

Village of Coxsackie

Workshop Minutes

November 9, 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.

**Correspondence Received**

Letter from Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Candice Herbek, resigning from her position.

Letter from Greene County stating that they will be having a study done on the EMS service in Greene County, and they invite the Village of Coxsackie to make any comment as the Task Force meets.

Letter from Champlain Hudson Power Express explaining their route through the village area, and providing contact information. Work is scheduled for next spring in the village area.

**Correspondence Sent**

Letter to Ken Hetrick, former Wastewater Treatment Plant employee, regarding the amount he owes the Village of Coxsackie for training that he received.

**NY Forward Grant Opportunity**

Mayor Evans stated that the final meeting was on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and the Local Planning Committee (LPC) decided on the list of projects to be included in the grant. Now, the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) will be developed for submission to the State. The LPC has been told that they should know in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024 which projects will get funded.

**Water & Sewer Requests**

The Board discussed the request received from Michael and Tara Barberi, of 216 Mansion Street and 17-19 Church Street, asking to have the penalties removed from their water/sewer accounts for a combined total of \$196.66, across 5 accounts. After deliberation, it was determined that it will be added as an agenda item for approval at the next Board Meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Champlain Hudson Power Express**

Mayor Evans stated that the Champlain Hudson Power Express is working on an updated Road Use Agreement (RUA) for the portion of the project that will go through the Village.

**County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mayor Evans stated that there has been an update to the Greene County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and with that the County requests that the Village passes a Resolution to approve it. After deliberation, it was determined that a Resolution will be added as an agenda item for approval at the next Board Meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

### **Health Insurance Renewal**

The Board discussed the renewal of the MVP Silver 8 QHDHP EPO health insurance plan for employees effective 12/1/23. After deliberation, it was determined that it will be added as an agenda item for approval at the next Board Meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Demand Response Proposal**

Mayor Evans stated that there is an opportunity to have the Wastewater Treatment Plant run on a generator at various times through the year, and the Village could make money from it. More information on this is pending.

### **Che Figata Bistro Outside Seating**

Mayor Evans stated that the Board needs to have a discussion in the future about whether or not the Village wants to allow Che Figata to have outdoor seating next year, and under what conditions.

### **Deputy Clerk**

A motion to approve hiring Jennie Rundell as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Vermilyea. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Laborer**

A motion to approve hiring Austin Wood as Wastewater Treatment Plant Laborer was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Vermilyea. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

### **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, and Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator David Varade.

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, Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Patricia Maxwell, 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 Vermilyea. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Berezna", written in a cursive style.

Nikki Berezna  
Clerk