

Village of Coxsackie

Workshop Minutes

May 8, 2025

The Budget Work Session was called to order by Mayor Mark Evans at 6:00 p.m. Present were Trustee Katlyn Irwin, Trustee Rodney Levine, and Trustee Deidre Meier. Trustee Christopher Hanse was absent.

Correspondence Received

A letter was received from Mansion Street Development stating that they had a rental unit at 242 Mansion Street that had a running toilet, and are asking for a reduction, or payment plan, on their current water/sewer account balance of \$2,122.49.

A letter was received from Michelle Walker, of 85 Washington Avenue, requesting a waiving of late fees in the amount of \$198.60 from her water/sewer account.

A letter and inspection results were received from DEC for the annual inspection of the Wastewater Plant and West Coxsackie Pump Station.

Water & Sewer Request

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board received a request from Mansion Street Development stating that they had a rental unit at 242 Mansion Street that had a running toilet, and are asking for a reduction, or payment plan, on their current water/sewer account balance of \$2,122.49.

After deliberation, it was determined that granting a 12 month, penalty-free, payment plan, will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board received a request from Michelle Walker, of 85 Washington Avenue, requesting a waiving of late fees in amount of \$198.60 from her water/sewer account.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Town/Hose #3 MOU

Mayor Evans stated that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Coxsackie and Coxsackie Hose Company #3 is being drafted.

June Work Session and Meeting

Mayor Evans stated that he would like to move the June Workshop Meeting date back a few days. He will be away during the currently scheduled date. The new June Workshop Meeting date will be June 2nd.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Reed Street Block Parties

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board has received three requests for Block Parties. June 13th, July 12th, and September 19th.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Paving

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to seek bids on paving Riverside Avenue to Homestead Drive, Van Dyck Street and Van Dyck Street Extension, Ely Street from Church Street to the Village line, Noble Street, and Appleblossom Lane.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Sidewalk Install Reimbursement

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to consider reimbursing Paul Seney for the new sidewalk done last fall by Brady's Funeral Home. The amount would be \$11,000.00.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Zoning Adjustment

Mayor Evans stated that Joan Tailleir has requested a zoning adjustment in order to make her building all in one zone. A Public Hearing will have to be scheduled in order to adopt the Local Law to change this. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for June 9th at 6:45 p.m.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Police Department

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board has received a request from the Police Chief, Sam Mento, to hire Shamara Haggray & Jason McCanney. Shamara Haggray was present this evening, and was interviewed by the Village Board.

After deliberation, it was determined that hiring Shamara Haggray will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Summer Recreation Program

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board has received a request from the Summer Recreation Program Director, Tara Bachner, to change some of the Summer Recreation Program employees' salaries.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Hudson River Ferry

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board has received a request from the Hudson River Ferry asking to use the Village's docks on Wednesdays during the Farmers' Market, and also run

cruises on Fridays, and possibly Saturdays. They may want to leave a 25' vessel docked at the park from Wednesdays-Sundays.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Department Head Monthly Reports

The following Department heads came in at their respective scheduled times to give their monthly report: Clerk Nikki Berezna, Police Chief Samuel Mento, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ragaini, and Planning Board Chairman Robert Van Valkenburg, Jr.

The following Department heads were excused: Department of Public Works Superintendent Scott Martell, Fire Chief Stephen Salluce, Jr., Water Superintendent Adelord Preville, and Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator David Varade, Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Patricia Maxwell, and Dog Control Officer Sherry Vieta.

All Department head monthly reports are on file with the Village Clerk.

Skate/BMX Park

Mayor Evans stated that Jake Caldwell, Chris Gallagher, and his son, requested to be present tonight in order to discuss the future Skate/BMX park at McQuade Park.

Chris Gallagher stated that they are looking to pave the area where the equipment will be placed. They originally talked about fundraising in order to fund this, but they would like to put fundraising efforts towards fixing the lighting in that area of the park instead.

Mayor Evans stated that they have received a paving estimate from Precision for \$18,500.00. However, according to the Superintendent of Public Works, Scott Martell, when speaking with Precision regarding the project, they indicated that they would be willing to donate 100 tons, bringing the cost down closer to \$13,500.00. The Village is still awaiting quotes from both Callanan and Peckham. The drainage in that area is not good, which is why other things never worked out there. If paved correctly, the Village could retain the basketball court on one side, and have the other side for the Skate/BMX park.

Chris Gallagher stated that he hopes to have the park up and running by sometime in June. Jake Caldwell has also talked about hosting skate lessons.

Mayor Evans stated that putting money into lights in that area of the park may not be necessary. He would like to keep the park open from dawn until dusk. He is not sure he would like to have the park open at night.

Chris Gallagher stated that he would just like to use fundraising efforts for other things rather than paving.

Mayor Evans stated that he is in support of the project, as it gives kids in the community something to do.

Chris Gallagher stated that he would like to see a pump track around the perimeter of the area.

Trustee Levine stated that Mr. Gallagher could organize fundraising efforts in order to pay for something like that.

Mayor Evans stated that if the Board Members are in agreement, he would suggest that the Board authorizes spending up to \$15,000.00 for the paving.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on May 12th.

Mayor Evans stated that he will reach out to the Village's insurance company as well, regarding necessary signage, etc.

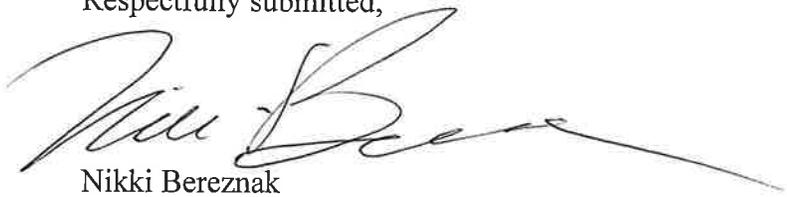
Trustee Levine stated that he would like to see a solid maintenance plan put into place for the equipment.

Jake Caldwell stated that he would like to see a club formed in order to solicit donations.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Berezna", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Nikki Berezna
Clerk