

Village of Coxsackie

Budget Work Session Minutes

April 1, 2025

The Budget Work Session was called to order by Mayor Mark Evans at 6:17 p.m. Present were Trustee Rodney Levine and Trustee Deidre Meier. Trustee Donald Daoust and Trustee Katlyn Irwin were absent.

Mayor Evans stated that Hugh Quigley, along with Michael Rausch, and Helen Rosenfield, were present tonight to discuss the Coxsackie Historical Society.

Hugh Quigley stated that he is here tonight to discuss future plans for the 14 South River Street building. The society cannot use the funds that they have received so far for operating expenses. They have already met with the Town of Coxsackie as well. The hope is that annual operating expenses will be split 75% with the Town and Village, and 25% through fundraising. They will have displays in the building showcasing things like arrowheads, the local ice industry, duck hunting, local businesses, steamboat captains, village history, local hotels, local famous people, early advertisements, immigrants, Coxsackie beach pictures, the Dolan Block downtown, war history, and a collection received from Skip Whitbeck. They hope to have interactive displays as well, but the operating cost is not known yet.

Mayor Evans stated that he is also excited for this venture. Coxsackie has unique local history, and it will be great to display to visitors. He applauds the committee's effort to include the Town of Coxsackie.

Michael Rausch stated that he gave his annual report to the Town of Coxsackie in January, and they seemed receptive to having this be a joint effort. There is town history also, not just village. He is heavily involved as the Town Historian.

Hugh Quigley stated that Betty June Cure and David Dorpfeld are also valuable members on the committee.

Mayor Evans stated that the newly passed Occupancy Tax should bring in revenue, and the Village can reallocate that revenue stream to earmark for the operation of the building/museum. His hope is that the operation would be revenue neutral. Meaning that the revenue will cover the costs.

Hugh Quigley stated that the committee is receiving grant money also. He thanked the Board for their time this evening.

The Board thanked the committee members for their hard work on this project thus far.

Correspondence Received

Mayor Evans stated that the Village received a letter from New York Land and Lakes Development, LLC providing required notification that they have submitted a subdivision to the Town of Coxsackie for 3 housing developments adjacent to the Medway Reservoir. He said that he will have Mary Beth Bianconi, of Delaware Engineering, take a look at the submitted plans.

Food Pantry Agreement

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to review a draft proposal for the Food Pantry

to rent space from the Village.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on April 14th.

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Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board will meet with Village Attorney, Robert Stout, and Mary Beth Bianconi, of Delaware Engineering soon to go over the Final Environmental Impact Statement received from United Mobile Homes. He is thinking of scheduling something the night of the Board Meeting on April 14th.

Dog Park

Mayor Evans stated that the first dog park meeting was held. 15 people attended, and 8-9 have committed to serving on the Dog Park Committee. The Board received a resume from Taylor Dugan, who is interested as serving as the potential Chair of the committee.

A motion to appoint Taylor Dugan as Dog Park Committee Chairperson was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

Skate Park

Mayor Evans stated that he will be meeting Saturday, April 5th with Chris Gallagher from the Water Department, and Jake Caldwell, a local resident and teacher at the school, to talk about setting up the skate park, lessons, demos, etc.

Water & Sewer Request

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board received a request from Thomas Santillo, of 11559 State Route 9W-Unit 9, asking for a 12-month, penalty free, payment plan on his water/sewer account balance of \$3,447.35.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on April 14th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Levine. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki Berezna
Clerk