

Village of Coxsackie

Workshop Minutes

July 10, 2025

The Workshop Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Evans at 6:15 p.m. Present were Trustee Christopher Hanse, Trustee Rodney Levine, and Trustee Deidre Meier.

**Correspondence Received**

A letter was received from Attorney Matthew Griesemer of the Hudson Valley Law Partners, representing Piedmont Development Group and Hugh Horner, who own 18 Riverside Avenue, asking the Board to consider re-zoning the location so it can be used for short-term rental, or grandfather the location in order to do so.

An email was received from Don Rittner asking if the Village would consider a coordinated fireworks display for the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.

Trustee Katlyn Irwin arrived at 6:20 p.m.

**Comprehensive Plan**

Mayor Evans stated that the contract with Lisa Nagle's company, EDR, has been signed. The Board needs to determine which Board Members, and who from the public, gets put on the Comprehensive Plan Board.

**Police Applicant**

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to have a discussion on the most recent potential Police Department applicant.

**Fire Department**

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to have a discussion on various items, including repairing or removing the fence at the Firemen's Memorial, looking into a detailed Training Plan, the accident with a Hose Company #3 member's car, which was struck while on a call, a complaint received against a Fire Department member, and a complaint received against a member of D.M. Hamilton.

**18 Riverside Avenue**

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to consider the re-zoning request received for this location so that it can be used for short-term rental, or grandfather this location in order to allow it to do so.

After deliberation, it was determined that this will be denied at the next Board Meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**J. Wase Construction**

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to consider payment of \$5,000.00 for the makeup of the prevailing wage that the contractor had to pay for construction of the McQuade Pavilion.

### **Bobcat Machine**

Mayor Evans stated that the current leased Bobcat is running out after 5 years, and the Village has a \$1.00 buyout, and can turn it in for credit against a new leased machine. They have received a new lease agreement, which shows the same amount as the Village has been paying. The new lease agreement with Robert H. Finke & Sons, Inc. is for a S76 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader in the total amount of \$58,265.75

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

### **New Police Department Car**

Mayor Evans stated that Police Chief Samuel Mento wants to propose purchasing a new P.D. car. If you recall, this was not included in the budget, and the Board told him that it would be addressed later. He said that the Village can go out to bond for the 2024 Dodge Durango (WDEE75) Pursuit AWD Police Department car in the total amount of \$64,475.37.

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

### **Pro Housing Resolution**

Mayor Evans stated that many months ago, the Village agreed to pursue the Pro Housing initiative, as much of the grant money available now requires this. However, this fell through the cracks, so the Village needs to pass a Resolution to get this jump started.

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

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 6:51 p.m. 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.

A motion to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular Workshop Meeting at 7:09 p.m. was made by Trustee Irwin and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

### **Department Head Monthly Reports**

The following Department heads came in at their respective scheduled times to give their monthly report: Clerk Nikki Berezna, Department of Public Works Superintendent Scott Martell, Police Chief Samuel Mento, Water Superintendent Adelord Preville, Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator David Varade, Planning Board Chairman Robert Van Valkenburg, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ragaini, Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Patricia Maxwell, and Fire Chief Stephen Salluce, Jr.

The following Department heads were excused: Dog Control Officer Sherry Vieta.

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

Trustee Katlyn Irwin left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Trustee Katlyn Irwin joined the meeting via Zoom Video Conference at 7:45 p.m.

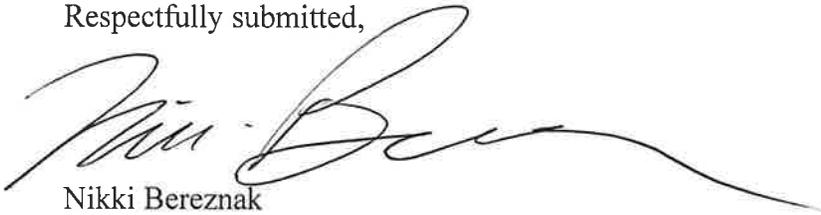
A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues within the Fire Department was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to close the Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. and return to the regular Workshop Meeting 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 adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Berezna", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Nikki Berezna  
Clerk