

**TOWN BOARD YEAR END MEETING
TOWN OF COXSACKIE
December 30, 2015**

PRESENT: Richard Hanse, Supervisor
Thomas Hobart, Councilman
Patrick Kennedy, Councilman
Michael Veeder, Councilman
Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk

GUESTS: Linda Wilkinson, Karen Pautz

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Supervisor Richard Hanse with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor stated that George Eignor's term on the planning board is up and he has opted not to be re-appointed. Joanne Adamo Conway's name was presented for consideration and Patrick Kennedy made the motion appointing her to the planning board. Richard Hanse seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

Supervisor stated that Gene Schnare's term on the Zoning Board of Appeals as chairman is up. Mr. Schnare indicated his interest in continuing to serve as chairman. Thomas Hobart made a motion to re-appoint Gene Schnare as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Thomas Burke seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

It was noted that there will also be a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review as Lou Martin has indicated that he is not staying on.

Town Justice vacancy--supervisor stated that the appointed Judge would serve for 2016 and have to run in the November election. No additional names since the December 8 meeting were offered or submitted for consideration. Thomas Burke made a motion to appoint Joseph Warren to serve as Town Justice. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

Supervisor reported that effective midnight on December 31 the new state minimum wage will be \$9.00 per hour. The contract wages for ambulance drivers calls for \$9.02 an hour. Rick made a motion to increase the salary for ambulance drivers to \$9.02 per hour. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

Supervisor stated that he would be attending all future highway committee meetings, the next one being January 11. He further stated that the meetings will be noticed.

Mike Veeder asked that the board be on the lookout for possible grant opportunities and encouraged them to reach out to possible grant writers.

Supervisor reported that they have come to an agreement with the EMS contract and expects that it will be voted on at the next board meeting. Patrick stated that concessions were made on both sides.

A motion to accept the budget transfers as presented by the Supervisor's Bookkeeper was made by Thomas Hobart, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried.

Ayes: 5 – Hanse, Hobart, Kennedy, Veeder, Burke

General Fund and Highway bills in the amount of \$34,771.80 were audited on abstract #18, voucher numbers 2015-814 through 2015-861.

At 6:20 a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a particular personnel issue was made by Richard Hanse, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried. Councilwoman elect Linda Wilkinson was invited to remain.

At 6:45 pm a motion to adjourn the executive session and the meeting was made by Patrick Kennedy, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried.

Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk