

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
BOARD MINUTES
October 14, 2024**

Mayor Mark Evans called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustee Katlyn Irwin, Trustee Rodney Levine, and Trustee Deidre Meier. Trustee Donald Daoust was absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2024 Workshop Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2024 Special Meeting was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Levine. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. Trustee Irwin abstained. The motion carried.

Public Comment Period-Agenda Items

Patricia Maxwell asked if the approval for the overhead lights downtown will be year round.

Trustee Irwin stated that she thought that after they were installed for the Christmas by the River event, Ms. Maxwell would poll the tenants on the second and third stories to see if the lights are considered a nuisance to them.

Patricia Maxwell stated that she can poll the residents downtown if the Board wishes for her to do that.

Mayor Evans stated that the Board will try to have the overhead lights year round, but they may want to consider putting them on a timer. He spoke to Aaron Flach, who is assisting with this project, and he quoted \$4,000.00 for cable, connectors, and other needed materials. He will have Derek Delardi, of 3Designs, do the installation for \$1,500.00. Mayor Evans stated that he also wants to check with the Village's insurance to see if there is anything that is needed for coverage, should something happen.

Trustee Irwin asked if Mr. Delardi would take the old lights down as well.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village DPW can do that. He said that he realizes that the cost involved is much higher than initially discussed. The total cost for all materials and labor comes to \$5,500.00. The Village can use ARPA funds towards this project if need be. The Village will take care of maintaining the lights, rather than contracting it out.

Correspondence Received

A letter was received from the Greene County Veterans Service Agency inviting the Village Board to the Annual Honor A Vet Ceremony, on November 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., at the Historic Catskill Point.

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.

Mayor Evans stated that the new pavilion at McQuade Park came out nice. It has been paved underneath, and the DPW crew moved the picnic tables back underneath. He is waiting to hear from Senator Hinchey's office regarding scheduling a ribbon cutting.

Motions & Resolutions

A motion to approve Local Law #3 of 2024-To Amend Section 145-47 of the Village Code of Coxsackie, to address "No Parking" on a section of Sunset Boulevard was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve retaining Elayne Gold, of Roemer, Walkens, Golc, & Mineaux, LLP, for union contract negotiations was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Coxsackie Fire Department to hold the Annual Parade of Lights on Friday, December 6, 2024, with line up on Kings Road at 6:00 p.m., and stepping off at 6:30 p.m., proceeding from Kings Road down to Reed Street was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from the Christmas by the River Committee to install overhead street lighting using vintage Edison style bulbs, similar to those on South River Street, to be strung diagonally between buildings over Reed Street, beginning with the Christmas by the River Festival held 12/1/2024, at a cost of \$5,500.00 was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve hiring Ryan Buell and Thomas F. Nolan III as Police Officers was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve renewing the MVP Silver 8 QHDHP EPO health insurance plan for a term of 12/1/2024-11/30/2025 for Village employees was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the commercial insurance renewal for the Village of Coxsackie, provided by Marshall & Sterling Upstate, Inc., in the amount of \$152,036.71 for a term of 11/25/2024-11/24/2025 was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from Superintendent of Public Works, Scott Martell, to sell back two weeks of vacation time was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve accepting the bid received from td15dozer in the amount of \$8,100.00 via the Auctions International website for the sale of the 2004 Ford F750 Dump Truck with Plow was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve moving the November Board Meeting date from Monday, November 11th at

7:00 p.m., to Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m., as Monday, November 11th is Veteran's Day was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the following Historic Preservation Commission Member re-appointments: David Dorpfeld (9/2024-9/2028), Hannah Kastanos (9/2024-9/2025), and Wendy Warren (9/2024-9/2026) was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 172024-Concerning a Proposed Action to Select Good Energy, L.P. to Act as Community Choice Aggregation Program Administrator and Community Solar Program Administrator. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The Resolution passed

A motion to approve the September 2024 monthly Treasurer's Report was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Evans stated that there were no water/sewer adjustments for the month of September 1-30, 2024.

A motion to approve the bills on General Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 259-335 totaling \$325,276.72; Water Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 127-162 totaling \$216,731.18; Sewer Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 103-139 totaling \$67,773.15; Capital Projects Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 6-7 totaling \$40,526.11; Heroes Banner Fund Abstract #5, voucher 14 totaling \$5,119.00; Owl Project Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 11-41 totaling \$22,181.64; and Trust & Agency Fund Abstract #5, vouchers 6-8 totaling \$1,571.05 was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

Public Comment Period

Patricia Maxwell thanked the Village Board for their approval of the overhead street lighting downtown.

No further public comments were offered.

Mayor Evan swore in new Police Officer Thomas F. Nolan III.

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki Berezna
Clerk