a few months to let the Treasurer get comfortable in the job, and then to let him know a date. The gentleman he spoke to had said sometime this fall, but the Village will probably get another letter with a specific date.

Nancy Harm stated that she is just there as a community member, and in light of the fact that she looks at the hotel parking lot, and has been dealing with the garbage that has been blowing onto her property for months, and is waiting for Aaron Flach to install some sort of barrier so that she doesn't have to see headlights, she is interested in learning what is going on with the ERV project.

Trustee Levine stated that there is an issue with people speeding on Lawrence Avenue.

Nancy Harm stated that there is an issue with people speeding in front of her house on South River Street as well.

Trustee Irwin stated that this was a major topic of conversation at the previous Workshop Meeting. Part of what the Board voted on tonight was to get an additional stop sign, and a lot more focus on that downtown area. It was discussed pretty heavily last week.

Mayor Evans stated that the other problem the Village has down on South River Street is that they get tractor trailers stuck down there, and despite two signs that the Village has put up down at the bottom of Mansion Street, and down at the bottom of Reed Street, a lot of the truck drivers they come across don't even speak English. He posted on Facebook last winter about a truck that turned up by the Firemen's Park memorial, and then tried to turn behind the swing set. There is absolutely no road there. There is nothing. He doesn't know if he was trying to pull in and back out, but he got stuck there, and Scott Martell, the DPW Superintendent, stopped and tried to help him when he was out plowing. The guy spoke no English at all, so it was very difficult to communicate with him, and he was going to try and back out but couldn't, he got stuck further. The tow truck came, and it was an hour long process to get him out. However, downtown, when they have talked to some of the drivers, they are following things like Google Maps, and it says that there is an outlet, and there is obviously no outlet. They can actually turn around at the Sewer Plant using the paved apron, but if they get beyond the Sewer Plant and get stuck in the "S" turn, now you have a real problem. If you have someone that has a fire, or medical emergency, that truck is not going anywhere fast. He has seen it take an hour to and hour and a half to back out of there. So, he thinks that the Board is going to end up having to put a sign down there that says, "Dead End. No Outlet".

Nancy Harm stated that she heard a truck loaded with cinder blocks bouncing brakes down Church Street, and she wondered why they were going down Church Street. She thinks that the businesses that get the deliveries need to speak to the drivers.

Mayor Evans stated that the other spot is when they come down Van Dyck Street, they go down Noble Street, because their GPS is telling them that that is how you got to Save-A-Lot. That happened a number of times. Technology is not perfect.

Trustee Levine stated that you can make suggested edits on Google. That might help if someone could go online and suggest the edit.

Trustee Daoust stated that on the proposed Local Law #6 of 2023, related to section 145-40 of the Village Code, there is a stop sign that is not listed. There should be one listed for the intersection of Prospect Street and Elm Street.

Trustee Vermilyea asked if Mayor Evans has heard any updates on the old American Valve property.

Mayor Evans stated that he has not heard anything yet. They are waiting for the Judge. It could be next month, it could be three months.

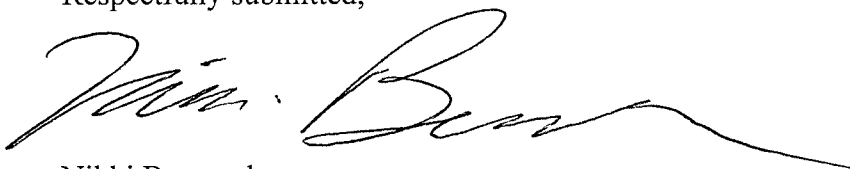
Veronica Foley stated that she was just told that there is going to be an event at the hotel restaurant/rooftop bar coming up. Her concern was not only the Site Plan, but tied into it is the fact that the hotel is open using a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO). The conditions have not yet been met, but also the allowed uses for the space under that TCO are specific to only construction work. It doesn't list that a restaurant or bar can be opened. She did have that TCO reviewed by an Engineer from the State through a formal inquiry, and they did share that according to that TCO, it looks like the hotel could be opened, but most definitely not a bar or restaurant. Again, that is the responsibility of our Building Inspector to issue those. So, that has also been done in error, or is not being enforced as well. So, there is the Site Plan but also the occupancy issue as well. Until that is sorted, she would make it clear that the restaurant on the roof cannot open, because that is not what the TCO is for. So, that is something to also clear up.

No further public comments were offered.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Berezna", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Nikki Berezna
Clerk