

Village of Coxsackie

Workshop Minutes

June 2, 2025

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

Correspondence Received

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

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

Water & Sewer Request

Mayor Evans stated that the Village received a request from Craig Alpaugh, of 98 New Street, asking to waive the late fee in the amount of \$10.50 from his water/sewer account, due to misplacing the bill.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on June 9th.

Banking Discussion

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to have a discussion on the future banking institution for the Village of Coxsackie.

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.

Paving

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board is seeking bids on paving 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). Bids are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6th, at which time the Clerk and DPW Superintendent will open them, and disseminate them to the Board for review before Monday's Board Meeting.

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 has been scheduled for June 9th at 6:45 p.m. in order to adopt the Local Law to change this.

Michael Ragaini, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Evans stated that Michael Ragaini, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, has sent a request to the Village Board asking to resign from his position on May 31st, and be rehired to his position on June 2nd, for NYS Retirement purposes.

A motion to approve the resignation received from Michael Ragaini as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer effective May 31, 2025 was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Levine. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve rehiring Michael Ragaini as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer effective June 2, 2025 was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. The motion carried.

Fireworks

Mayor Evans stated that the Village originally had a request for fireworks at the Wire Event Center on June 17th from Santore Fireworks, which was sent to the Board Members and ultimately approved. Then, a few days later, they cancelled. Last Wednesday, the Village received a request from Young Explosives, the same company that the Village hires to do the Riverside Festival fireworks, asking to have a fireworks display on June 7th at the Wire Event Center. Two days later, Santore Fireworks reached out stating that they would like to reinstate their original request for June 17th. The Board needs to discuss this. While the Village has the Fireworks Policy, it is silent on the number of displays allowed. He feels that once a month is enough. He thinks that having two within a week will really get people upset.

A motion to approve revising the Fireworks Policy to include the following: "There shall be no more than 2 fireworks displays per calendar month issued for the same location", and "Fireworks displays may not occur within 14 days of another scheduled event", was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Levine. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the application received from Young Explosives to have a fireworks display on Saturday, June 7th at the Wire Event Center was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to deny the application received from Santore Fireworks requesting to have a fireworks display on Tuesday, June 17th at the Wire Event Center was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. The motion carried.

Riverside Park Docks Sign

Mayor Evans stated that there are still several businesses that have not paid, since last fall, for promoting their business on the Riverside Park docks sign. The Board needs to discuss how to proceed.

Riverside Park Cameras

Mayor Evans stated that the Village has about \$20,000.00 in grant money that the Police Department received last year, that is earmarked for cameras in Riverside Park. He said that the

Village will start looking for potential vendors.

Coxsackie Yacht Club

Mayor Evans stated that the Village received a request from the Coxsackie Yacht Club asking for a noise variance until midnight on July 19th, for their Annual Party/Fundraiser.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on June 9th.

Dog Violation Prosecution Resolution

Mayor Evans stated that there is a dog case that has to be prosecuted, and it was moved to Athens court. The Village Attorney, Rob Stout, needs a Resolution approved for authorization for his firm to represent the Village.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be added as an agenda item at the next Board Meeting on June 9th.

United Mobile Homes (UMH)

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to review the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Findings Statement Draft for potential approval at the next Board Meeting.

Fire Department Membership Changes

Mayor Evans stated that the Village been made aware of Fire Department membership changes. For D.M. Hamilton, Jeremy Boice has changed his status from Active to Inactive Life member, Frank Millett has changed his status from Active to Inactive Life member, and Frank Lockwood has changed his status from Active to honorary. Mayor Evans stated that he thinks there are also membership changes from Hose Company #3. He will reach out to get any information before the Board Meeting to act on.

Department Head Monthly Reports

The following Department heads came in at their respective scheduled times to give their monthly report: Clerk Nikki Berezna.

The following Department heads were excused: Department of Public Works Superintendent Scott Martell, Police Chief Samuel Mento, Fire Chief Stephen Salluce, Jr., Water Superintendent Adelord Preville, and Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator David Varade, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ragaini, Planning Board Chairman Robert Van Valkenburg, Jr., Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Patricia Maxwell, and Dog Control Officer Sherry Vieta.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Berezna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nikki Berezna
Clerk