

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 17, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

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

Absent was: Trustee Mark J. Edsall

Also present were: Police Chief Charles Williams, DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, SKEC #2 Fire Chief Jeffrey Armitage, Interim Deputy Village Attorney Jeffrey Sculley, and Village Clerk Jeanne Mahoney.

Trustee Gosda moved for the acceptance of the October 20, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, on a motion seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Gross stated that a treasurer's report has been prepared through October and distributed to the Village Board for review.

The open utility balances report for the end of October read as follows:

Village water, sewer, garbage & penalties	\$ 241,389.50
Town water & penalties	215,610.87

Which included 2 finals/adjustments for the Village and 3 for the Town.

The following claims were approved for payment:

General Fund claims in the amount of \$	261,839.66
Water Fund claims in the amount of	220,361.10
Sewer Fund claims in the amount of	5,064.72
Trust & Agency claims in the amount of	559.10

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hydro-Powered Energy Project-Trustee Gioia made a motion to table action on the proposal letter from Windsor Machinery in order to research another company who can also prepare a feasibility study of a

hydro-powered energy recovery system, which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Board of Assessment Review – Trustee Gosda announced that Grievance Day will be held on November 18, 2008 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. BAR members Thomas Petersen, Susan Ostrander and Village Board Liaisons Gosda and Fogarty will hear grievances.

Fire Committee – Fire Chief Armitage reported that the clutch on Ladder Truck 413 needs to be replaced at an estimated cost between \$2,500.00 and \$4,800.00.

Personnel Committee – Trustee Gosda reported that the committee has been working to create a form for upcoming employee evaluations.

Audit Committee – Trustee Gioia stated that he and Trustee Gosda have been working to reduce telephone costs. They met with representatives from Cornerstone, a telephone broker company, to reduce monthly telephone bills, and ITC to trim cost of the automated answering service. In addition, they plan to meet with Nextel and Time Warner representatives soon to discuss possible cost saving measures.

Disaster Committee – Mayor Gross prepared a letter to Senator Larkin requesting \$10,000-\$15,000 for an emergency phone system to notify residents if a crisis arises.

Insurance Committee – Mayor Gross and Trustee Gosda met with representatives from William A. Smith and Sons Insurance regarding a potential quote on next year's general insurance.

Labor Relations – Mayor Gross reported that all parties have agreed to a change in the holiday schedule, and he will need to sign the agreement.

Street Committee – Mayor Gross stated that the new DPW truck has been delivered. In addition, he reported that Thomas Vesley, an employee with DPW for 20 years, was critically injured in an accident over the weekend.

Trees & Beautification Committee – Trustee Gioia stated that a new sign for the municipal lot has been made and we are in discussions with the school district to have it installed. The committee is now working to design a new sign for Pagenstacher Park. Mayor Gross added that he met with Kate Goodspeed, the Cornwall Tree Warden, regarding planting new trees along Route 218 next year.

Fixed Asset Committee - Trustee Fogarty reported that department heads have been tasked to prepare budget requests for next year. The committee will be working on the proposed 09-10 budget during the month of December. Due to expected reductions in State aid, cuts will have to make in the upcoming budget.

Recycling Committee-DPW Superintendent Halvorsen stated that the “electronics day” held in October was well received by residents. Discussion about the current recycling program followed.

Summer Playground Committee – Trustee Gioia stated that he would like to see a not-for-profit Village Improvement committee formed to assist with different Village activities, i.e. collecting donations to help kids attend Summer Playground who cannot pay the registration fee.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Fire Department reported 40 events, including 14 emergency medical service (EMS) calls, for a total of 1025 volunteer man hours.

The Building Inspector reported 53 site inspections, 1 fire inspection, 5 building permits, 11 certificates of occupancy/compliance, and 1 municipal search were issued.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported 2 unregistered vehicles and 6 property maintenance violations were issued were issued.

The Department of Public Works reported blacktop patching, delivery of new dump truck (now in service), routine winter maintenance and repairs to Village owned vehicles, sweeping of streets, tree clean up from storm, cleaning of drains and gutters, electronic recycling/fall clean up, and weekly yard waste collection.

The Police Department reported 10 COVAC assists; 4 calls were covered for/assisted to Town Police; 6 responses to burglar alarms; 4 E-911 hangups; 3 domestic incidents; 6 crimes were committed; 11 non criminal activities were reported; 3 arrests were made; 10 accidents were investigated; 21 moving violations; 17 vehicle and traffic stops with warning; and 2 parking tickets were issued. Total patrol miles = 3,269, not including mileage on Chief's vehicle.

Chief Williams reported that Sergeant Christopher Park continues investigation of four (4) active open cases. In addition, the department covered the Apple Time Fair, Halloween and Halloween window painting, and events at Donahue Memorial Park.

The Water Department reported an average daily production of 1.022 million gallons with all bacteria samples passing N.Y.S. Standards. The required monthly and quarterly samples were collected (a total of 48). It was also reported that 53 utility locations were made, 16 meters were repaired or replaced, town meter reading was completed, and 4 special readings were taken. In addition to routine maintenance, water was shut off at all seasonal water sites, a 8" water tap at Cornwall Hospital was completed, a gate valve at 222 Maple Rd was replaced, possible water leaks were investigated at 27 Rose Hill Park, and Quaker Avenue near 114 Mill St., fuel storage tanks were painted, brush was cut along fence line at Catskill Treatment Plant, snow removal equipment was prepared for winter, and hydrants were flushed.

Black Rock – An inlet float relief valve #1 was repaired, and cleaning of the clear well was completed.

Trustee Gioia expressed his frustration that the Black Rock Plant is not yet running at capacity. He has concerns about the rising cost of purchasing water from the city and chemicals to treat that water.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Gross is in receipt of letters from George A. Green, Supervisor of the Town of New Windsor and Kevin Quigley, Supervisor of the Town of Cornwall declining our request for exemption of taxes on Village owned water supply property for the year 2010.

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a copy of a letter to Supervisor Quigley dated November 7, 2008 from Deputy Clerk Dennett with a list of delinquent Town water rents to be relieved on the 2009 State/County/Town tax bills.

Mayor Gross is in receipt of letters from several residents indicating their interest in joining the Village's new Ethics Board Committee.

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a letter dated October 22, 2008 from David Church, of Orange County Department of Planning declining our application for funding under an Orange County Community Planning Grant program.

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a letter dated October 31, 2008 from Ruth Pierpont of NYS Office of Parks stating old stone arch bridges in the Village will be considered by the state review board for nomination to the National and State registers of Historic Places.

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a copy of a letter from Assemblyperson Calhoun to Joan Dupont of NYS Department of Transportation regarding the need for improved signage along Route 218 until changes to dangerous intersections can be addressed.

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a thank you letter dated October 23, 2008 from Darlene Riesle, Pastor of Mountainville Methodist Church for use of the Donahue Memorial Park Riverfront Shelter for a church service.

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a letter from Wynn Gold of the Riverfest Committee requesting permission to hold the annual Riverfest celebration on June 6, 2009. This request will be addressed later in tonight's agenda.

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a notice for public comment from the Office of Community Development on the acquisition and redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned residential properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Small of 97 Duncan Avenue requested that the Village Board begin its review of the draft master plan, especially relating to zoning issues. He suggests a joint meeting with the Master Plan Committee to discuss items including zoning.

Lee Murphy of 269 Hudson Street, Master Plan Committee Chairperson, stated that he came to the Board two (2) months ago requesting review of the draft master plan begin. Nothing has been done. The Master Plan Committee worked for two (2) years on the draft plan, presented it to the Village Board for review in 2007 and it's not even on the agenda.

Kris Seiz of 19 Avenue A stated that the committee has worked very hard on the draft plan and it is very frustrating to see nothing being done.

Andrew Argenio of 19 Church Street, a current Planning Board member, stated that he has reviewed the draft plan extensively and has concerns regarding it.

Jeffrey Small replied that concerns are understandable, and need to be addressed under an organized frame work; however, they cannot be addressed until the Board moves forward with review.

Judy Wilson of 8 Grandview Avenue stated that the draft plan needs to move forward. The Board needs to develop a timeframe for the review process.

Mayor Gross explained that he has had discussions with the Orange County Department of Planning on how best to proceed with the draft plan. Another concern the Board has is the cost factor. To date, the Village has incurred approximately \$20,000 in legal fees for the plans development.

Trustee Gioia stated that he has had concerns he has with the draft plan, and is pleased to hear that the committee is open to discussion.

Lee Murphy stated that the draft plan is a “road map for the future”. The Village Board must approve a plan and then work on creating/revising laws. The Board needs to take the leadership role.

Andrew Argenio stated that the draft plan was on the last Planning Board agenda, but no one came.

Trustee Gosda stated that a master plan has always been a “vital tool for Planning and Zoning”. The Board is gathering information and is moving forward.

Trustee Gioia suggested that the Village Board have a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Boards to discuss “what is on the table”.

Lee Murphy stated that the draft plan was already sent to the Orange County Department of Planning for review. They recommended that the draft plan be approved over one (1) year ago.

Robert Gilmore of 185 Bayview Avenue asked the Village Board to explain why vacancies in the Police Department have not been filled and why a new county wide software program has not been approved. He feels that this is a matter of public safety.

Mayor Gross replied this is due to budget restraints.

Robert Gilmore then asked why then purchase of a new municipal sign was allowed. Trustee Gioia replied that the sign was paid with grant money.

Trustee Gioia stated that police shifts are currently being filled by part-timers. In addition, he would like to see the Village “tie-in” with the Town’s system and new software to avoid any redundancy.

Deke Hazirjian of 5 Grandview Avenue stated that there is no real plan in place regarding the police department. It seems that another agenda is at work, a political one, and it is personal. This behavior is dangerous and goes against quality of life in the Village because we could lose good people in the police department if consolidation discussion continues.

Thomas Gordon of Braden Place stated that the draft plan seems to be going backward and asked Trustee Gosda for her perspective on the draft plan issue since she is both a Trustee and member of the Master Plan Committee.

Trustee Gosda replied that the draft plan is not going backward. There are major issues on the draft plan that must be addressed. The Village Board has many critical agenda items that also need to be addressed. Discussion followed.

Peter Miller of Hudson Street stated that police consolidation was a platform campaign issue during Mayor Gross' run for office two years ago. Since taking office, nothing has been done to determine if a consolidation would result in a real cost savings in the Village, if there will be a change in level of police services, and what will happen to the Village police officers.

Mayor Gross replied that he polled the entire board regarding consolidation issues during a public meeting. The Board decided, unanimously, to look into police consolidation. Other items have also been considered, i.e. changing the number of recycling schedule, and moving the Water Department to the DPW building hoping to generate revenue from a building that needs "a fair amount of work". Last year, he wrote a grant application to the Orange County Water Authority for an efficiency study of the water department.

OLD BUSINESS

WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Member Andrew Maroney stated that there is nothing new to report on this item.

HUDSON-FULTON COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Gosda stated that she and Barbara Gioia have met and would like to plan a "special event" for the Hudson Fulton event. They will be soliciting members for this committee and are hoping to receive funding on a proposal sent to the State.

Mayor Gross read a letter submitted by the 2009 Quadricentennial Coordinating Committee dated November 7, 2008. The letter indicated that the committee has received a \$1,000 grant which will be used to produce a guide of historical sites, points of interest and schedule of events. Further, the letter states that this is an "ad Hoc committee" and had requested that a liaison from both the Town and Village Boards attend meetings to follow their progress. Town Board member Mary Beth Greene-Krafft is the Town representative, but no Village Board member has been appointed.

Discussion followed.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Orange County, New York desires to ensure the commemoration of the Quadra centennial of the exploration of the Hudson River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the location of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson affords many unique opportunities to enrich the historic and cultural life of the Village and its residents by commemorating and celebrating the Quadra centennial of the initial exploration of the Hudson River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson desires to take advantage of these opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson has determined to establish a special advisory committee to be known as the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson to locate, formulate, evaluate, plan and promote various special commemorative, educational and entertainment events focused upon the Quadra centennial; and

WHEREAS, a committee will be formed for the purposes of locating, formulating, evaluating, planning and promoting various possible special commemorative, educational and entertainment events focused upon the Quadra centennial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby does establish the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson for the purpose of locating, formulating, evaluating, planning and promoting various possible special commemorative, educational and entertainment events focused upon the Quadra centennial provided that the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson shall submit to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson any plans for such events for the Board or Trustee’s consideration and approval, provided further that no such event shall proceed without prior approval of the Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson shall consist of at least three (3) members, or more, as may be subsequently authorized and appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a majority of the members of the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, including at least one member of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, shall constitute a quorum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a vote of a majority of the members of the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Committee shall be required for the Committee to take any action or make any recommendation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby appointed as members of the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Committee:

1. Barbara Gosda, Board Liaison and Co-Chair
2. Barbara Gioia
3. Paul Gould
4. Jackie Susinski; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Committee shall not receive compensation for the performance of their duties but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses which are pre-approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Committee may use the public meeting room located at Village Hall to conduct its business, provided that such usage is scheduled in advance and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson so as to not conflict with the regular operations of the Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson may utilize Village administrative resources, including secretarial, duplication and mailing services, provided such utilization is reasonable and does not conflict with the regular operations of the Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a member of the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson shall attend the monthly public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and present a status report on the Committee’s work, provided that the Board of Trustees may authorize the Committee to submit a written status report in lieu of a member attending the Board of Trustee’s monthly public meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that officers of the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will be appointed at a future date by the Village Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the chairman or vice chairman may call meetings and hearings of the “Cornwall-on-Hudson Explore 400 Committee” of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, said meetings to comply with the New York State Open Meetings Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid resolutions shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Gioia, opened for discussion in which several revisions were recommended. After being briefly tabled to incorporate these revisions, a new motion was made to adopt the above resolution was introduced by Trustee Gioia, seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MAPLE AVENUE SALE

Mayor Gross stated that he is drafting a letter to residents on the status of the property for sale. Discussion followed.

WATER DEPARTMENT STORAGE BUILDING

Mayor Gross stated there is nothing new to report on this item.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC FEASIBILITY PROPOSAL

Mayor Gross stated that this item was discussed earlier in tonight's agenda.

ANNUAL SUPPLY BIDS – AWARD

Mayor Gross stated that a bid opening was held in the Village Office on November 14, 2008.

Water Treatment Chemicals Trustee Fogarty made a motion to award the bid for items #1-4 to Duso Chemical , and award the bid for item #5 to Shannon Chemical, the sole bidders, which was seconded by Trustee Gioia and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Water Meters Trustee Fogarty made a motion to award to the sole bidder, Ti-Sales, which was seconded by Trustee Gioia, and upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the motion was carried.

Fuel Oil #2 and "Off-Road" Diesel Trustee Fogarty made a motion to award to the sole bidder, SOS Fuels, Inc., which was seconded by Trustee Gioia and upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the motion was carried.

Alum Sludge Removal Services Trustee Fogarty made a motion to award the bid to Fred A. Cook, Jr., Inc., the low bidder, which was seconded by Trustee Gioia and upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RIVERFEST – JUNE 6, 2009

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Orange County, New York during the Board of Trustees work session convened on November 10, 2008 received an oral presentation by Wynn Gold on behalf of Cornwall-on-Hudson Riverfest, Inc. during which Mr. Gold requested authorization to produce the Riverfest event within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson on June 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the annual Riverfest event has become increasingly popular and has drawn ever larger numbers of attendees, including both Village residents and those who travel to the Village to attend; and

WHEREAS, Cornwall-on-Hudson Riverfest, Inc., rather than the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, is responsible for planning, sponsoring, promoting, administering, supervising or producing such event; and

WHEREAS, the annual Riverfest event has become an important and community-building gathering for Village residents, an anticipated happening on the Village's social calendar and a valued part of the fabric of the community; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and Cornwall-on-Hudson Riverfest, Inc. wish to take all prudent and reasonable steps possible to ensure public safety and to maintain order before, during and after the annual Riverfest event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby expresses its gratitude to Cornwall-on-Hudson Riverfest, Inc. for its efforts in producing the annual Riverfest event within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and for the contribution it has made in promoting a sense of community and fraternity within the Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby authorizes Cornwall-on-Hudson Riverfest, Inc. to conduct the twelfth annual Riverfest event at Donohue Memorial Park on June 6, 2009, provided that Cornwall-on-Hudson Riverfest, Inc. is responsible for all set-up, operation and clean-up activities connected with the event, and further provided that all such activities will be commenced and concluded on June 6, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby authorizes the Mayor to take all prudent and reasonable steps possible to ensure public safety and to maintain order before, during and after the annual Riverfest event, including, but not limited to, directing the Chief of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Police Department and any other Village official or employees to take all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby authorizes use of the Village Hall Community Room and office resources to the Riverfest committee to hold meetings and prepare for the annual Riverfest event.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BUDGET TRANSFER

Upon the recommendation of Clerk Mahoney, Trustee Gosda made a motion to transfer \$7,141.70, the amount of an insurance check for repairs to our ladder Truck #413, from A2680 (General Fund Revenue – Insurance Recovery) to A3411.4 (General Fund Expense – Firematic) which was seconded by Trustee Gioia and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

NEW YEAR’S EVE “BALL DROP” – RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Orange County, New York during the Board of Trustees work session convened on October 13, 2008 received an oral presentation by Raymond Yannone during which Mr. Yannone offered to produce a New Year’s Eve “ball drop” event within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson on December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the “ball drop” event has become increasingly popular and has drawn ever larger numbers of attendees, including both Village residents and those who travel to the Village to attend; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson does not endorse the “ball drop” event nor is the Village responsible for planning, sponsoring, promoting, administering, supervising or producing such event; and

WHEREAS, the “ball drop” event has become an important and community-building gathering for Village residents, an anticipated happening on the Village’s social calendar and a valued part of the fabric of the community; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and Mr. Yannone wish to take all prudent and reasonable steps possible to ensure public safety and to maintain order before, during and after the “ball drop event”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby expresses its gratitude to Raymond Yannone for his efforts in producing the “ball drop” event within the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and for the contribution he has made, thereby, in promoting a sense of community and fraternity within the Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson hereby authorizes the Mayor to take all prudent and reasonable steps possible to ensure public safety and to maintain order before, during and after the “ball drop event”, including, but not limited to, directing the Chief of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Police Department and any other Village official or employees to take all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Gioia and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

BARN PRESERVATION RESOLUTION

After some discussion regarding a location where the barn can be stored, and at what cost, this item was tabled.

CORNWALL COMMUNITY CO-OP RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Cornwall Community Cooperative was established to open a member-owned, democratically controlled marketplace that will provide consumers with nutritious food from the Hudson Valley region’s farms and sustainable producers while, increasing the community’s awareness of the value of locally grown and raised food and environmentally sound business practices; and

WHEREAS, this community organization is working toward supporting Hudson Valley farmers and protection of agricultural land, promoting local food systems and environmentally sustainable business practices and enhancing the local economy and quality of life in Cornwall-on-Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the State and Federal governments recognize the need for economic development and community education of this kind; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson has been designated as a Greenway Community by the Greenway Council and Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson are already participating in Cornwall Community Cooperative project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Orange County, New York hereby expresses its support for the mission of Cornwall Community Cooperative, and further expresses support for the Cooperative's request for assistance through the Greenway Conservancy.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

CSEA – LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Trustee Gioia made a motion authorizing Mayor Gross to sign the Letter of Agreement between the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and the CSEA amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement to move the two (2) holidays in December of 2008 (Christmas & New Years) from Wednesday, Thursday to Thursday, Friday which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

ETHICS BOARD – LETTERS OF INTEREST

Mayor Gross tabled this item for discussion at the next work session.

RFQ – INFLOW & INFILTRATION STUDY

Trustee Gosda made a motion authorizing the preparation of a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for an Inflow and Infiltration Study for the Mayor's review, in conjunction with the Interim Deputy Village Attorney, which was seconded by Trustee Gioia. Discussion followed.

Trustee Gioia made a motion to amend the prior resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, maintaining the structural integrity of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson's sewer system is of critical importance to ensuring continued sewer service to Village residents and to restrain the cost of providing such services; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reason to believe that the structural integrity of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson's sewer system may be compromised; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is essential to promptly retain an engineering firm to conduct an Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Study of certain portions of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson's sewer system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Orange County, New York hereby authorizes the Mayor, in conjunction with legal counsel, to take all steps necessary to promptly prepare, review and publish a Request for Qualifications from engineering firms to conduct such an "I&I" study, provided that such Request for Qualifications shall require that responses thereto be received by the Clerk for the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson within 45 days of publication of the Request for Qualifications.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

ORANGE COUNTY INTER-OPERABLE COMMUNICATION PROJECT RESOLUTION

Trustee Fogarty made a motion authorizing Mayor Gross to sign the Orange County Inter-Operable Communication Project Agreement which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

TAYLOR – REQUEST FOR GARBAGE REDUCTION

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a letter from Jeanne Mahoney requesting a reduction in garbage charges for her parents, James and Barbara Taylor of 41 Washington St. They will be away from October 1, 2008 to May 15, 2009.

In accordance with existing Village policy, Trustee Gioia made a motion to authorize a 50% reduction in garbage charges for James and Barbara Taylor of 41 Washington St. which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

GRIEVANCE DAY

Trustee Gosda announced the annual Village Grievance Day will take place Tuesday, November 18, 2008 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM.

CAR WASH REQUEST – CORNWALL MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTER’S CLUB

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a request for a car wash in the Village Hall parking lot for a date in April of 2009. After some discussion, this item was tabled until a 2009 calendar of events gets assembled.

DPW VEHICLES – DECLARE SURPLUS/SET BID DATE

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Halvorsen, Trustee Fogarty made a motion to declare the 1984 Chevy Pick Up (Vin # 2GCEK14C3L1192276) surplus and authorize its sale with a minimum bid of \$3,000.00 which was seconded by Trustee Gioia and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Trustee Fogarty then made a motion to authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids on the above vehicle and the 1980 Ford F80 (VIN: 1FDNF82HXBVJ12843) previously declared surplus, which was seconded by Trustee Gioia and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

DCJS STUDY

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a letter from the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services dated November 12, 2008 outlining the areas that might be looked at in an “administrative study of the police department”. After some discussion, this item was tabled for the next work session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Argenio of Church Street thanked the Village Board for “staying in focus” with their vision for the 2009 Hudson-Fulton Celebration.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Gosda moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter in the Department of Public Works and Fire Department, which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 PM.