

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
BOARD MINUTES
September 8, 2025**

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2025 Workshop Meeting was made by Trustee Meier 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 August 11, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. Trustee Irwin abstained. The motion carried.

Public Comment Period-Agenda Items Only

Janet Foley asked if there was going to be scheduled Public Hearings for the occupancy tax laws.

Mayor Evans stated that there were just two Public Hearings before tonight's meeting, that started at 6:30. However, the Public Hearings will remain open until next month's Board Meeting. You can submit written comment by sending it to the Village Clerk. There were two separate laws that the Board was considering passing. The law that was passed by the State Legislature, and signed by the Governor, is not very clear on how the Village would go through the collection of the taxes. It is very ambiguous. The Village Attorney, Robert Stout, felt that the way it was written, it would be prudent to have two separate laws. One for Short-Term Rentals, and one for hotels. In further discussions over the last few days, the Village Attorney reached out to the Village of Catskill's Attorney, who received similar approval through the Legislature, and they have still not passed an occupancy tax yet, because they are also unsure how to have the wording in the laws. He researched several other cities and towns that have an occupancy tax, as well as spoke to a gentleman who helped draft the bill that was passed by the Legislature, who now works for the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM), and he came back to the Board stating that he now feels that these two local laws should be combined into one document. So, the Public Hearings were tonight on the two separate laws, but the Village Attorney is going to combine the law into one consolidated document, the Board will leave the Public Hearings open until the October Board Meeting date, as soon as the Board receives a draft of the new local law, it will be reposted, and there will be an opportunity to review it at the next meeting.

Correspondence Received

A Thank You card was received from Carolyn Yusko, on behalf of the Coxsackie Athens Area Seniors, thanking the Village for their annual budgeted donation.

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 deny the request for Short-Term Rental Variance received from Rosemarie Crow, for 138 South River Street, to allow it to be used for a short-term rental 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 awarding the bid received from Arold Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$5,747,700.00 for the construction of two water tanks, with a total storage capacity of 1.815 million gallons 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 awarding the bid received from O'Connell Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the electrical work in relation to the Water Tank Construction project 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 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Hose Company #3 Firehouse Bay Lease Agreement renewal 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 request received from Hose Company #3 to have a Halloween Parade on October 25th, with a parade route of Village Hall, 119 Mansion Street, to the Hose Company #3 firehouse, Bailey Street, and having Mansion Street shut down from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., and Bailey Street shut down from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 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 re-appointing Hannah Kastanos as Historic Preservation Commission Member, with a term of 9/2025-9/2026 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 quote received from Ferguson in the amount of \$26,421.73 for the replacement of 100 3G water meter registers with 100 Allegro water meter registers, necessary software, hardware, and FCC license 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 adoption of the Village of Coxsackie Employee Related FOIL Policy 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 August 2025 monthly Treasurer's Report 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 water/sewer adjustments for the month of August 1-31, 2025 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 bills on General Fund Abstract #4, vouchers 172-224 totaling \$274,860.96; Water Fund Abstract #4, vouchers 76-107 totaling \$146,448.07; Sewer Fund Abstract #4, vouchers 76-101 totaling \$51,207.19; Capital Projects Fund Abstract #4, voucher 5 totaling \$3,945.00; Heroes Banner Fund Abstract #4, vouchers 29-34 totaling \$1,200.00; Owl Project Fund Abstract #4, voucher 63 totaling \$252.00; and Trust & Agency Fund Abstract #4, voucher 6 totaling \$735.00 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

Mayor Evans stated that the Treasurer, Brittney Brockett, let the Board know that she was notified by the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) that our annual approximate amount due of \$170,000.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, has been reduced to approximately \$7,000.00 due to having unexpended project funds. He is not sure why it took them so long to apply the unexpended funds, as the project has been concluded for a while, but it is good news that those funds will be available in the Sewer Fund.

Trustee Hanse stated that these funds will assist in repairing the ventilation in the Wastewater Treatment Plant, that Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, David Varade, mentioned during last week's Workshop Meeting.

Mayor Evans stated that he will let Mr. Varade know to proceed with those repairs. This is something that needs to be repaired anyway, but now with the available funds it makes things a little easier.

Patty Stockman, on behalf of Rosemarie Craw, asked for clarification on whether or not Rosemarie Craw's Short-Term Rental Variance request was denied.

Mayor Evans stated that Ms. Craw's Short-Term Rental Variance request was denied.

Patty Stockman asked if there would be a point in time where this request would be discussed again.

Mayor Evans stated that if ever the Board feels that a mistake was made, or the sentiment of the Board has changed, laws could be revisited, and changes could be made. There have been adjustments made over the years.

Janet Foley asked if there is a next step that Ms. Craw could take.

Mayor Evans stated that he could check with the Village Attorney and get back to her. He is not really sure what a next step could be. With the other requests that have come before the Board, the Board has voted no, and there was no process afterwards. There was one about 2 months ago from Riverside Avenue, that was outside of the allowable Zoning Districts. The owner made a plea to the Board, but the Board felt that they should stick with what was decided as part of the Local Law in 2023. He will check with the Village Attorney.

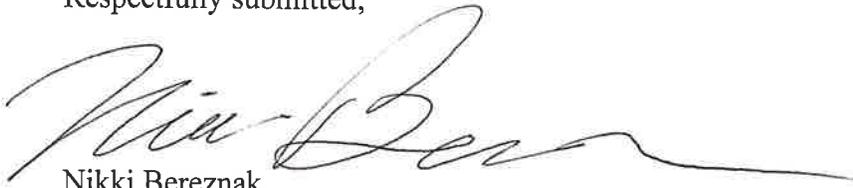
Mayor Evans stated that he wants to inform the public about a couple of reminders. The Farmers' Markets are winding down. The last one is on October 1st. The Music in the Park program has concluded this past Sunday. The Riverside Festival is coming up on Saturday, September 20th, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Fireworks will be around 8:30 or so. The Dog Park is coming to a finish. The Dog Park Committee has decided to have a Grand Opening on Saturday, October 4th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will hopefully be a lot of vendors there, demonstrations, such as the Greene County Sheriff's Department K-9 demonstration, and they are hoping to get Steve Capporizzo, formerly from Channel 10, there. The actual ribbon cutting will be at noon. All of the different entities that have contributed, or helped with the project, are invited. Hopefully they will have good weather. The pavilion that was donated by Delaware Engineering has been put up. He said that the public can feel free to drive in and take a look. It is Amish built, and is very, very solid. It really adds a nice feature to the park.

No further public comments were offered.

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Nikki Berezna
Clerk