

Village of Coxsackie

Workshop Minutes

October 5, 2023

The Workshop Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Evans at 6:17 p.m. Present were Trustee Donald Daoust, Trustee Katlyn Irwin, and Trustee Rodney Levine. Trustee Rebecca Vermilyea was absent.

**Correspondence Received**

Letter from Ken Hetrick, of the Wastewater Department, tendering his resignation effective 10/5/2023, due to him moving out of the area.

Letters from Deidre & Jonathon Meier requesting sewer connection approval for #0 & #55 Sutton Place.

Letter from the Town of Coxsackie declining to be a part of the joint Comprehensive Plan update.

Letter from the US District Court of South Carolina regarding a proposed class action settlement related to Aqueous Film-Forming Foams and PFAS.

Letter from the Hoot of the Owl Committee thanking the Board, and stating that they are looking forward to a full Owl auction next year.

**NY Forward Grant Opportunity**

Mayor Evans stated that the planned final meeting will be October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall. He said that at the last meeting, about 5 or 6 projects were eliminated out of 20 projects submitted. The projects are graded against both NYS and Local Planning Committee standards. One of the projects removed was the Village's proposal for a Splash Pad. There was an alternate location suggested of McQuade Park. There may be a possibility of seeking available grant money to fund putting a Splash Pad in the park that the Village can look into at a later time.

**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 paid to the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), and now the debt turns into long term financing. The Village will have a set amount due each year for the next 27 years. The yearly payment amount is not yet known until the closing for financing occurs.

**American Valve Eminent Domain**

Mayor Evans stated that the eminent domain paperwork for the old American Valve property was filed with the court. It has been assigned to Judge Graff, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District.

**Water & Sewer Requests**

The Board discussed the request received from Greg Backus, on behalf of Chad Backus of 45 Bailey Street, to adjust the water/sewer account balance from \$2,113.43, down to \$800.00. After deliberation, it was determined that it will be added as an agenda item for approval at the next

Board Meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sewer Connection Requests**

The Board discussed the request received from Deidre & Jonathon Meier asking the Village to seek approval from NYS DEC to connect to the Village's sewer system for #0 & #55 Sutton Place. After deliberation, it was determined that it will be added as an agenda item for approval at the next Board Meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **No Parking Additions**

The Board discussed the proposed Local Law #7 of 2023-To Amend Section 145-47 of the Village Code of the Village of Coxsackie. This Local Law is to add "No Parking" on South River Street, from the intersection with Reed Street to past the Newbury Hotel, and "No Parking" from 50 Mansion Street to the intersection with Freleigh Place Extension. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.

### **Stop Sign**

The Board discussed the proposed Local Law #6 of 2023-To Amend Section 145-40 of the Village Code of the Village of Coxsackie. This Local Law is to add a stop sign on South River Street at the intersection with Reed Street. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### **Insurance Renewal**

The Board discussed the annual commercial insurance renewal package received from Marshall & Sterling in the amount of \$141,811.54. After deliberation, it was determined that it will be added as an agenda item for approval at the next Board Meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ely Street Water Line Replacement**

Mayor Evans stated that bids for the water line replacement on Ely Street went out through the Town of Coxsackie. As part of the bid, it was noted that the contractor must split the project cost between the Town's portion, and Village's portion. The Village will be using ARPA funds to pay for this project. Once the work is completed, it should reduce the number of water breaks by 50%, and allow for better water pressure as well.

### **RVs in Driveways**

Mayor Evans asked if the Board is interested in considering legislation regarding the regulation of RV's parked in resident's driveways. There currently is nothing in the Village's Code regulating such a thing. The potential issues with having people living in a parked RV is the noise it would generate for neighbors, such as running generators, and the lack of oversight on whether the water/sewer usage and disposal is handled correctly. Other communities have local laws pertaining to regulating RV's. The Board may want to look into this issue in the future.

### **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, Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator David Varade, and Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Patricia Maxwell.

The following Department heads were excused: Department of Public Works Superintendent Scott Martell, Planning Board Chairman Robert Van Valkenburg, Jr., 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 Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Berezna", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nikki Berezna  
Clerk