

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE  
BOARD MINUTES  
November 10, 2025**

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2025 Workshop Meeting was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2025 Special Meeting was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Levine. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

**Correspondence Received**

A letter was received from Delaware Engineering on costs related to the latest submission for Lead Service Lines.

A letter was received from the NYS DEC on a Tank Inspection at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, citing the need for labeling and a chlorine tank gauge.

An email was received from Dawn King, of 112 Riverside Avenue, asking for the waiving of her Tax bill penalty amount of \$129.58, due to a Tax bill mailing address mix up.

**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 Dawn King, of 112 Riverside Avenue, asking for the waiving of her Tax bill penalty in the amount of \$129.58, due to a Tax bill mailing address mix up was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve renewing the MVP EPO Silver 8 HDHP health insurance plan for employees was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve up to \$12,500 in grant money for Catskill Security Systems for the placing of cameras at Riverside Park, pending NYS Parks approval was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve appointing Rose Evans as head of the Dog Park Committee was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted

yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve issuing a \$250.00 annual stipend for both Shelley Pascuzzi and Stefanie Sitzer, as Riverside Festival Chairpersons was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve reimbursing Eric Voellm \$825.00, which is 25% of the cost of the replacement of his slate sidewalk, with concrete sidewalks was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. Mayor Evans abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received for a Jet Ski Event to be held at Riverside Park on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from the YMCA to hold their Polar Plunge on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., at Riverside Park was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from the Regional Food Bank to hold their Thanksgiving Food giveaway on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Village Hall parking lot was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Village of Coxsackie Video/Picture Filming Policy was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve Fireworks contract for July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with Young Explosives, with the amount to be determined in next year's budget was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve hiring Melissa Fitzpatrick as a Crossing Guard was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

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

A motion to approve the Coxsackie Christmas by the River event to be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Coxsackie Fire Department Parade of Lights to be held on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, with line up on Kings Road at 6:00 p.m., and step off at 7:00 p.m., with a parade route of proceeding down Mansion Street to Reed Street was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motions to approve the water/sewer adjustments for the month of October 2025 was made by Trustee Hanse and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. Mayor Evans abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills on General Fund Abstract #6, vouchers 311-363 totaling \$87,300.82; Water Fund Abstract #6, vouchers 149-167 totaling \$47,482.93; Sewer Fund Abstract #6, vouchers 138-158 totaling \$71,014.71; and Capital Projects Fund Abstract #6, voucher 7 totaling \$46,901.50 was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Hanse. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

### **Public Comment Period**

Corina Loubier, of Sunset Boulevard, presented the Village Board with a letter regarding persistent speeding and pedestrian safety concerns on Sunset Boulevard. She said that they are looking for solutions. The speeding around the village, but particularly on Sunset Boulevard, has gotten much worse. They don't know, at this point, what to do next. There are big trucks such as tractor trailers, Fed Ex, and UPS, that come down that road, heading to wherever they are bringing deliveries, and are going way too fast. It's not just the big trucks. Ducommon employees are coming down at lunchtime, and after work, and it happens to be the same time that kids are getting out of school. The traffic and speeding is just beyond crazy. There has to be a solution of something, whether it be signs, or flashing signs like Greenville school has. She knows that it is way too expensive to put in speed cameras, but there must be something that can be done.

Loretta Martin asked if speed bumps could be put in.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village could look into speed bumps, but the issue becomes in the wintertime with plowing. However, he has seen some permanent speed bumps in Bethlehem, but they are very wide, and if you go over them too fast, you would bottom your car out. It's an option. He thinks that they are designed in that way so that the plows can negotiate over them, as opposed to the smaller ones.

Corina Loubier stated that she has experienced a similar speeding situation in another school district in Beacon, and everywhere where there was an opening to the school, or fields, they put a stop sign to slow down the traffic going to the school on the same road. There were several stop signs put up every so many feet, and it slowed the traffic down. You may not have to do something that drastic in this case, but an idea like that could help. Right now, there are school employees with vests on, stopping traffic to let the buses out. It may work. She isn't sure about getting State or County approval.

Mayor Evans stated that Sunset Boulevard is a Village owned road, unlike Washington Avenue and Mansion Street, which is State owned. On those streets, the Village has to get permission before doing anything. That is a very interesting idea. He has not heard that suggested before.

Trustee Hanse stated that he thinks that that is a great idea.

Trustee Meier stated that she agrees with Trustee Hanse. She has children in that school, and she sees the traffic when picking up her kids, and she couldn't agree with Ms. Loubier's complaint of speeding more. She witnessed when there was a child that was struck by a vehicle in the crosswalk, illustrating the real danger of current conditions there.

Corina Loubier stated that people not yielding to crosswalks is not just on Sunset Boulevard, but all around this village. On Halloween night, she was standing in the road stopping traffic so that they could cross at the church corners. There were about 25 people trying to cross the road, and

nobody was letting them cross.

Trustee Meier stated that she has noticed that it is getting progressively worse. She thinks that part of the problem around the school is that there are a lot of young drivers.

Joseph Loubier stated that that has always been a right of passage though, having young drivers around the school. They have been there for 32 years. There have always been new, young, drivers that want to show off, and drive too fast. He has had some discussions with them, with some of them not being so kind, and he has lost his nerve with that.

Corina Loubier stated that even during the football game the other night, they came home to find new skid marks in front of their house, so you know that somebody was doing something that they shouldn't have been doing. She has videos on her phone of kids drag racing on Sunset Boulevard.

Loretta Martin stated that it is not just kids. Some of the school bus drivers are going way too fast as well.

Trustee Meier stated that she sees that where she lives on Luke Street as well. The bus just takes off. She understands that they are trying to keep on schedule, but they also have to be safe.

Corina Loubier stated that this isn't related to Sunset Boulevard, and she is not 100% sure what the law is, but she knows that you can't park so many feet from a crosswalk, and when you go at lunchtime by Griffin's market on Mansion Street, there are often big trucks blocking that pedestrian crosswalk, and you can't see if there is somebody waiting to cross until it's too late. There has to be some enforcement around there so that people will stop doing it.

Joseph Loubier stated that that is one of their main reasons for coming here tonight, so that there is some kind of action taken to send a message that this isn't going to be tolerated.

Mayor Evand stated that with Mansion Street being repaved, people are now driving on it like it's the Daytona 500, and in the last week and a half, he has asked the Police Department to really step up speed enforcement, regardless of whether or not it is a village resident. Normally, they are always really hesitant to give tickets to village residents. As of the end of last week, Sgt. Robertson has written tickets for 45 mph, 47 mph, 55 mph, and today he got someone going through town at 60 mph. The guy was driving a nice, big, red Cadillac, and claimed that he thought the speed limit through the village was 60 mph.

Corina Loubier stated that there have been some pickup trucks coming in and out of Flach's apartments doing 60 mph too.

Mayor Evans stated that he would like to talk to the Village's Engineers. He knows that there is an engineering firm called Creighton Manning, who are traffic experts. A couple of years ago when the

James Newbury Hotel and the Wire Event Center were being built, they were required to do a traffic study, and Creighton Manning was the ones who did that traffic study. Maybe it's time the Board has them come down and take a look at the problem areas, and make recommendations on speed bumps, stop signs, signage, etc. He has no problem doing something, but the Board is not traffic experts. They are shooting in the dark on things they think might work. He is sure that these engineers have come across similar situations in other communities.

Corina Loubier stated that right now it is winter sports at the school, so kids are inside, but during soccer season, they were playing right by the edge of that road, and the ball would go across the street, and kids were crossing constantly to pick up a ball. During softball you have all

of the kids running around the bleachers playing. There are kids all along the road. That's a problem right there. The Village did a great job by putting "No Parking" on that section of the street, so kids are at least seen. Before, you could never see if a kid was there.

Mayor Evans stated that it worked well until flag football, when people decided that they were not going to park on the street, but pull onto the school property. The quick fix was putting up yellow Police tape, which solved the problem for the remaining few weeks of the season.

Corina Loubier stated that there is enough parking at the school, people are just too lazy to walk.

Mayor Evans stated that the Board will talk, but he thinks that the best course of action will be to get the experts down here and have them take a look at it. Again, the Board Members are not engineers or traffic people, but he knows where to go to find the right people.

Corina Loubier asked if the Village maybe could ensure more Police presence.

Mayor Evans stated that he will talk with the Police Department. He thanked the residents for their feedback.

Don Hamley stated that he would like to apologize if he said anything in any communications or texts that offended anybody. His interests kind of overlap with what the Loubier's and Martin's spoke about tonight. His concern deals with crosswalks and safety. When coming out of Sunset Boulevard onto Washington Avenue, there are people that park on the corner, making it hard to see down the road. He has been talking to law enforcement about this for months, and he was told that they didn't know what the footage was for how far away someone must be parked from the crosswalk. On October 9<sup>th</sup>, he was driving back from dropping his kid off at school, and a guy was parking in the crosswalk as kids were already trying to cross the street. The guy is always parked a foot or 2 away from the crosswalk. The law states that you cannot be parked within 20 feet of the edge of a crosswalk. Just last week, he was coming through, and a woman with a few kids and a dog were trying to squeeze between the two parked cars, and she grabbed the one kid's hood just in time, before stepping into the crosswalk into traffic, that cannot see them trying to cross. He has talked to NYS DOT about it, and someone asked him what his interest is in this. His interest is that he is a local, he goes to church here in the village, and you are supposed to worry about your neighbors, and are supposed to be concerned with people around you. Whenever he drives by that crosswalk, two cars are parked within 2 feet of the crosswalk. Also, with the tree there, you cannot see trying to pull out. He appreciates the Board's time, but he doesn't understand why the law enforcement doesn't want to enforce this for some reason. He just doesn't get it. He already heard from NYS DOT that there does not need to be a sign there. Just like you don't need a sign to be told that you cannot park on a sidewalk, or in front of a fire hydrant.

Corina Loubier stated that maybe people don't know that you can't park right up to a crosswalk.

Mayor Evans stated that he and Mr. Hamley have had many exchanges, and he appreciates and accepts his apology, and understands his concern. It's a little inexplicable. He has the law in front of him. Both Mansion Street and Washington Avenue are NYS highways. The Village has no control over what is done with these two roads. People were up in arms when they went to be paved, and they called him complaining that they cannot park on the street, they have no off-street parking, etc. He made many arrangements for people to park elsewhere during that time. He fully understands what Mr. Hamley is saying, but it's a situation where it is inexplicable why the NYS DOT won't put markings or signage. The Village Police Department will not enforce it without signage, because people don't know that law. He happens to know the law because he researched it and looked it up, and it was provided to him by the NYS DOT. On the same token, he doesn't think that most people know. In the village, any place that you see that is "No

Parking”, or there is “Handicapped Parking”, you can go and look those places up in the Village Code. It is actually spelled out in the Village Code, because it has to be so that the Village Police Department can enforce it. In this case, it is in the State law, which is fine, but again, when the Village Police Department enforces somebody parking in a “Handicapped Parking” spot without a tag, or a “No Parking” area, they go back and can reference the Village Code directly. It is labeled clearly. Why the NYS DOT wouldn’t go and label the crosswalks, he has no idea. Thus, there is a situation where the NYS law says that you cannot park within 20 feet of the crosswalk, but the Village has had many tickets dismissed because they were written, but it wasn’t in the Code. Years ago, someone would come to the Village Board and say that they think that there should be “No Parking” here, and the Board would agree and throw signs up. Well, the Police would go to enforce it, and would come back and it is not spelled out in the Code. The Village has had tickets that have gone all of the way before a Judge, and they get dismissed. He is afraid that if they start doing that, they are just going to create a situation where tickets are getting issued, and they are getting dismissed, which is not going to do anyone any good. The Village can certainly make an appeal to the NYS DOT to do something. Maybe there is some other way to handle it. He was told by NYS DOT already that they are not putting any signs up, and they are not doing any hashmarks, even though they put the crosswalk in. He can write a letter to the Regional Traffic people that are above the local NYS DOT. He can try that. Short of that, it would be up to this Board to decide to spend Village taxpayer dollars to put up signs, or do hashmarks, etc. It wouldn’t be exorbitantly costly, but it wouldn’t be cheap either. That is something the Board will have to discuss. Mr. Hamley has made a good point, and he has witnessed this himself, that when you come down Sunset Boulevard, and there are cars parked on the left-hand side, you cannot see trying to pull out. So, what the Board is probably going to have to do is put “No Parking” between the first and second telephone pole on Washington Avenue. So that you have sight distance. They had to deal with this on the church corners as well.

Don Hamley asked why it is different at the church corners, then further down Washington Avenue.

Mayor Evans stated that it is not really. The Board just hasn’t had a chance to do it yet. Understand that if the Board wants to designate “No Parking” on that little piece of Washington Avenue by Sunset Boulevard, you cannot just go and pass it. The Board has to first have the Village Attorney draft a law, then a Public Hearing needs to be scheduled, then the Board can vote on it, and it then gets filed with the Department of State. It’s a minimum two-month process. It’s pretty straightforward, but it’s a process that you have to go through. The Board cannot just pass it. The Board will have to talk about it, and maybe reach out to those in charge in DOT above the local level.

Don Hamley asked if he should just lay low for a little bit.

Mayor Evans asked Mr. Hamley to let the Village Board try to work on the issue.

Don Hamley stated that he doesn’t mind giving the Village Board some time to work on it, but he’s not going to forget about the issue.

Mayor Evans stated that he understands, but there’s not always a solution either. He has learned that over the years.

Joseph Loubier stated that he was very impressed when vacationing in Florida. They had solar powered crosswalk signs. When someone hits the button, it would start flashing all around the sign, and cars would stop. He wonders why that can’t be done in our area. The flashing definitely grabs your attention.

Mayor Evans stated that if they are solar powered, then it is not a big deal. If they are powered in some other way, then it is a big deal, because now you are talking burying electric to it. He does see, when coming down Mansion Street, with the flashing lights activated at 34 on the speed sign in front of the Village Building, that people hit their brakes and slow down.

Joseph Loubier stated that that was another proposal mentioned in their letter to the Board, in order to try and deter speeding.

Mayor Evans stated that he is still not sure how effective the speed signs are. He thinks that some people do slow down, and others just go past it.

Louis Martin stated that he is here on behalf of the Coxsackie American Legion Post 166, and he just wanted to say thank you to the Board for their continued support of the Hometown Heroes Banners, and the Field of Flags, and they wouldn't be able to do it without their assistance. He also thanked the Highway Department for their assistance.

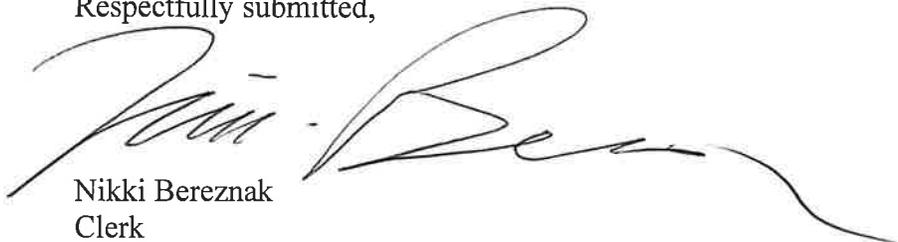
Mayor Evans stated that the Board appreciates the work that the American Legion and the Hometown Heroes committee has done. He thinks that the community really appreciates it, and really enjoys it. He also stated that he will be unable to attend the ceremony at the World War 1 monument at the church corners tomorrow, but he will make sure that they have a Police Officer there for traffic control by 11:00 a.m.

No further public comments were offered.

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier 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", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Nikki Berezna  
Clerk