

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
BOARD MINUTES
June 9, 2025**

Mayor Mark Evans called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustee Katlyn Irwin, Trustee Rodney Levine, and Trustee Deidre Meier. Trustee Christopher Hanse was present via Zoom Video Conference.

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2025 Workshop Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. Trustee Hanse abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

Correspondence Received

A letter was received from Judy Zoller, of 10 Luke Street, regarding concerns over the closing of Luke Street for the Annual Block Party on July 12th.

An email was received from Jason Jump, Commander of the Coxsackie Yacht Club, requesting a noise variance until midnight for their Annual Party/Fundraiser on July 19th.

Liaisons & Board Reports

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board will dispense with the reading of the monthly department head reports, but that all monthly reports are on file with the Village Clerk.

Motions & Resolutions

A motion to approve the request received from Craig Alpaugh, of 98 New Street, asking for his late fees in the amount of \$10.50 to be waived from his water/sewer account, due to misplacing the bill was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the bid received in the amount of \$197,993.00 from Precision Roads for the paving of Appleblossom Lane (beginning at the intersection with Mansion Street, to the intersection with Howard Drive), Upper Ely Street (beginning at 71 Ely Street, to 80 Ely Street), Noble Street (beginning at 35 Noble Street, to 140 Noble Street), Riverside Avenue (beginning at the intersection with Mansion Street, to the intersection with Homestead Drive), and Van Dyck Street & Van Dyck Street Extension (beginning at the intersection with Mansion Street, up to, and including, Van Dyck Street Extension) was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve Local Law #2 of 2025-To Amend Chapter 155, Attachment 4-Zoning Map, of the Village Code of Coxsackie was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from the Coxsackie Yacht Club for a noise variance until midnight for their Annual Party/Fundraiser on July 19th was made by Trustee Meier and

seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the following Fire Department membership changes: D.M. Hamilton: Jeremy Boice from Active to Inactive Life member, Frank Millett from Active to Inactive Life member, Frank Lockwood from Active to Honorary, and Hose Company #3: Mark Misuraca from Honorary to Active status, Sawyer Sitcer as Active status, and Ryan Rulison as Active status was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 92025-Resolution Pursuant to New York Village Law Section 20-2006 to Appoint Peter Bryce as Temporary Assistant District Attorney for Pending County Proceeding. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The resolution passed.

A motion to approve the May 2025 monthly Treasurer's Report was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign the Final Sale Agreement of the present DPW Garage site to Kearney Development, as well as the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) with a Negative Declaration was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve water/sewer adjustments for the month of May 1-31, 2025 was made by Trustee Irwin and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills on General Fund Abstract #13, vouchers 5-52 totaling \$42,983.85; Water Fund Abstract #13, vouchers 3-30 totaling \$24,261.02; Sewer Fund Abstract #13, vouchers 380-406 totaling \$27,486.29; Heroes Banner Fund Abstract #13, voucher 28 totaling \$318.14; Owl Project Fund Abstract #13, vouchers 56-58 totaling \$453.21; and Trust & Agency Fund Abstract #13, voucher 24 totaling \$490.00 was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills on General Fund Abstract #1, vouchers 1-21 totaling \$107,145.66; Water Fund Abstract #1, vouchers 1-7 totaling \$7,516.26; and Sewer Fund Abstract #1, vouchers 1-7 totaling \$19,396.62 was made by Trustee Irwin and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

Public Comment Period

Rebecca Vermilyea, of 109 Riverside Avenue, stated that she has been continuing to experience a drainage issue on her property. The water seems to work its way down to Riverside Avenue from the McQuade Park area. She said that she understands that we have been having unprecedented rain so far this year, but it has been getting increasingly worse over the years.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village looked at doing a drainage project on Riverside Avenue last year, but ran out of available funds in the budget. He said that the Village can revisit the drainage project now that the new budget year started on 6/1. He will have the Superintendent of Public Works get new pricing for pipe etc.

Andrew Kastanos, 30 Riverside Avenue, stated that he is also looking for a catch basin to be installed near his property on Riverside Avenue. He said that he was told last fall that the work would be completed. His garage floods when it rains. The water has nowhere to go.

Mayor Evans stated that he told Mr. Kastanos that the Village would look into it so long as the funds were available. They, unfortunately, were not, due to other projects that had to be completed. Now that the new budget year has started, he will have the Superintendent of Public Works look into pricing.

Andrew Kastanos asked if he understood correctly that Riverside Avenue is scheduled to be paved this summer.

Mayor Evans stated that that is correct. However, it is only the section of Riverside Avenue from the intersection with Mansion Street, to the intersection with Homestead Drive. He agrees that the Village should look into installing the catch basin by Mr. Kastanos' house before paving begins.

Andrew Kastanos stated that there may be a possible water break on Homestead Drive also. There seems to be water that comes out of the ground there.

Mayor Evans stated that he will let the Superintendent of Public Works know.

Christopher Harvey stated that he was present to discuss drainage issues at 113 Riverside Avenue as well. The drainage on this road is a real issue. The flooding seems to originate from all of the water that comes down from Lafayette Avenue. The water is travelling down pipes that were put in by the Village years ago, but haven't been properly maintained. There also seems to be a potentially broken pipe. He said that residents in that area have been patient, but the excess water needs to be put into piping, and not just drainage ditches.

Mayor Evans stated that the new budget started on 6/1. It does seem that the Village had put those pipes in, in the past, in order to alleviate drainage issues on Riverside Avenue, but in reality, the Village's only legal responsibility when it comes to rainwater, is to transfer the water from one side of the road, to the other, without diminishing the roadway.

Christopher Harvey stated that the Village has a 10 foot right of way on Riverside Avenue in order to maintain these pipes.

Rebecca Vermilyea stated that there was never drainage issues like there are today, until the new drainage was put in from McQuade Park.

Christopher Harvey stated that his property is next to Ms. Vermilyea's property. He is just looking for the Village to come up with a solution. He can't use the property because of the amount of flooding. When researching, it is his understanding that the Village is responsible for making sure that the water is contained with a pipe, not just ditches.

Trustee Irwin stated that she is sure that everyone is aware that we have seen an unprecedented amount of rain so far this year.

Mayor Evans stated that there are unfortunately other areas of the village facing drainage issues as well.

Trustee Meier stated that her property on Luke Street is experiencing drainage issues also.

Christopher Harvey asked if the Village had any master plan to address these issues going forward. The Village set a precedent by putting in those pipes on Riverside Avenue in the first place. It is up to the Village to make sure that they are maintained.

Trustee Meier stated that this is the first time that she is hearing about this drainage issue on Riverside Avenue. However, she would like to have a discussion with the Department of Public Works in order to see about what solutions may be out there.

Mayor Evans stated that he will talk with the Superintendent of Public Works, Scott Martell, tomorrow about this issue.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board would like to present past Trustee, Donald Daoust, with a plaque, as he is present tonight. He said that he is happy to recognize Donald Daoust for his years of service. Mr. Daoust has taught him a lot over the years. He is a good friend and mentor. He is proud to have served on the Village Board with him. He read the plaque aloud which stated, "Presented To: Donald Daoust, June 9, 2025, Thank You for Your Time and Dedication to the Residents of the Village as a Trustee From 2017-2025."

No further public comments were offered.

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the resignation of past Wastewater Treatment Plant Laborer, Austin Wood, to also discuss the future banking institution for the Village, as well as the potential Police Department new hire [name withheld] was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular monthly Board Meeting at 8:25 p.m. was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki Berezna
Clerk