

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN OF COXSACKIE
February 25, 2016**

PRESENT: Richard Hanse, Supervisor
Patrick Kennedy, Councilman
Michael Veeder, Councilman
Linda Wilkinson, Councilwoman
Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk

ABSENT: Thomas Burke, Councilman

GUESTS: Larry Ross, Mark Evans

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Richard Hanse with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Highway superintendent Larry Ross addressed the board on various matters. He would like to take over the mowing of the Town properties. They would need to purchase a used riding mower, a push mower and possibly a small trailer. They already have weed eaters. The board was in agreement and suggested Larry check with the local tractor dealers.

Larry stated that the bond on the 1995 International plow truck will soon be up. He would like to replace the 1997 Oskosh with a new all season truck. The Oskosh is expensive to maintain and parts are hard to come by. He would like to sell on the Auctions International site. Larry was instructed to get some specs together for a new truck. Linda stated that there is a place in Saugerties that sells County equipment, she did not have the information with her and was unsure of the name. Patrick stated that the Town has used Auctions International in the past with no issues.

Larry informed the board that at the end of March he would be hiring a full time Motor Equipment Operator.

Linda said that according to a resident, there is a discrepancy with the road inventory and that some roads have been improperly taken over by the Town. The same resident also questioned the whereabouts of the stone box. Larry reported that it has been on loan to the Town of Cairo.

Supervisor would like to have a plaque made up for the door dedication at the Senior Center. The text would read as follows: The self-opening door was provided to The Coxsackie Senior Center with funding from the Greene County Legislature Wayne C. Speenburgh Grant Program. Honorable Charlie Martinez and Honorable Deb Speenburgh Legislators for the Town of Coxsackie. December 2015. C & C graphics quoted a price of \$80. Linda Wilkinson made a motion to authorize the purchase which was seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried.

Ayes: 4 – Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson Absent: 1- Burke

Karen sent an email to the board regarding civil service paperwork to be filed while Nadine Myrdycz, Chief of EMS is out on leave. She stated that Merv needs to be appointed by the Board and that they decide how he will be paid - salary or hourly.

A motion to appoint Merv Swartout as acting Chief of EMS until Chief Myrdycz returns was made by Richard Hanse, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried. Merv will paid salary equal to that of Nadine's.

Ayes: 4 – Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson Absent: 1 – Burke

Michael Veeder made a motion authorizing Town Clerk Bambi Hotaling to attend the NYSTCA Regional Educational Session on March 7 at the Desmond, the cost is \$35. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Ayes: 4 – Hanse, Kennedy, Veeder, Wilkinson Absent: 1- Burke

A motion to accept the budget transfers as presented was made by Michael Veeder seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried.

General Fund and Highway bills in the amount of \$70,206.84 were audited on abstract #3, voucher numbers 2016-140 through 2016-167.

Special District SS Fund bills in the amount of \$9,665.47 were audited check numbers 203-207.

Mark Evans addressed the board regarding the termination of the sub-lease agreement. He provided the board with background history. The Town leases the building from the Village and pays the mortgage and utilities. The Town also pays for repairs up to \$3,000 anything over that amount is the responsibility of the Village. The Village does not have a line item in their budget for these repairs. The Town subleases the building to Greene EMS housing a medic and vehicle. The Town receives no compensation for the sublease. Mark is asking that the Town terminate the sublease agreement with Greene EMS so that the Village can enter into a sublease with them. There is a possibility the Village can collect \$10,000 per year from Greene EMS. Discussion ensued, no action was taken.

Mark also addressed the board regarding the court room; he again provided some background history. The Town and Village have been working cooperatively over the years in sharing this space. The Town paid to have the carpet replaced several years ago and pays to have the court room and bathrooms cleaned. The tiles in the entryway of the court room are in need of replacing. Mark is proposing a 50-50 split. Discussion ensued; the board did not agree to anything but asked Mark to get some prices. He seems to think it would not cost more than \$1500. Supervisor would like Mark to meet with Councilman Burke to get his input on both these issues.

At 7:35 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patrick Kennedy, seconded by Michael Veeder and duly carried.

Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk