

## VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 29, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 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 Mark J. Edsall  
Trustee William T. Fogarty  
Trustee Barbara J. Gosda

Absent was: Trustee Richard Gioia

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Police Chief Charles Williams, Water Superintendent Robert June, SKEC #2 President Doug Vatter, and Interim Deputy Village Attorney Jeffrey Sculley.

### **CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING 2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET**

With copies of the revised budget having been distributed, the Public Hearing on the 2009-10 Budget was re-opened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Gross. It was noted that the revised budget carries a 2.825 percent increase in the general fund with a tax rate of \$8.52, and a 4% increase in the garbage rate. In addition, there is no proposed increase in water rates, a 3% increase in hydrant or fire line fees, and the sewer percentage will remain at 85% of water consumption.

Mayor Gross reviewed changes made to line items after meeting with department heads in special work sessions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peter Neuman of 9 Braden Place asked if there are any additional increases to homeowners other than garbage and village taxes.

Mayor Gross replied there are no other increases to homeowners.

Carol O'Keefe of 2 Payson Road stated that under the sewer expenditures contingency line (GG1990.4) there is nothing budgeted. Is that correct?

Trustee Fogarty responded that nothing was budgeted for that.

Police Chief Williams again stated for the record that he is opposed to any reduction in crossing guard staff. Principals in both the Cornwall-on-Hudson Elementary School and St. Thomas of Canterbury School have indicated to him that they are also opposed to any reduction and ask the board to reconsider.

Andrew Argenio of 18 Church Street thanked the board for their hard work in the budget process and for coming together with department heads in finding compromises.

SKEC #2 President Vatter questioned the amount budgeted under general fund expenditure FICA (A9030.8). He believes it is “significantly short”.

Mayor Gross replied that the number used in this budget was provided by the Assistant Treasurer.

Peter Neuman stated that he attended a meeting in Albany earlier this week regarding reductions in state aid. He learned that everyone will be subject to a new “commuter tax”. Has that been factored into this budget?

Mayor Gross replied that it is not figured into this budget.

Having no one further speak for or against the proposed budget, Trustee Edsall made a motion to close the hearing which was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays, the Hearing was closed at 7:10 PM.

## 2009-2010 BUDGET ADOPTION

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

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2009 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2010, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT.**

WHEREAS, the tentative budget for the year commencing March 1, 2009 and ending February 28, 2010 has been duly presented to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised Public Hearing has been held thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the tentative budget as amended and revised, be and hereby is adopted as the budget and all amounts set forth in Statement 1 as required for the payment of principal of and interest on indebtedness be and are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified effective as of March 1, 2009.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried on a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Gosda made a motion to authorize a zero percent (0%) increase in water rates for the Town and Village. There will a 4% increase in garbage fees. The Village sewer rate will remain at 85% of the water charge. This motion was seconded by Trustee Edsall and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Fogarty made a motion to authorize a three percent (3%) increase in hydrant and fine line fees which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

### TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

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

A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE TOTAL TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES EXTENDED AND LEVIED AGAINST EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY SHOWN ON THE ROLL PREPARED AND VERIFIED BY THE ASSESSOR FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR.

RESOLVED, that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson the following sums for village government and other charges for the fiscal year 2009-10 with a tax rate of \$8.52 per thousand of assessed valuation:

General Fund	
Total taxes for Current Budget	\$1,903,124.00
Delinquent water rents & charges	29,808.23
Delinquent sewer rents & charges	20,984.77
Delinquent garbage charges	23,908.12
Total Relevy	\$ 74,701.12
Total Real Property Taxes and Other Charges on Roll	\$1,977,825.12

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Fogarty and the motion was carried upon a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

### DPW SURPLUS VEHICLES

Trustee Edsall made a motion to declare surplus the 1996 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FMDU34X1TUD27059 surplus, with mileage of 108,862, which was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Edsall then made a motion to accept sealed bids for the 1996 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FMDU34X1TUD27059 (minimum bid of \$500.00), 1984 Chevy Pick Up with utility body VIN: 2GCEK14C3L1192276 (minimum bid of \$500.00) and 1981 Ford Dump Truck F800, VIN: 1FDNF82HXBVJ12843 (minimum bid of \$2,500.00), all in as is condition on February 27, 2009 at 2:00 PM. Further to authorize the Village Clerk to publish the notice to bidders. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gosda and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Fogarty moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Edsall and upon a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.