

REGULAR MEETING OF CORNWALL TOWN BOARD was held on the 10th DAY of DECEMBER, 2007 in TOWN HALL, 183 Main Street, Cornwall, N. Y. at 7:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Supervisor RICHARD RANDAZZO

Councilpersons, Randolph Clark
Mary Beth Greene-Krafft
Alexander Mazzocca
J. Kerry McGuinness

Also PRESENT; ATTORNEY, STEVE GABA representing Attorney for Town, James R. Loeb, Esq.

At 7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED on LOCAL LAW #6-2007 AMENDING CHAPTER 158 of Code of Town of Cornwall.

LEGAL NOTICE and AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION calling for Public Hearing for this date, time and place was read by Supervisor Randazzo. (to be made part of record.)

Thereafter, ASKED DOES ANYONE WISH TO SPEAK EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THIS LOCAL LAW #6-2007 AMENDING CHAPTER 158 OF CORNWALL TOWN CODE? NO RESPONSE FORTHCOMING from persons present and NO BOARD COMMENTS Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT MOVED PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED. Seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES.

At 7:30 P.M. REGULAR BOARD BUSINESS CONVENED

Meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by Supervisor RANDAZZO, OPENING with PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE to FLAG.

APPROVAL of MINUTES There being NO CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS or ADDITIONS Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT MOVED TOWN BOARD MINUTES APPROVED and ACCEPTED AS READ. Seconded by Councilman Alexander Mazzocca. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nothing forthcoming from persons present.

Councilman MAZZOCCA addressed Supervisor RANDAZZO on BEHALF of TOWN BOARD and EXTENDED VOTE of THANKS and APPRECIATION to him for his MANY YEARS AS SUPERVISOR SERVING THE PEOPLE OF CORNWALL. Commenting, I know that this is the final night that SUPERVISOR RANDAZZO will be Chairing Town Board Meetings since he decided not to run for re-election and he has done

an outstanding job as Supervisor for the Town of Cornwall over a period of more than 20 years. He took over when the Town was in terrible financial condition and put the Town back on track and now the 2008 budget shows a very slight increase which is hardly noticeable and his preparation of and adherence to budgets is unsurpassed. He has been on top of everything that has occurred during his many years in Office as well as his predictions for the future of Cornwall. He will give you an in-depth explanation on any questions on any topics and when we, as a Board have not always been in agreement, but when decisions were made by a majority Board vote, we proceeded ahead and there were no hard feelings on either side. We will always feel that he has done an exemplary job during his many years as Supervisor and he should be very proud of his many accomplishments and the Town of Cornwall should feel the same way.

APPLAUSE w /STANDING OVATION

Supervisor RANDAZZO THANKED COUNCILMAN MAZZOCCA FOR HIS COMMENTS AND THANKED ALL IN ATTENDANCE. Commenting, we will go on with the Agenda and I will have a few words at the end of the meeting.

Presently, we have to THANK TWO VOLUNTEERS both of whom have served on the AUXILIARY POLICE over a period of 27 years – HECTOR TORRES and AL LENT - Please come forward.

Supervisor RANDAZZO and Councilman MAZZOCCA presented PLAQUE w/SHIELD on BEHALF of TOWN for their 27 years of dedicated service to the Cornwall Community, and they did not receive one dollar for their services. They both have provided their services over a decade and the Town recognizes their VOLUNTEERISM as AUXILIARY POLICE from 1980 to 2007. APPLAUSE

RESOLUTION – LOCAL LAW #6-2007 AMENDING SECTION 158 OF CORNWALL CODE PRESENTED by Councilman RANDOLPH CLARK seconded by Councilwoman Mary Beth Greene-Krafft. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES (to be made part of record)

DIAL –A-BUS AGREEMENT w/COUNTY of ORANGE and NEW WINDSOR. Councilman RANDOLPH CLARK MOVED AUTHORIZATION to SUPERVISOR RANDAZZO to SIGN THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENT w/COUNTY. Seconded by Councilman J. Kerry McGuinness. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES. Supervisor informed that bus will be replaced in early Spring.

CREATION of POSITION - COURT ATTENDANTS Supervisor RANDAZZO informed that the Town Board has been reviewing the creation of Court Attendants and has been working with the Justice Court Judges, and it has been discussed with Orange County and Civil Service classification has been checked. Noting that the creation of position will be appropriate and Board would like to be able to provide this service to the court, and the Court Attendants would work under the supervision of the Police Chief in accordance with the established policies and procedures. Advising in line with the fact that Court Security has become a major issue providing security for the Court and Justices and AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS CREATING COURT ATTENDANTS POSITION WITH ORANGE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE.

Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT MOVED COURT ATTENDANTS POSITION CREATED W/ORANGE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS. Seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES

LETTER from Orange County Clerk, Donna Benson REGARDING RECEIVER OF TAXES BOND for 2008 collection of State, County and Town taxes and Bond with original signatures must be filed with County Clerk's Office and is due by the 31st of January, 2008.

TOWN CLERK WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOND FILING WITH COUNTY CLERK.

HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL - LOCATION-OFF BROADWAY RESIDENTS REMOVED IT – NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

POLICE DEPARTMENT through Police Chief Hazard received letter from NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee notification that Town has been awarded GRANT OF \$5,820. "participating in State Wide "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program".

Also, received GRANT of \$2,800. for participation in "Child Passenger Safety" program.

Letter was noted received from NYS DOT REGARDING SCENIC OVERLOOKS in Orange County and project includes clearing of overgrown and unsightly vegetation at scenic pull offs along Rt. 9W and Storm King and work will enhance and restore views with work to start in the Spring , 2008 with completion by September, 2008.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS for December, 2007 were MOVED APPROVED by Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman Alexander Mazzocca. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES

LETTER from TIME WARNER CABLE to Supervisor Randazzo informing of certain rate changes due to increases in programming and other costs, will be effective January 1, 2008 in Hudson Valley Region. Attached copy of Rates and Policies information for Town of Cornwall has been sent to customers.

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING – PHASE III –HAZEN STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - \$90,000.

Letter from County Executive, Edward A. Diana to Supervisor Randazzo informing that this year the office of Community Development received grant applications requesting over \$2.2 million and had only \$1.2 million to allocate for 2008 Program Year. Now that the applications have been reviewed and ranked, I am pleased to inform you that the following project has been included in our 2008 application to HUD for Community Development Block Grant funds:

HAZEN STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS III – TOTAL 2008 -\$90,000.00

Supervisor RANDAZZO advised that the Town has been fortunate in receiving two other GRANTS through the County – Phase I which has been completed. Phase II funding will be completed this year, and Phase III funding should complete the project and next year the HAZEN STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED and will solve the many problems experienced by residents in that area. Fact was noted that the Engineers are aware of this project and will be proceeding ahead.

REQUEST from Cornwall United Soccer Club to use Laurel Crest Park for training sessions from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM during week and Sunday afternoons from 12 Noon to 6:00 PM. This request covers period through Summer, 2008. Certificate of Insurance is on file with the Town Clerk and Recreation Department.

Councilman RANDOLPH CLARK MOVED PERMISSION on foregoing. Seconded by Councilwoman Krafft. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES

Supervisor Randazzo noted this will not interfere with the Little League Baseball Team.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS - COURT ATTENDANTS (6) EFFECTIVE, 1-1-2008

Jonathan McWherter, John Wrubleski, Shaun Wolfe, Hector Torres, Al Lent, Richard VanDemark

Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT MOVED FOREGOING COURT ATTENDANTS APPOINTMENTS. Seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark.

Roll Call: AYES 4 Councilman Mazzocca NO

MEMO from Supt. Of Highways, Bob Conley recommending APPOINTMENT of STEVEN GUZZO - Laborer/Chauffeur EFFECTIVE, JANUARY 1, 2008 based on CSEA Contract; starting rate will be \$18.06 p.h. Councilman J. KERRY McGUINNESS MOVED APPOINTMENT. Seconded by Councilwoman Krafft. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES

MEMO from Highway Supt., Bob Conley requesting JAMES WEATHERLY be promoted to MEO from Laborer/Chauffeur EFFECTIVE next pay period. Funds are available in the 2007 appropriations. MOVED by Councilman J. KERRY McGUINNESS seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark. Roll Call: Un. AYES

REAPPOINTMENT of LENORA RANSOM to ZONING BOARD of APPEALS whose term expires Dec. 31,2007 - MOVED APPROVED by Councilman RANDOLPH CLARK seconded by Councilman Alexander Mazzocca. Roll Call: Un. AYES FIVE YEAR APPOINTMENT- expires MAY, 2012 as CHAIRPERSON

REAPPOINTMENTS - CORNWALL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNSEL – 2 YEARS Dr. Wm. Schuster, Kate Goodspeed, Anthony Incanno Councilman RANDOLPH CLARK MOVED FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS. Seconded by Councilman J. KERRY McGUINNESS. Carried. Terms will expire 12-31-2009

REAPPOINTMENTS – SIMON GRUBER and KEVIN TROTTA – to CORNWALL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNSEL - MOVED by Councilman ALEXANDER MAZZOCCA seconded by Councilwoman KRAFFT. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES TERMS EXPIRE DEC. 2008

PLEASANT HILL ROAD SPEED REDUCTION Supervisor RANDAZZO advised that over many years the Town has forwarded multiple requests to the County which they then forwarded to NYSDOT for speed reduction which currently is 55 MPH and the State turned the request down. Additionally, OTTERKILL ROAD which is a

Town Road has a speed of 40 MPH. Noting that the DOT changed their past policy requiring Municipalities to make their requests to the County for any speed reductions and they have now authorized the Municipality to conduct their own traffic study. Informing that the Town Board authorized a study on PLEASANT HILL AND OTTERKILL ROADS and results of the study have just been received from Consultant, PHIL GREELEY of JOHN COLLINS ENGINEERS, who recommends that Pleasant Hill Road speed be reduced from 50 MPH to 40 MPH and Otterkill Road Speed be reduced from 40 MPH to 35MPH. Supervisor Randazzo recommended Board accept Consultant's Study and RESOLUTION be ADOPTED and FORWARDED to NYSDOT.

Councilman ALEXANDER MAZZOCCA presented following RESOLUTION which was seconded by Councilman J.Kerry McGuinness. Roll Call: Un. AYES
(To be made part of official record)

Supervisor noted having discussed speeds with Town Engineer who recommended that Pleasant Hill Road be 45 MPH and Otterkill Road 35 MPH Supervisor RANDAZZO will forward information to the DOT.

PURCHASE OF NEW SENIOR CITIZEN BUS - THROUGH ORANGE COUNTY

Supervisor RANDAZZO brought to Board's attention that quite some time ago the Town received approval and earmarked in Congress were monies for purchase of a new senior citizen bus and it was a convoluted way. But the Town was not authorized to purchase the bus because the money was earmarked to go to Orange County, and this has been in the works for about two years. We were told to wait until all of the money is received and then purchase the bus. But it is the COUNTY'S DECISION NOT THE TOWNS. Informing the Board that he is happy to report being in the program, the County now has received $\frac{3}{4}$ of the money for the new senior citizen bus and as of last week he met with the County and specifications were reviewed and the new bus will be much the same as the Town now has. Noting that back in July, 2007 the Board signed and adopted resolution on Agreement with the County of Orange. FOR THE RECORD THE TOWN ACCEPTS ORDER AS PRESENTED FOR TOTAL OF \$54,632.00 - COST OF NEW SENIOR CITIZEN BUS.

TOWN RESPONSIBILITY – 10% OF THE \$54,632.00 AND COUNTY WILL ORDER BUS AND DELIVERY WILL BE SOMETIME IN THE EARLY SPRING, 2008.

Councilman ALEXANDER MAZZOCCA MOVED SUPERVISOR RANDAZZO NOTIFY COUNTY TO PROCEED AHEAD ON FOREGOING SENIOR CITIZEN BUS PURCHASE FOR TOWN OF CORNWALL. Seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark. Roll Call:

Unanimous AYES.

JOINT TOWN /VILLAGE PLANNING GRANT RESOLUTION presented by Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT seconded by Councilman J.Kerry McGuinness. Unanimous AYES (to be made part of record)

PARK IMPROVEMENTS – TRAFFIC CIRCLE - Engineer for Town, Mark Edsall has filed and received permit from the DEC and Highway Department will be working with them on the junction and monument will be erected. Also some fill will be brought in . This will be for emergency services to the Town and Village and will be completed in a couple of weeks depending on weather conditions.

Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT MOVED AUTHORIZATION TO SUPERVISOR RANDAZZO ON BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS for December, 2007.

Seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark.

Supervisor RANDAZZO advised that they will be presented to the Board after the Auditors complete their final report on the books in 2008.

2008 REORGANIZATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 3rd, 2008 (Thurs.)AT 7:00 P.M. IN DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM. MOVED BY Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT seconded by Councilman J. Kerry McGuinness. Carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – MOUNTAINVILLE MANOR per Letter from Paul Krafft, President informing in accordance with ABC Law renewal is being applied for to NYS Liquor Authority. (for the record)

MEMO – HIGHWAY SUPT. BOB CONLEY Bids on NEW PAINTED 10 ft. STEEL HOPPER have been reviewed and AUTHORIZATION is being requested to execute PURCHASE ORDER for ONE from LOWEST BIDDER –AMTHOR WELDING SERVICE, INC. in the AMOUNT OF \$8,778.00

COUNCILMAN J. KERRY MCGUINNESS MOVED AUTHORIZATION TO HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT ON FOREGOING PURCHASE. Seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES

BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE Supervisor RANDAZZO brought to Board's attention that REPORT has been received from the County Engineers offering their help.

Also noted having met with the County regarding drainage on Union Street during the Fall . Noting that Highway Supt has been out there making a review and study of the area and the Town finally has a commitment from the County.

Supervisor RANDAZZO previous to entertaining Committee Reports addressed the Board and persons present, commenting he would like to say that it has been an honor and privilege serving as Town Supervisor not only once or twice but three times and I enjoyed it all this time over the years. It has not only been challenging but rewarding and with three generations in this community and having grown up here, I have great appreciation for everything in Cornwall. Comparatively speaking , the growth of Cornwall has been unparalleled in many ways. I have served with a variety of Council Members since 1982 and over the years it was great having experienced Board Members heated discussions on various issues and topics and regardless of their party affiliations, they were all very cooperative when it came to conducting Town business and made fair decisions. The cooperation of the Boards during my Administration was responsible for keeping the community moving forward over the years. Also the Town has been blessed having many dedicated employees and Department Heads providing services to the Town and residents. Thinking back to the time when Joe Hines was Public Works Superintendent starting in the late 60's , as well as many others who provided services to the Town and Town should be very proud of the efforts of their many employees both past and present. Cornwall residents have also been very cooperative and supportive over the years and there are many new people moving into the area bringing a diversity to the character of the community. The Board experienced difficulties in JANUARY, 2004 and times were different and the sitting Town Board faced some very difficult situations but worked very hard straightening them out and we moved ahead and I am very proud of their work and accomplishments. We are very proud of the financial condition of the Town with the many things that have been done over the years to keep the Town financially solvent which has resulted in the TOWN'S FINANCIAL RATING AS A-1.

When looking at numbers on tax increases, I am happy that after all of the hard work by Department Heads, Employees and Taxpayers and looking at the 5 year category in many parts of the budget where most taxpayers pay into based on a \$200,000 assessment, actually taxes on that property during 2008 are 1-1/2 % higher than when we came into Office in 2004. Overall, this reflects solid

management on the part of the Town Board as well as being able to give the best services to the Town residents.

When the Town initially studied the Master Plan in 1990 there was no plan previous to that time and we all worked together and it took 1-1/2 years to be completed and the Town finally adopted it. It was due to community input as well as many knowledgeable Boards and Planning Professionals based on the knowledge of the community and residents over a period of 18 months completing the Comprehensive Master Plan for Cornwall. We drove the stake into the ground and maintained the character of Cornwall which made some developers unhappy but we considered the community of Cornwall. I appreciate the hard work of the Town Board as well as the other Boards involved. I think this is a reflection as to where we are at this point in time and the History of the Town and I leave that with all of you knowing the Town will continue with the good work for Cornwall.

I have to say, that I will miss the job but the time has come and on January 1, 2008, I will be looking back on December 31st, 2007 as I love this job and the community. THANK YOU ALL AND I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS WITH YOUR NEW SUPERVISOR, KEVIN QUIGLEY. (APPLAUSE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS Councilman Clark REPORTED nothing on Sanitation Department and everything will be moving forward in February and March on geese problem. Also attendance at class last month and report will be forthcoming on what the Town can and cannot do with them.

Extended THANKS TO SUPERVISOR RANDAZZO for the 4 years on the Board sharing a good relationship.

Councilman J.Kerry McGuinness REPORTED ON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT and equipment has been serviced and getting ready for the winter snow season.

Councilwoman KRAFFT presented RECREATION Department REPORT being on line and information is available or contact the department for all scheduled events and trips. Thanking ALL VOLUNTEER S INVOLVED IN RECREATION PROGRAMS . THANKING SUPERVISOR RANDAZZO for his leadership as well as all of the knowledge that he provided to the Board over the years and on behalf of the Board WISHED HIM SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

Councilman MAZZOCCA noted that Police Matters were entertained earlier in the meeting.

WARRANT #12 MOVED APPROVED AND ACCEPTED by Councilman RANDOLPH CLARK seconded by Councilwoman Mary Beth Greene-Krafft. Carried

There being no additional Board Business and no persons wishing to be heard, Councilman J. Kerry McGuinness MOVED BOARD MEETING CLOSED. Seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark. Carried.

Supervisor Randazzo WISHED ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Constance Triolo,
Deputy Town Clerk-Stenog.

Elaine Tilford Schmeer
Town Clerk