

Village of Coxsackie

Workshop Minutes

June 4, 2026

The Workshop Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Evans at 6:00 p.m. Present were Trustee Rodney Levine, and Trustee Deidre Meier. Trustee Christopher Hanse and Trustee Katlyn Irwin were absent.

Correspondence Received

A letter was received from the NYS DOT, in response to the Village's letters, stating that they will install a crosswalk at Bailey Street & Mansion Street. However, they will not install "No Parking" signs by crosswalks.

A letter was received from Luisa Recine, of 1 Beechwood Drive, requesting a waiving of the late fee on her water & sewer bill in the amount of \$39.59, due to her not being able to find the bill.

Water & Sewer Requests

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board received a request from Luisa Recine, of 1 Beechwood Drive, asking for the waiving of the late fee in the amount of \$39.59 from her water/sewer bill, due to her not being able to find the bill.

After deliberation, it was determined that this would be added as an agenda item for approval at the June 15th Board Meeting.

Jeff Haas

Mayor Evans stated that Jeff Haas, of 79 Mansion Street, has requested to be added to the Board Meeting agenda in order to talk about the 30 mph speed limit in the village.

After deliberation, it was determined that there was no need for Mr. Haas to be placed as an agenda item. He can just discuss his concerns during the normal Public Comment period of the Board Meeting on June 15th.

Town Fire Contract

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to approve sending a letter seeking negotiations for the Town of Coxsackie Fire Contract.

After deliberation, it was determined that the Mayor could send this letter to the Town on behalf of the Village Board.

Fire Department Consultant

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to seek a consultant to provide an evaluation of the Fire Department.

After deliberation, it was determined that this would be done after negotiations with the Town first.

Battery Storage Facility

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to re-approve the Local Law related to prohibiting Battery Storage Facilities in the village. This Local Law was already passed at the last Board Meeting on May 11th. However, in talking with the Village Attorney, Rob Stout, we realized that we should have waited for the referral from the County Planning Board first, before taking a vote. The County Planning Board had this on the agenda for their meeting on May 20th. Rob Stout stated that the Village Board should re-affirm its vote in June, and that he doesn't see a need to re-do the Public Hearing

After deliberation, it was determined that this would be added as an agenda item for approval at the June 15th Board Meeting.

Paving

Mayor Evans stated that the bid for paving of Betke Boulevard, Center Street, Howard Drive, lower New Street, upper New Street, North Street, Railroad Avenue, and Water Street, has gone out, and bids are due back by 12:00 p.m. on June 15th. The Clerk will scan and email the bid results to the Board Members so that they have time to review, before potentially approving at the Board Meeting that evening. The original bid ad included Hollister Street, and not Center Street, North Street, or Water Street, but in talking with the Engineers for the I&I Sewer Mitigation Project, it was discovered that they will be repaving Hollister Street as part of that work. So, Hollister Street was removed, and replaced with adding in Center Street, North Street, and Water Street.

Interfund Transfer

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to review the one-time interfund transfer to clean up Village accounts, and make them accurate. This will need to be done via Resolution.

After deliberation, it was determined that this Resolution would be added as an agenda item for approval at the June 15th Board Meeting.

Occupancy Tax

Mayor Evans stated that the Village has collected about \$3,750.00 in Occupancy Tax, but Airbnb and VRBO are holding the tax collected from their users. He has spoken to the Village Attorney, Rob Stout, about this.

Sunset Boulevard

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to engage Creighton Manning to design the items in their traffic study for implementation on Sunset Boulevard.

After deliberation, it was determined that this would be added as an agenda item for approval at the June 15th Board Meeting.

Coxsackie Yacht Club

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to approve the request received from the Coxsackie Yacht Club for the allowance of playing music at their Annual Fundraiser until 12:00 a.m. on July 18th, and for the approval of having fireworks.

After deliberation, it was determined that this would be added as an agenda item for approval at the June 15th Board Meeting.

Columbia Memorial Hospital

Mayor Evans stated that the Village has received a fireworks permit request from Columbia Memorial Hospital to have fireworks at their event at the Wire Event Center on June 6th.

A motion to approve the fireworks permit request from Columbia Greene Memorial Hospital to have fireworks at their event at the Wire Event Center on June 6th was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Levine. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

UMH Annexation

Mayor Evans stated that the Village Board needs to schedule a Public Hearing for the annexation of property for the UMH project. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for Monday, July 13th at 6:45 p.m.

After deliberation, it was determined that this would be added as an agenda item for approval at the June 15th Board Meeting.

Roemer, Wallens, Gold, & Mineaux

Mayor Evans stated that the Village has received the general representation agreement from Roemer, Wallens, Gold, & Mineaux for this year.

After deliberation, it was determined that this would be added as an agenda item for approval at the June 15th Board Meeting.

Riverside Park Wedding Request

Mayor Evans stated that some folks from Hudson want to use almost the entire park, Pavilion, and Gazebo, with set-up on Friday, August 21st, and basically the wedding all day on Saturday, August 22nd. He would like the Board to discuss and decide on the approval/denial. He personally thinks that it is tying up the park for too long from the public.

After deliberation, it was determined that this request would be denied.

Tina O'Brien

Mayor Evans stated that Tina O'Brien, the Part-Time Code Enforcement Secretary, is requesting to work some extra days, and bank her time to use while she is on vacation.

After deliberation, it was determined that this would be approved.

July 4th Update

Mayor Evans stated that the Village received \$2,500.00 from Greene County towards the 250th July 4th event. This money can be used towards shuttle busses. There will also be vendors, and other activities.

Coxsackie Police Officer New Hire

Mayor Evans stated that the Police Department has a new prospect for hire to present to the Board tonight. Michael J. McDowell had his background completed, and is recently retired from

the Chatham Police Department as a Sergeant. He is seeking part-time employment with the Village's Police Department. He worked at Chatman Police Department from 9/93 until 3/2025. He has an excellent work history, and comes with supervisory skills.

After deliberation, it was determined that Mr. McDowell's hiring and swearing in will be added as an agenda item for approval at the June 15th Board Meeting.

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, Fire Chief Stephen Salluce, Jr., Police Chief Samuel Mento, and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ragaini.

The following Department heads were excused: Water Superintendent Christopher Gallagher, Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator David Varade, Planning Board Chairman Robert Van Valkenburg, Jr., Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Patricia Maxwell, and Dog Control Officer Sherry Vieta.

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

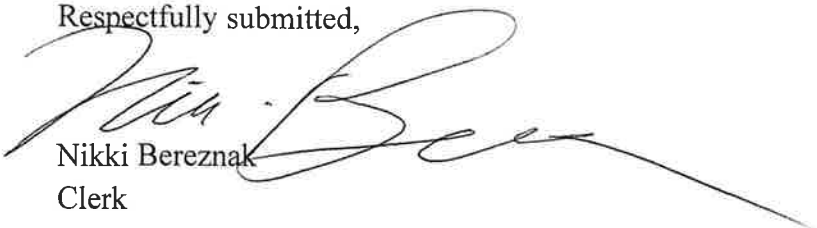
A motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. to discuss Fire Department personnel issues was made by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Meier. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular Workshop Meeting at 6:56 p.m. was made by Trustee Meier and seconded by Trustee Levine. Mayor Evans 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 Meier. Mayor Evans voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nikki Berezna
Clerk