

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

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2025 Workshop 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 abstained. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 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.

Correspondence Received

A letter was received from Janet Dolan, of 50 Mansion Street, requesting a waiving of the late fee from her water/sewer account in the amount of \$13.44, due to the Post Office delivering the bill late.

A letter was received from Joe & Maria Failla, of 108 Ely Street, requesting a waiving of the late fee from their water/sewer account in the amount of \$85.26, due to missing the payment date since they were out of town.

A letter was received from Bridgette Fontaine, of 287 Mansion Street, requesting a waiving of the late fee from her water/sewer account in the amount of \$18.77, due to her automatic payment with her bank not properly processing.

A letter was received from Walter Cole, of 289 Mansion Street, requesting consideration on his water/sewer bill, due to excessive water use because of a furnace malfunction.

Correspondence Sent

A letter was sent to Greene County Real Property Tax Service for unpaid taxes and unpaid water/sewer bills.

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 Janet Dolan, of 50 Mansion Street, requesting a waiving of the late fee from her water/sewer account in the amount of \$13.44, due to the Post Office delivering the bill date was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. 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 Joe & Maria Failla, of 108 Ely Street, requesting a waiving of the late fee from their water/sewer account in the amount of \$85.26, due to missing the payment date since they were out of town was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by

Trustee Irwin. 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 Bridgette Fontaine, of 287 Mansion Street, requesting a waiving of the late fee from her water/sewer account in the amount of \$18.77, due to her automatic payment with her bank not properly processing was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. 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 Alissa Jewett, on behalf of Diane Jewett, of 54 Mansion Street, Apt. 2, requesting a waiving of the late fee from her water/sewer account in the amount \$189.04 was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve promoting Police Officer Francis Harris to Police Sergeant was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve promoting Water Plant Operator Chris Gallagher to Water Superintendent was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve contacting Creighton-Manning Engineers for consultation on speed issues on Sunset Boulevard, and parking/setback issues at Mansion Street & Washington Avenue was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve sending a letter to the NYS DOT Regional Traffic Engineer, requesting the DOT to provide signs, striping, or both, for all of the crosswalks they installed, to comply with the 20 ft. setback per law was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the contract with The Ultimates band for a July 4th celebration at Riverside Park was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

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

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 132025-Standard Workday and Reporting for Appointed Officials. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The resolution passed.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 142025-Standard Workday and Reporting for Elected Officials. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. Trustee Levine abstained. The resolution passed.

A motion to approve the water/sewer adjustments for the month of November 2025 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 bills on General Fund Abstract #7, vouchers 364-421 totaling \$175,271.72; Water Fund Abstract #7, vouchers 168-211 totaling \$86,902.48; Sewer Fund Abstract #7, vouchers 159-187 totaling \$47,429.15; Owl Project Fund Abstract #7, voucher 72 totaling \$17.97; and Trust & Agency Fund Abstract #7, vouchers 7-8 totaling \$3,229.50 was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Hanse voted yes. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Evans swore in Francis Harris as Police Sergeant.

Mayor Evans swore in Christopher Gallagher as Water Superintendent.

Public Comment Period

Sherry Vieta, Dog Control Officer, stated that she was asked to be present tonight in order to give some updates regarding recent NYS mandates she learned about during a recent training session she attended. The State is requesting Dog Control Officers to physically assess any dogs picked up and fill out a form that gets submitted to the shelter upon dropping off the dog. Performing a physical assessment of the dog is something that was always done anyway, but now that Dog Control Officers are attesting that the dog is in a certain state or condition, and signing their name to the paperwork, there are some concerns. She brought up an example of finding a dog that otherwise looks healthy, not knowing that it might have eaten something out of a garbage can, etc., and complications arise later after filling out the form. She would hope that the Dog Control Officer is not somehow held liable. She talked about the process of picking up a dog, and if the owner is not found through social media, etc., taking the dog to the Columbia-Greene Humane Society. The dogs are housed at the Village's expense, so it is up to the Village to re-coup the costs from the dog owner, once discovered. She raised another issue with the abandonment of dogs. When a dog is abandoned, the shelter does not charge fees to the owner. So, it is up to the Police Department to issue a ticket to the owners, so that the Village can go after them.

The Board Members thanked Sherry Vieta for her time.

Gavin Hanse stated that he, as well as some other residents he has spoken to, do not like the colorful Christmas lights in front of the Village Building. He prefers the snowflake lights that are elsewhere throughout the village.

Trustee Meier stated that years ago, the public indicated that they were bored with the snowflakes and wanted something new. The decorative pole lights are quite costly. So, they are not getting rid of them now.

Gavin Hanse asked if maybe the colorful lights could be dispersed throughout the village at least, instead of all of them being put out in front of the Village Building.

Trustee Irwin stated that the other issue with the snowflakes is that the bulbs don't seem to last long. It felt like they were always in need of replacement.

Mayor Evans stated that the Board budgets for a few replacement decorative pole lights per year. They are quite expensive.

Gavin Hanse stated that he just feels like they are cramped out front and should be spaced out throughout the village. He asked if the Town of Coxsackie contributes towards the lights.

Mayor Evans stated that the Town does not contribute towards the lights.

The Board Members thanked Mr. Hanse for his suggestion, and stated that they will consider his recommendation when working on the Budget for next year.

No further public comments were offered.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 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