

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 14, 2008

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M., at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mayor Joseph J. Gross
Trustee Mark J. Edsall
Trustee William T. Fogarty
Trustee Barbara J. Gosda
Trustee Richard Gioia

Also present was: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Police Chief Charles Williams, Water Superintendent Robert June, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding an error made on the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson website resulting in the incorrect time posted for the Reorganization Meeting held on April 7th. The website posted the time as 7:30 P.M. when the correct meeting time was 7:00 P.M. Clerk Mahoney stated that although this was an “unfortunate error”, the meeting was official because other public postings, including the agenda, provided the correct time. She spoke with Mr. Robert Freeman of the N.Y.S. Committee of Open Government who concurred.

GRANT APPLICATION TO ORANGE COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARKS

Trustee Gosda introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson is hereby submitting its Grant Application for consideration under the Orange County Municipal Parks Advisory Board for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson further certifies that they have read and understood the Orange County Municipal Parks for the FY-2008 program year, and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the Grant Application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village-of-Cornwall on Hudson does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit this grant application.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles & Linda Muller of Cornwall stated that they submitted a request to use the gazebo and lawn at Donahue Memorial Park for wedding photos on Sunday April 19th. They received an application and request for \$200.00 for exclusive use of the park area. They are not asking for exclusive use, will only be using vehicles with current parking stickers, and request an exemption from the Group Use charge.

After some discussion, the Village Board agreed to that the Group Use policy does not apply to this type of request and no additional fee will be charged.

Peter Newman of Braden Place asked if the public has the right to speak about any topic during a regular meeting public comment section or if comments can only pertain to agenda items.

The Mayor replied that the public may comment on any topic during the public comment section of a regular meeting.

Frank Vogel of Holts Lane stated that the proposed expansion of the bandstand walkway is unnecessary. The current walkway is sufficient. In addition, a wooden memorial to Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson World War II veterans once stood on the grass knoll area where this expansion is proposed. The whereabouts of this memorial are unknown, but he considers the area it once stood upon as “hallowed ground”.

Barbara Farabaugh and Carol O’Keefe agreed with Mr. Vogel’s comments.

Trustee’s Gioia and Gosda explained that the proposed improvements to the bandstand area are to provide a safe exit from the municipal lot. Discussion followed.

Frank Vogel suggested that the municipal lot be “cleaned up” including the removal of fallen tree limbs.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Edsall moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.