

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

PRESENT: Richard Hanse, Supervisor  
Thomas Burke, Councilman  
Patrick Kennedy, Councilman (entered the meeting at 6:20 pm)  
Linda Wilkinson, Councilwoman  
Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk

ABSENT: Michael Veeder, Councilman

GUESTS: Wanda Dorpfeld, Joseph Warren, Gordon Bennett, Larry Ross, Carlton Wilkinson,  
Karen Pautz

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Richard Hanse with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor opened the meeting to Judges Dorpfeld and Warren for the purpose of discussing various matters.

--bench and office furniture for judges at new office, "eyebrow" windows would be appreciated  
--applying for maximum amount allowed under the JCAP grant  
--find out ASAP if Village would be willing to donate the bench  
--requested that court bailiff Dan Rubino not be taken away from the bench; discussion followed:

Dan's experience at the bench is invaluable to both of the Judges and the clerks. Coxsackie is the third busiest Court. It was suggested to hire someone four Mondays per month approximately 20 hours at \$10.67/hour which is Dan's current pay rate. That person could check people in/act as security and man the metal detector. Joe suggested the possibility of the Village PD performing these tasks. Linda asked if they were requesting a pay raise for Dan. Wanda stated that would be nice but indicated that Dan did not ask for more money. Karen stated that Dan is not an employee; he gets a 1099.

Gordon Bennett requested an executive session for purposes of discussing a particular personnel matter and pending litigation.

Supervisor has contacted John Murphy to fix the furnace room door/handle.

The board previously discussed and made a motion (at the July 12 board meeting) to list the Town Hall building for sale with Heartland Realty. The notice needs to be published in the newspaper. The board felt the appraisal came in a bit high at \$245,000. Dianne Fausel recommended listing at \$239,000. Gordon said that the board should listen to her advice on the sale as she is the expert. Carlton Wilkinson said they should start out high; everyone will want to offer a lower price. Gordon stated that the comps were not comparable. Thomas Burke made a motion to list the building at \$239,000 with Heartland Realty. Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Councilman Burke reported that he and the Supervisor met with attorney Girvin relative clarification of the Board's understanding of provision 41-J as it pertains to the Teamsters 294 contract. After discussing with attorney Girvin and subsequent discussion among the Town Board a motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Supervisor Hanse and duly carried to approved the 294 agreement as presented which provides Town employees with the benefits as outlined in 41-J, the yearly cost of which is \$1383.

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

Karen stated that the rate is paid yearly and is based on tiers. She also indicated that once the benefit is implemented it can never be taken away.

General Fund and Highway bills in the amount of \$73,266.97 were audited on abstract #14, voucher numbers 2016-594 through 2016-618.

Capital (H) Fund new building payment approved in the amount of \$51,000.00 check number 282.

A motion to accept the budget transfers as presented was made by Linda Wilkinson seconded by Thomas Burke and duly carried.

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

Councilman Burke stated that Hose 3 will be coming to the September board meeting to present their budget.

At 7:05 pm Thomas Burke made a motion to enter into executive session at the request of Gordon Bennett for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel matter and to discuss pending litigation. Richard Hanse seconded the motion which was duly carried.

At 7:20 pm a motion to end the executive session and reopen the meeting was made by Thomas Burke seconded by Patrick Kennedy and duly carried.

Gordon provided the board with information copied from the Property Appraisal and Assessment Administration relating to staffing. He informed the board that he would like to be involved in any and all discussions/decisions regarding the personnel of his department. Patrick Kennedy stated that he remains opposed to making Randy's position part time now and in the future.

At 7:25 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patrick Kennedy, seconded by Linda Wilkinson and duly carried.

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Bambi Hotaling, Town Clerk