

Village of Coxsackie

Workshop Minutes

September 5, 2023

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

NY Forward Grant Opportunity

Mayor Evans stated that 20 projects were received, and they are posted under meeting #3 of the Local Planning Committee (LPC) on the grant website. A Public Forum was held on August 30th at the High School Cafeteria, and about 18 people attended and gave thoughts and opinions on projects. The next regular LPC meeting is Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project Funding

Mayor Evans stated that the DOCCS payment of \$9,224,302.00 was received on Friday, September 1st. Once it clears the bank, it will be sent to the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).

McQuade Pavilion

Mayor Evans stated that the McQuade Pavilion is scheduled to be built soon. Hopefully in the fall.

Sewer Connection Requests

Mayor Evans stated that both Rosario Lopez, of 46 Sutton Place, and Darci Hobart, of 165 Mansion Street, are requesting hook-up to the sewer system. The Village is currently waiting on capacity from the Greene IDA before moving forward.

Water Tap-in Fees

The Board reviewed the draft Local Law #5 of 2023-New Water Main Connection Fees. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 11th at 6:45 p.m.

Building Department Fees

The Board reviewed the draft Resolution No. 272023-Building Permit Fees. After deliberation, it was determined to add this item to the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting on September 11th.

No Parking Additions

The Board discussed drafting a Local Law to enforce “No Parking” from Reed Street/South River Street to past the Newbury Hotel, “No Parking” from 50 Mansion Street to Freleigh Place Extension, and “No Parking” on New Street from the intersection with Ely Street to South River Street. After deliberation, it was determined to add scheduling a Public Hearing for October as an agenda item for approval at the next Board Meeting on September 11th.

Coxsackie Elementary PTO 5K

The PTO would like to have a 5K on September 30th. There will be a kid's 1K at 10:00 a.m., and a 5K at 11:00 a.m. They would like the Village's Police Department to assist. After deliberation, the Board decided to add this item to the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting on September 11th.

High Angle Mower

Mayor Evans stated that for years, the Village has contracted out the mowing of the reservoir dams several times a year. The person who has done it no longer wants to, and almost nobody is interested in doing it. He asked the Water Superintendent, Al Preville, to look into options, and the best option he came up with is a remote controlled high angle mower. They received a demonstration a few weeks ago. He thinks that the Board should consider leasing one. The total cost is \$39,998.00. For a 5 year lease, it would amount to \$9,528.99/year. After deliberation, the Board decided to add this item to the agenda for approval at the next Board Meeting on September 11th.

Sidewalk Projects

Mayor Evans stated that Superintendent of Public Works, Scott Martell, has been prepping the area on both sides of Bailey Street to shift the street over two feet to the East. This will allow enough room alongside the firehouse to install both curbing and a section of sidewalk. The Village doesn't usually do curbing work, so we will be contracting that work out and using Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) money to pay for it. The Village is also looking at putting a sidewalk section by the school along the softball field with a crosswalk by Sunset Apartments. That project will be next. The Village would also like to do new sidewalks on Ely Street in the near future.

Crossing Guard

A motion to approve hiring Robin Johnson as Crossing Guard 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.

Lawrence Avenue Paving Bid

A motion to approve the bid received in the amount of \$37,950.00 from A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. for the paving of Lawrence Avenue 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.

Stop Intersection at South River Street/Reed Street

The Board discussed the potential of adding a stop sign on South River Street at the intersection with Reed Street. This would have to be accomplished by drafting a Local Law. After deliberation, it was determined to add scheduling a Public Hearing for October as an agenda item for approval at the next Board Meeting on September 11th.

Department Head Monthly Reports

The following Department heads came in at their respective scheduled times to give their monthly report: Fire Chief Shawn Burdick, Police Chief Samuel Mento, Water Superintendent

Adelord Preville, Planning Board Chairman Robert Van Valkenburg, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ragaini, and Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Patricia Maxwell.

The following Department heads were excused: Department of Public Works Superintendent Scott Martell, Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Davide Varade, 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 Vermilyea. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 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