

Village of Coxsackie

Public Hearing Minutes

April 18, 2024

2024-2025 Proposed Tentative Budget

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Mark Evans at 5:49 p.m. Present were Trustee Donald Daoust, Trustee Rodney Levine, and Trustee Deidre Meier. Trustee Katlyn Irwin was absent.

Mayor Evans stated that there is a 0% tax increase this year. There was roughly a \$33,000.00 increase to the General Fund. However, the Village is using available fund balance in order to offset the increase. So, there is no increase to taxpayers.

Mayor Evans opened the meeting to public comment

Doreen Beachler asked if there were any programs cut this year, in order to not have a tax increase.

Mayor Evans stated that there were no programs cut. The difference between last year's General Fund Budget amount and this year's General Fund Budget amount is around \$33,000.00. That leftover fund balance from this current budget year will help offset having to increase next year's budget.

Doreen Beachler asked if there is money budgeted for the cemetery this year.

Mayor Evans stated that there is no money budgeted for the cemetery this year. The Board had to remove funding this budget line last year, and unfortunately keep it the same this year.

Doreen Beachler stated that that is a shame, because there is so much work that still needs to be done at the cemetery.

Mayor Evans stated that the Chairperson for the Owl Committee recently reached out asking for some ideas of local organizations to donate to. He can suggest the Cemetery Committee as a local organization to receive donations.

Doreen Beachler asked when the Heroes Banners will be going up on the telephone poles.

Trustee Daoust stated that the Heroes Banners will be going up later this month. It is currently scheduled for the 23rd and 24th. This will be followed by the Field of Flags project.

Doreen Beachler asked when the new pavilion will be going up in McQuade Park.

Mayor Evans stated that the new pavilion has been delivered. However, the Village is awaiting an installation date by Pettinelli Recreation. It is a bit involved. It will require footings for the steel structure.

Doreen Beachler asked if the new pavilion will have electric run like the pavilion downtown at

Riverside Park.

Mayor Evans stated that the new McQuade Park pavilion will not have built in electrical outlets like the one in Riverside Park, but there is electric available at the one end of the pavilion. The new pavilion is 60' x 40'.

Doreen Beachler asked if the Summer Recreation Program is still happening this year.

Mayor Evans stated that the Summer Recreation Program is still planning on operating this year.

Doreen Beachler asked what the Friends of Cocksackie Riverside Park Committee was.

Mayor Evans stated that this is a newly formed committee that will be taking care of things in the park such as planting flowers and plants, and soliciting donations for the upkeep of plantings etc.

Dan Beachler asked if New York State gives any money towards these things since it is a State park.

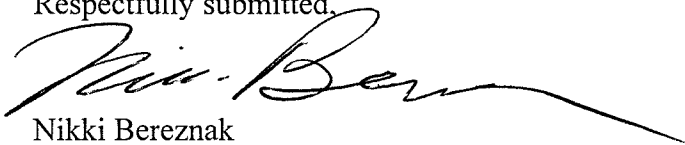
Mayor Evans stated that the State does not allocate any money towards flowers or plants, but the Village could try to request things like garbage cans etc., and the State may decide to purchase them.

There were no public comments made.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Daoust. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki Berezna
Clerk