

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
BOARD MINUTES
February 9, 2026**

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2026 Workshop Meeting was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 Board Meeting was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Irwin. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

Correspondence Received

A letter was received from Agriculture and Markets stating that the Village's municipal shelter inspection received a satisfactory report.

An email was received from Sal Bevilacqua, of 254 Mansion Street, requesting consideration to credit sewer charges in the amount of \$899.26, due to a broken pipe in the basement, and none of the water from this incident entering the sewer system.

A letter was received from Capital Bicycle Racing Club requesting permission to hold the Annual Brinkerhoff Memorial Bicycle Races on April 11th & May 2nd, and requesting the assistance of the Coxsackie Police Department for traffic control.

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 Sal Bevilacqua, of 254 Mansion Street, requesting consideration to credit sewer charges in the amount of \$899.26, due to a broken pipe in the basement, and none of the water from this incident entering the sewer system was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the request received from Morgan Rocco, of 47 Terry Lane, requesting a 6-month, penalty-free, payment plan in order to pay down their water/sewer account balance of \$448.80 was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Proposal received from Creighton Manning in the amount of \$7,000.00 for traffic analysis of Sunset Boulevard was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Proposal received from Creighton Manning in the amount of \$9,300.00 for traffic analysis of Mansion Street/Washington Avenue/Lafayette Avenue was made by

Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve hiring Tina O'Brien as Part-Time Code Enforcement Secretary was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the bid received from W.M. J. Kellar & Sons Construction in the amount of \$3,836,336.50 for the Wastewater Collection System Project, per the recommendation from Delaware Engineering, was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement with the Town of New Baltimore was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Annual Brinkerhoff Memorial Bicycle Races on April 11th & May 2nd, with assistance of the Coxsackie Police Department for traffic control was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Coxsackie and Delaware Engineering for the Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) Improvement Project was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the January 2026 monthly Treasurer's Report was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the water/sewer adjustments for the month of January 2026 was made by Trustee Irwin and seconded by Trustee Meier. 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 #9, vouchers 513-575 totaling \$177,678.62; Water Fund Abstract #9, vouchers 255-289 totaling \$101,889.57; Sewer Fund Abstract #9, vouchers 225-256 totaling \$94,341.54; Owl Project Fund Abstract #9, vouchers 73-76 totaling \$7,654.84; and Trust & Agency Fund Abstract #9, voucher 11 totaling \$2,232.50 was made by Trustee Irwin and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Irwin voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

Abstract #7 Voided Check #1022 (Water) \$1,196.00 payable to Easter Reliability

Public Comment Period

Mayor Evans stated that he has been trying to keep everyone updated on the progress of the Coxsackie Comprehensive Plan update. Things are moving forward. There is a website set up that will be shared on the Village website, and there is a draft community participation plan. He said that there is a small group including himself, Trustee Hanse, both Shane Pilato and Rick Hanse from the Town of Coxsackie, and April Ernst from the Greene IDA, that will take part in weekly calls just for management purposes of keeping the process moving. Then, the public participation part will start fairly quickly. The Village will make sure that that is publicized well on the Village Facebook page and website. There will be a series of stakeholder meetings as well for businesses and professionals. There will be a series of meetings starting up that will all be

open to the public. People will be encouraged to be a part of the process, and submit their input. He said that Charlotte Carter is present tonight to talk about the success of the Cocksackie Area Food Pantry.

Charlotte Carter, of the Cocksackie Area Food Pantry, gave an overview of the 2025 season for the Cocksackie Area Food Pantry, including operational overview, financial updates, infrastructure and capacity building, the volunteer program, challenges and solutions, community impact and success stories, initiatives, goals for 2026, and requests for Board action. She said that once again, the Food Pantry has shown growth in their financial status, infrastructure, and operations. They gained several new volunteers, expanded their community partnerships, and helped build alliances within the Greene County Food Security Coalition. They served an average of 187 households each month, feeding a total of 5,690 people for 7-12 days, and distributed a total of 70,257 pounds of food at a cost of \$40,465 from the Regional Food Bank. They also received and distributed additional food and supplies from other sources, including Tops Market, and local producers. She said that food insecurity has increased in our communities, and food prices continue to rise. A family foundation awarded them \$15,000 for capacity building projects, including a utility sink, and a walk-in freezer. In the fall, the same foundation unexpectedly provided an additional \$7,500 for food. The Regional Food Bank again chose Cocksackie as a site for their mass Thanksgiving distribution. At least two County journalists attended and published positive stories. She said that they exceeded their fiscal goal of \$50,000 by year-end 2025. They also gathered surveys from patrons, and the results will be correlated in the next quarter, and a second survey will be distributed to their volunteers. As an emergency food provider, they have no limits on pantry use, so their figures capture the total number of services provided, not just the 296 unique households served. For 2025, they averaged 187 households, 150 children, 220 adults, 113 elders, and 65 home deliveries. With growing food insecurity, they have been seeing more new patrons, and hearing stories about more complicated and precarious financial situations. They buy most of their food from the Regional Food Bank. They averaged 5,855 pounds of food, costing \$3,372, purchased from the Regional Food Bank. They also received 42,727 pounds of salvaged food from Tops, frequent surplus from Community Action, 50 half gallons of milk purchased bi-weekly from End of the Lane Dairy in Cornwallville, occasional but significant donations from Feeding NY, and regular donations from the General Store on Reed Street. For a small investment of \$2,000 they also received a generous supply of fresh vegetables every other week, spring through fall, from local farmers via the Athens Community Farm collective. She said that one of the most important pillars of their success is that their space, utilities, and services are all provided by the Village of Cocksackie. This past year, Mayor Mark Evans had the Village Attorney draw up a contract ensuring that their unique public/private partnership will continue. She said that their goals for 2026 include meeting expected increases in community need, while continuing to provide nutritious food and supplies, increase food obtained from local growers and producers, generate \$50,000 of income by the end of the year, plan a volunteer meet & greet event, and have the walkways in the main pantry painted, and minor repairs as needed.

Mayor Evans stated that he also gave copies of Ms. Carter's report to the Board Members to look over.

Trustee Meier thanked Ms. Carter for all that she does. Having a local Food Pantry is extremely important for the community, and provides an important service to residents.

Charlotte Carter stated that the Cocksackie-Athens Rotary, which the Village Board Members are also a part of, has been a great partner. She said that the Food Pantry typically has 35-40 volunteers that work in shifts.

Mayor Evans asked if the Food Pantry has been able to retire the old freezer, when they received the new one.

Charlotte Carter stated that they were able to retire the oldest one, but that the new one allows for more meat storage. They use some of the freezers as excess storage, and fill the chest freezer with meat as needed. This allows for only the chest freezer having to be continually opened.

Mayor Evans asked Ms. Carter if they are able to offer dog food to residents.

Charlotte Carter stated that when they were low on funds, they could not offer dog food, but now, the Cocksackie-Athens Rotary did a fundraiser, and that allowed them to receive big bags of dog food. Also, the Cocksackie Pet Calendar fundraiser managed to raise \$1,600.00. They currently have cat food as well.

Trustee Meier asked Ms. Carter when the best time to drop off cat food to the Food Pantry was.

Charlotte Carter stated that the Food Pantry is open Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., Thursdays, 7-8 a.m., and Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

Trustee Meier asked Ms. Carter if the Food Pantry has any specific needs as far as items go.

Charlotte Carter stated that the Food Pantry could use personal care items, shampoo, toothpaste, and cleaning supplies.

Trustee Irwin stated that Shipwrecked is also collecting detergents this month, and will bring over everything they collected on 3/1.

Mayor Evans thanked Ms. Carter for her time and dedication.

Veronica Foley, via Zoom Video Conference, asked who is on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

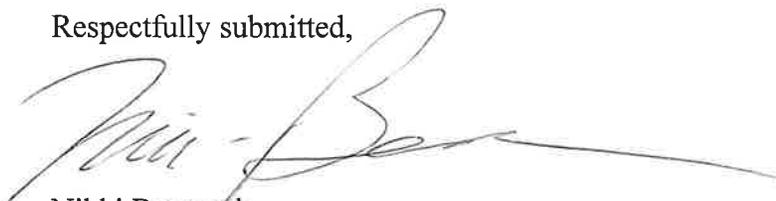
Mayor Evans stated that the members on the committee are himself, April Ernst, of the Greene IDA, Trustee Christopher Hanse, Shane Pilato, Town of Cocksackie Councilmember, and Richard Hanse, Town of Cocksackie Supervisor. He said that others will be added at a later date, and the planning committee will be putting together a list.

No further public comments were offered.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki Berezna
Clerk