

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

March 18, 2024

Mayor Mark Evans called the Special Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Trustee Katlyn Irwin, Trustee Rodney Levine, Trustee Rebecca Vermilyea, and Trustee Donald Daoust via Teleconference.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 42024-To Enter Into Grant Disbursement Agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York Related to the Purchase of Portable Dual Band Radios for the Village of Coxsackie Fire Department. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The Resolution passed.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 52024- 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 voted yes. The Resolution passed.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 62024-Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement Completeness Review-Mountain View Estates Project. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea abstained. The Resolution passed.

Mayor Evans stated that Conifer Peppertree Apartments had challenged their assessment, in which the Village was a part of their case. That got sent to court, and they agreed on a negotiated settlement. The Town of Coxsackie is the principal, and is listed on the actual decision from the court. It is listed as Conifer Peppertree Associates vs. The Town of Coxsackie Assessor, and Town of Coxsackie. The Town of Coxsackie Assessor, Gordon Bennett, contacted the Mayor last year stating that it had been settled, but that the details were not known yet. The Village has not received anything regarding this settlement, until just this month a fax was received from a company called Ryan Optimus, stating that the Village needs to pay a little more than \$6,000.00. As part of the negotiated settlement, that is what Conifer Peppertree Associates was awarded due to a reduced assessment. Mayor Evans contacted the company, and was told that they are going to file legal action next month if it goes unpaid. Mayor Evans told the company that the Village never received notice until now. The Village was not a party to the lawsuit, the Town was. He told them that the Village needs to check that the information is accurate, and once checked, he will have the Village Board approve it, and a check will be cut and sent out to them.

Mayor Evans stated that he had sent an email to the Board after the Work Session last week regarding the second evaluation that was performed on Steven Jackson, the new potential Police Officer hire, for the Board to review. He did not want the issue of potentially hiring Steven Jackson to drag on any further without an answer to the Police Chief. After deliberation by the Board, the Board was unanimous in not wanting to pursue hiring Mr. Jackson.

Mayor Evans stated that a discussion needs to be had by the Board to discuss the request from the Fire Council, via email from Chief Burdick, to address questions on eligibility of Scott Bennett to run for the position of Chief in the upcoming Fire Department election. After deliberation by the Board, the Village Board felt that these questions should be answered by Fire Council, declined to address the matter, and declined to send it to the Village Attorney. It was noted in the information provided to the Mayor, and noted in an extensive email to the Board on Friday, March 15th, that it was clear that Mr. Bennett did not meet the requirements as set forth in the Fire Council Bylaws.

A motion to adjourn the Special Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Vermilyea. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Vermilyea voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Nikki Berezna
Clerk