

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
BOARD MINUTES
October 9, 2023**

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023 Workshop Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Daoust. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2023 Local Law #5 of 2023 Public Hearing was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2023 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

Correspondence Received

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

A letter was received from Deidre & Jonathon Meier requesting sewer connection approval for #0 & #55 Sutton Place.

A letter was received from the Town of Coxsackie declining to be a part of the joint Comprehensive Plan update.

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

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

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 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 was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from Lisa Macalone, of 11539 Route 9W, asking to have her water/sewer account held from the Town of Coxsackie levy in November was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted

yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from Deidre & Jonathon Meier to seek approval from NYS DEC to connect to the Village's sewer system for #0 & #55 Sutton Place was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the annual commercial insurance renewal with Marshall & Sterling in the amount of \$141,881.54 was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve hiring William Fowler as Police Officer was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve 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 Levine. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve 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 Levine. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 282023-Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$87,000 in Anticipation of the Collection of Revenues from the State of New York. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The resolution passed.

A motion to approve water/sewer adjustments from September 1-30, 2023 was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills on General Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 242-306 totaling \$116,582.97; Water Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 118-153 totaling \$61,748.22; Sewer Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 108-138 totaling \$44,792.84; Capital Projects Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 3-5 totaling \$5,856.00; Owl Project Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 12-17 totaling \$1,255.50; Trust & Agency Fund Abstract #5, voucher 8 totaling \$1,151.50 was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The motion carried.

Public Comment Period

Aaron Flach stated that he would like to officially invite the Village Board to an event on Thursday, October 26th at 11:00 a.m. at the James Newbury Hotel. He is planning on the Governor to be in attendance, as well as Empire State Development. He would love for the Mayor to say a few words. If for some reason the Governor is unavailable, hopefully either the Lieutenant Governor, or a representative from their office will speak. He will send an official invitation once details have been finalized.

Veronica Foley, via Zoom Video Conference, asked what the plan is moving forward regarding a Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village does not have a plan yet. The Village took the first step to find out if the Town was interested in a joint Comprehensive Plan project, and they indicated that they are not interested. It will have to be discussed amongst the Board at the next Work Session.

Veronica Foley, via Zoom Video Conference, asked if the James Newbury Hotel met the requirements of the letter of Resolution/conditional Site Plan approval.

Mayor Evans stated that an additional Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued, and he believes that the Village's Engineer and Attorney are both waiting for information to come from the owner engineering firm, Sterling Engineering, on some changes that were made to the layout of the parking area. Once that is received, it will be evaluated by both the Village's Engineer and Attorney.

Veronica Foley, via Zoom Video Conference, asked if any General funds have been dedicated to a comprehensive plan.

Mayor Evans stated that no General funds have been dedicated to a Comprehensive Plan as of yet.

Veronica Foley, via Zoom Video Conference, stated that the Village had a tax increase of 24%. She asked where those additional funds are being allocated.

Trustee Levine stated that those funds are to keep the Village operational.

Mayor Evans stated that those funds are across the board. They are not specifically allocated to any one budget line.

Mayor Evans swore in William Fowler as Police Officer.

Trustee Daoust stated that last week the Heroes Banner Committee started a new committee for the Field of Flags project. Aaron Flach has donated the land in front of the old Elm Street school to place the Field of Flags. If anyone has seen the one in Greenville, it will be similar to theirs. they are expecting anywhere between 100-200 flags. The flags are on 10 foot poles. The committee is thinking of having them displayed from Memorial Day to 7/5/24.

Mayor Evans stated that that would be a nice addition to the village, and thanked Aaron Flach for donating the piece of land for that use.

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 abstained. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Slater
Treasurer