

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

September 14, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:40 P.M., at 325 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mayor Joseph J. Gross  
Trustee Barbara J. Gosda  
Trustee Mark J. Edsall  
Trustee Richard Gioia  
Trustee Douglas Vatter

Also present were: DPW Superintendent David Halvorsen, Water Superintendent Robert June, Deputy Village Attorney Jeffrey Sculley, and Village Special Counsel Elayne Gold.

Trustee Edsall moved to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Police Department and Water Department which was seconded by Trustee Vatter and upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:20 P.M.

### INTERIM POLICE CHIEF APPOINTMENT

Trustee Edsall made a motion to appoint Paul N. Weber to the position of Interim Police Chief in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, subject to subsequent execution of a letter of agreement to be prepared by Deputy Village Attorney Sculley, that will include terms already discussed, which was seconded by Trustee Gioia and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Gross then introduced Chief Weber to the audience.

### RIVERFEST

Discussion took place regarding changes in the terms of the annual agreement as prepared by Riverfest counsel. Deputy Village Attorney Sculley will contact their attorney to discuss these changes.

### CURASI – 42 RIVER AVENUE

Mr. Gary Curasi requested a reduction in his water bill. The outside faucet was turned on while he was not home resulting in a bill with much higher consumption than normal.

After some discussion, Trustee Edsall made a motion to reduce the excess sewer portion of the current bill, subject to submission of an incident report indicating this was a “mischievous occurrence”, which was seconded by Trustee Vatter and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

#### ANNUAL LAUREL CREST ROAD RACE

Mayor Gross is in receipt of an email from Jim Kent of the Town of Cornwall Recreation Department regarding their “Annual Laurel Crest Road Race” on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The race will begin at 9:00 AM and will run through parts of the Town and Village. He is requesting the Board authorize the Village police to provide a car to trail the runners.

Discussion regarding possible fees followed. Trustee Edsall stated it is not appropriate to charge the Town for police coverage on this race since both Town and Village residents use Laurel Crest Park for athletic events. Deputy Village Attorney Sculley recommended that the Clerk check with our insurance carrier regarding coverage during the Village portion of the race.

Trustee Edsall made a motion to authorize the Village Board to “co-sponsor” the event with the Town to alleviate any insurance concerns which was seconded by Trustee Vatter and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

#### SNAPSHOT DAY – REQUEST FOR USE OF DONAHUE MEMORIAL PARK

Mayor Gross is in receipt of a letter from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Willow Avenue Elementary School requesting permission to use Donahue Memorial Park on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM in order to take water samples from the Hudson River. These samples will be sent out and analyzed for pollution, population growths of fish, and tracking the number of cargo vessels using the river.

After some discussion, Trustee Gosda made a motion to authorize this request, subject to receipt of a Certificate of Insurance from the Cornwall Central School District which was seconded by Trustee Gioia and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

#### GLENDENING DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Trustee Edsall stated that he has reviewed the easement agreement which runs through the entire westerly portion of the property and seems to provide the Village a right to use and responsibility to maintain the drainage course from “north to south”, “end to end”. It is his opinion that any necessary drainage work in that easement would be the Village’s responsibility. Discussion regarding current erosion problems followed. Trustee Edsall and DPW Superintendent Halvorsen will visit the site next week and report their findings back to the Board.

#### DOCK HILL ROAD EROSION

Discussion took place regarding the ongoing erosion problem along Dock Hill Road. Trustee Gioia stated it is vital to stabilize these types of steep slopes and embankments to prevent additional erosion.

Trustee Edsall made a motion authorizing the purchase of \$300 worth of plantings, to be paid for out of the Trees and Beautification expenditure line, for placement along Dock Hill Road. In addition

authorize the Cornwall Boy Scouts to assist our Department of Public Works in the plantings, which was seconded by Trustee Vatter and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Board discussion followed regarding establishment of time during work sessions to discuss ongoing agenda items.

Having concluded the business set before them, Trustee Edsall moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Vatter and upon a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM.