

REGULAR MEETING of the CORNWALL TOWN BOARD was held on the 13th day of July, 2009 in the First Floor Court Room, 183 Main Street, Cornwall, NY 12518

PRESENT: Supervisor
Councilpersons

D. KEVIN QUIGLEY
ALEXANDER MAZZOCCA
J. KERRY McGUINNESS
RANDOLPH CLARK
MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT

Also PRESENT: ATTORNEY, JIM LOEB, representing Attorney for Town.

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The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor QUIGLEY at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the Minutes for the June 1st and 6th 2009 Meeting was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that in the future there will be a short descriptive after every agenda item making it easier for the public to comment on.

Agenda Item #1 – Resolution – Cornwall Community Co-op – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that the Co-op has proposed to establish an outdoor farm stand on Bridge Street and Main Street on Fridays from July 17th, 2009 through and including October 16th, 2009 between the hours of 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That this Town Board does hereby support the establishment of a farm stand sponsored by the Cornwall Community Co-op at the above dates, time and place subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Cornwall Community Co-op at its sole cost and expense will provide labor and equipment to erect and staff the farm stand. That no Town money will be expended in the establishment or operation of the farm stand.
2. That the Cornwall Community Co-op will comply with any and all requirements of the Police Chief and the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Cornwall.
3. That the Cornwall Community Co-op will provide liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 naming the Town of Cornwall as an additional insured.

Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #2 – Resolutions – Bonding SEQR – Supervisor QUIGLEY read the Resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town Board has before it five resolutions in connection with the sale of bonds by the town as follows:

\$124,000.00 bonds for improvement to Town pool,
\$637,000.00 bonds for acquisition of highway equipment,
\$165,000.00 bonds for reconstruction of Old Route 32,
\$291,000.00 bonds for acquisition of sanitation equipment,
\$200,000.00 bonds amending bonds for Hazen Street drainage improvements

(hereinafter the "Bonds"), and WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the bond resolutions and is prepared to act on them, and WHEREAS, the Town Board has been advised that the adoption of the Bonds would be a Type II action under SEQR, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of the above bond resolutions is a Type II action under SEQR and that no further SEQT involvement is necessary. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #3 – Resolutions – Bonding – Supervisor QUIGLEY welcome Town Attorney, JIM LOEB and asked that he advise on each of the Bonding Resolutions. Attorney Loeb explained as follows:

1. The first Resolution was adopted on April 21st 2008 and is amended today authorizing the Construction of Drainage Improvements on Hazen Street in the amount of \$200,000.00 – there is \$140,000.00 left on the old notes. The new note will be spread over five years which will reduce the carrying costs. This Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of adoption in the Cornwall Local and post a copy on the sign board maintained by the Town. Motion to adopt was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

2. The second Resolution is authorizing the acquisition of various items of Sanitation equipment estimated maximum cost of \$294,000.00 – again the Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a notice of adoption in the Cornwall Local and post a copy on the Town Sign Board. Motion to adopt was made by Councilman MAZZOCCA, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

3. The third Resolution is to purchase various items of Highway equipment estimated maximum cost of \$637,000.00 – again the Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a notice of adoption in the Cornwall Local and post a copy on the Town Sign Board. Motion to adopt was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

4. The fourth Resolution is authorizing the reconstruction of Old Route 32 and Ridge Road at an estimated maximum cost of \$231,200.00 – appropriating that amount including an expenditure of approximately \$66,200.00 anticipating to receive from the State as part of the Chips program which means that we would be issuing eventually \$165,000.00 worth of bonds once we get the funding from the State. Again this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a notice of adoption in the Cornwall Local and post a copy on the Town Sign Board. Motion to adopt was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

5. The last Resolution authorizing construction for the improvement of the Town Pool at a maximum cost of \$124,000.00 – Subject to a permissive referendum and the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a notice of adoption in the Cornwall Local and post a copy on the Town Sign Board. Motion to adopt was made by Councilman MAZZOCCA, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Founders Day Celebration – Councilwoman KRAFFT and Supervisor QUIGLEY invited the members from the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum to come forward and be recognized. Councilwoman KRAFFT advised that she had the privilege to represent the Town at the Celebration of the 50th Year founders of the Museum which was beautifully done. Councilwoman KRAFFT added that the Town was actually a part of the beginning of the Museum because the first exhibits were held here on the third floor of Town Hall. Both Councilwoman KRAFFT and Supervisor QUIGLEY thanked the group very much for all their work in our community and gave them a certificate in commemoration of the Founders Day Celebration of 50 years of the Museum in Cornwall.

Agenda Item #4 – Resolution – Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan – Supervisor QUIGLEY read the Resolution as follows: WHEREAS, HERETOFORE THE New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) has issued a general permit governing stormwater discharges from construction activities identified as GP-0-08-001 (The General Permit), and which requires the preparation and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for disturbances meeting the thresholds set forth in the General Permit, and WHEREAS, the Town of Cornwall is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community as that term is defined by the NYSDEC; and WHEREAS, prior to obtaining coverage under the General Permit an applicant must obtain a certification by the MS4 Official (principal executive officer or ranking elected official) or Duly Authorized Representative certifying that the SWPPP for the construction project has been reviewed and meets the substantive requirements of the General Permit; and WHEREAS, SWPPPs are presently reviewed by the Town Engineer; and WHEREAS, the Town wishes to designate the Town Engineer as its duly authorized representative for General Permit certification purposes; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That this Town Board does hereby appoint Mark J. Edsall, P.E., of McGoey, Hauser and Edsall, P.C., as the Town’s SWPPP Review Officer. That the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the appointment. That

the SWPPP Review Officer shall be entitled to the protections set forth in Town Code § 38 -14. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #5 – Resolution – Suarez Letter of Credit – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that this is in reference to extending a letter of credit which has been reviewed by our attorneys. WHEREAS, the Bank of America, N.A. issued four amendment to the original letter of credit, the last of which expires on the 29th day of July, 2009, and WHEREAS, in order to draw on the letter of credit it is necessary for the Town Board to authorize said draw unless prior to the date of the expiration of the letter of credit the said letter of credit is extended in a form satisfactory to the Town, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board by this resolution determines to draw against the letter of credit issued by Bank of America, N. A. No. 68008197 on behalf of Edward K. Suarez unless prior to the expiration of the letter of credit, July 29th 2009, a replacement letter or amendment in form satisfactory to the Town is received by the Town, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Supervisor is authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary to draw against the letter of credit in a timely fashion. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #6 – Resolution – Dorr Oliver Centrifuge – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that a buyer has come forward for the Dorr Oliver Centrifuge, which has already been declared as surplus. WHEREAS, D & E Equipment, Inc. of Plainville, MA has offered to purchase the surplus equipment for a price of \$3,400.00 to be paid by bank or certified check, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Town Board hereby agrees to the private sale of the previously declared surplus 16L Dorr Oliver Centrifuge S/N 55083-12 (4000RPM) to D & E Equipment, Inc. for the price of \$3,400.00, and
2. That the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the sale.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #7 – Resolution JCAP Grant – Supervisor QUIGLEY explained that this Resolution is about the application for the 2009 Justice Court Assistance Program (“JCAP”) for office equipment and security needs for a maximum of \$30,000.00. WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper for the Town Board to adopt a Resolution formally authorizing the completion and submittal of an application for a JCAP Grant, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That this Town Board does hereby authorize the completion and submittal of an application for a 2009 JCAP Grant. That the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the completion and submittal of the Grant application.

Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #8 – Resolution – St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that this Resolution is in reference to the Cornwall Hospital as there has been discussion about closing some beds. The Board has drafted a Resolution and a Letter on behalf of the Board and the residents of Cornwall letting the Hospital know where we stand. Supervisor QUIGLEY read the letter into the minutes as follows:

Dear Member of the Board of Trustees:

The undersigned comprise all of the members of the Cornwall Town Board and we write to you in both our official capacity as elected officials and in our personal capacity as residents of the Town of Cornwall. In those two capacities we speak not only for ourselves, but for all of the residents of the Town of Cornwall, many of whom have expressed their concerns and dismay about what is taking place at our hospital on Laurel Avenue in the Town of Cornwall.

From the extensive press coverage, letters to the editors and information provided to us by interested and concerned citizens, it would appear that the red brick building which housed our hospital will remain, but that in truth our hospital will not. We understand that the emergency room will still be there and for that we are, of course, grateful. However, we understand that as early as July 15th 2009 our hospital will be further reduced in scale and services. We all know the story of how the Cornwall Hospital came to be and that it was a gift from the Stillman Family to the people of Cornwall. These actions appear to take that gift away.

We acknowledge that there has been a substantial increase in facilities providing outpatient services and related activities and that those are contained in new structures for all to see. But what is not visible is the virtual elimination of the traditional hospital services upon which the residents of Cornwall have always relied.

We are asked to support The Cornwall Hospital and over the years Cornwall residents have done so generously. We now ask the Hospital to support Cornwall and to re-examine and reverse the threatened downsizing which in our minds and in the minds of the residents of Cornwall all but closes the Hospital except for emergency purposes.

The above letter is to be signed by the entire Board. Supervisor QUIGLEY read the Resolution as follows: WHEREAS, heretofore residents of the Town of Cornwall have expressed their concerns and dismay about what is taking place at our hospital on Laurel Avenue, and WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to convey the sentiments of the residents and the Town Board members themselves in writing to the Board of Trustees of St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital (“SLCH”), NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board is authorized to sign the attached letter to the Board of Trustees of SLCH expressing the concerns and dismay at the virtual elimination of the traditional hospital services taking place at our hospital on Laurel Avenue on behalf of all the residents of the Town of Cornwall. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #9 – Resolution – New Windsor Intermunicipal Agreement – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that this agreement is for the use of New Windsor’s Information Technology officers to assist our Police Department. There rates are very favorable. WHEREAS, the Town of New Windsor has provided the annexed Intermunicipal Agreement executed by George A. Green on behalf of the Town of New Windsor, and WHEREAS, the Attorney for the Town has reviewed the Intermunicipal Agreement and has found the contractual provision to be appropriate, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That this Town Board hereby agrees to proceed with the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of New Windsor for the provision of cooperative information technology services to the Town of Cornwall Police Department. The only IT services that the Town Board authorizes to be requested from the Town of New Windsor at this time are for the Police Department.
2. That the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #10 – Resolution – US Census Bureau – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that this Resolution pertains to the 2010 Census Bureau. Councilwoman KRAFFT advised that she had attended a governmental seminar and met with the Census Bureau. Councilwoman KRAFFT further stated that as we have seven zip codes where residents receive their mail, but three of these zip codes do not have rural delivery, instead they are given a Post Office Box for free. The Census Bureau only provides surveys to those residents that have a mail receptacle on their property. This means that all the residents within Mountainville, Salisbury Mills and Vails Gate will not be receiving a survey. This survey is extremely important and we urge every resident to please fill them out. The funding received by each municipality is based on the population and we must have accurate information as to the true number of residents. We ask the press to help and word of mouth to your neighbors and we have a Resolution for ways to be able to contact those residents who do not have a mail receptacle on their properties. WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of having all residents of the Town included and counted in Census 2010, and WHEREAS, residents of the Mountainville, Salisbury Mills and Vails Gate sections of the Town receive their mail at post offices only, and WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau will only send questionnaires to street addresses and not to post office addresses, and WHEREAS, Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT has provided the Town Board with information (copy annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution) which would provide a means for those residents to be counted and included. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That this Town Board does hereby authorize Councilwoman MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT to complete the application for provision of delivery of Census questionnaires by volunteers to all residents of the Mountainville, Salisbury Mills and Vails Gate sections of the Town of Cornwall.
2. That the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents including designations for public drop off place within the Town.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 11 – Resolution – Highway Equipment – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that this Resolution has to do with a portion of the Bonding discussed earlier in the Meeting. There are several pieces of equipment that need to be purchased that must be put out for Public Bidding in compliance with General Municipal Law Section 103. The List of equipment is as follows: 2 - Mid size dump trucks with dump body and plows; 1 – standard dump body, front plow, wing plow and liquid calcium set up; 1 – single axle all season body, front plow with plow and liquid calcium set up; 1 – 25 yard garbage packer body; 1 – front end loader with attachments, and WHEREAS, the Town has previously adopted bond Resolutions for the acquisition of such equipment, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Town does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Highways to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bids in the Official newspapers of the Town.
2. That the bids be made returnable on or before August 3rd 2009 by 7:00 P.M. at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #12 – Recreation Fees – Supervisor QUIGLEY explained that this is an annual fee that we share with the Cornwall Little League to repair a section of fencing each year. Also, the higher bleachers now must have a back to it to prevent a fall. A motion for the Town Board to approve a payment for fencing for Little League in the amount of \$3,475.00 from Recreation Fees was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #13 – Munger Cottage – Eagle Scouts – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that we have an Eagle Scout project coming up as they have done in the past; where Troop 206 wants to paint the inside of Munger Cottage under the supervision of our Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Albert Conley. The Supervisor further stated that we would purchase the materials and the Eagle Scouts would provide the labor. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT provided that the Boy Scout Troop would have the proper insurance naming the Town additionally insured; seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #14 – Fourth of July – Donation – A motion to forward the amount that we have budgeted for of \$1,000.00, was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilwoman KRAFFT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman MAZZOCCA, Councilman McGUINNESS, Councilwoman KRAFFT, Supervisor QUIGLEY – Aye, Councilman CLARK – Nay. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #15 – Approve Chief’s Request to Attend FBI National Academy – Supervisor QUIGLEY read a letter from Chief of Police, Todd Hazard, as follows:

I have been selected to attend the 239th Session of The FBI National Academy which runs from September 27th to December 11th 2009. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation. If the Board elects to send me I would designate Sergeant Dixon to oversee day to day operations during my absence. I would still be available via remote access through a personal computer and by cellular phone for all matters. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #16 – Approve – Blacktop Muser Drive – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that as the Pavilion is not up we need to blacktop the floor. The Cost is as follows:

10 Tons Item #4 @ \$10.50 = \$	105.00
25 Tons 3/8 Top @ \$60.25 = \$	1,506.25
Total	= \$1,611.05+/-

2-3 days of Town manpower for prep and blacktop application.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #17 – Chip Seal Maintenance Program – Supervisor QUIGLEY explained that this is the last year of a 5-year chip Seal maintenance program which will start again in 2010. Certain roads/portions of roads are scheduled for repair each year. There is a total of 6.09 miles to be done now. Motion to approve was made by Councilman MAZZOCCA, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Committee Reports:

Police Training: Councilman MAZZOCCA advised that In-service training was conducted with the Orange County District's Attorneys Office in regards to the preparation of accusatory instruments, statement taking, depositions, and legal updates. The training was attended by five of the full-time officers and another date will be scheduled for other officers to attend.

Police Department News: Councilman MAZZOCCA advised that the Town of Cornwall Police Department assisted the Cornwall High School with High School graduation on June 26th 2009. Although there was a severe thunderstorm at the time of arrival the new off-site parking plan that was developed with the High School and Police Department was well received. The Town of Cornwall Police Department also assisted with the all-night graduation party that followed. The Chief of Police, Todd Hazard, wrote letters of commendation to the following:

1. Sergeant Sinagra, whose handling of the 4th of July celebration was done thoroughly and professionally.

2. Officer Carillo for taking action, although not on duty, to apprehend a person committing an unlawful act in Town Hall.
3. Dispatcher Seaman who saw three subjects running out of Town Hall and alerted officer Carillo as mentioned above.
4. Sergeant Dixon whose quick action when assigned a case, solved it and made an arrest in 2 hours.

Community News: The Town of Cornwall Police Department is pleased to announce that we are participating in Offender Watch with the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Offender Watch is being funded by the County and it is a program where the citizens of Orange County can track sex offenders living in the County. A link to Offender Watch can be found on the Orange County website.

Residents who plan on being out of town during the summer months are urged to have someone check on their residence. If they are unable to do so they can register for a vacant house check at the police station.

Councilman MAZZOCCA added that Verizon has informed us that they should begin the FIOS process by the end of the month.

Sewer Department: Councilman CLARK advised that we should soon have the specs for the generator that the DEC asked us to pursue and the two new pump stations are being worked on closely.

Quadracentennial: Councilwoman KRAFFT advised that the next event will be a concert at the Village bandstand on August 11th 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

Conservation Committee: Councilwoman KRAFFT congratulated the committee for all the hard work they have done. They have been named Tree City USA for the Town of Cornwall again – this will be the 5th year and they do a marvelous job. The Committee also completed their Quadracentennial project which was the planting of 400 trees throughout the Town of Cornwall.

Recreation Department: Councilwoman KRAFFT advised that there are many summer camps available. The Summer Concert Series will be held on the front lawn of Town Hall on Sundays at 6:30 P.M. Please go online for further information and please come and join us.

Junior Police Academy: The Graduation was held on last Friday with a pizza party for the graduates. The children spent time at the police station and were able to experience police work and gain some knowledge while having fun doing it. It was a successful program again and we will be having it next year and if you are interested and an eligible teenager (boys or girls) please sign up.

Highway: Councilman McGUINNESS advised that as mentioned during the Bonding issues discussed earlier tonight, the Superintendent is working on the specifications for equipment. The Highway Department was somewhat delayed due to all the rain we have had over the past month, but the Road Program will get under way shortly.

Warrant #7: Supervisor QUIGLEY called for a motion on Warrant #7 – motion to approve was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Public Comment: Graham Keldor asked how the public could comment on agenda items if they did not know what the items were about. Mr. Keldor was advised that these issues were discussed in Work Session and that the public is welcome to sit in. Supervisor QUIGLEY also reminded Mr. Keldor that in future there will be a brief descriptive after every agenda item.

Al Secor questioned the \$9,600.00 expenditure on the Association of Towns Conference. The Board explained that there are certain training classes that are mandatory and must be taken in order to achieve certification. Also, The Town has already saved money by finding out new law procedures that allow us to do our own in-house audits for the Justice Court and not have to pay an outside agency to do it for us. Hotel costs are clearly the biggest expense – but are necessary because you could not commute and be able to attend classes every day otherwise. The food allowance is only \$50 per day, so all who attend end up being out of pocket on their meals due to the expensive costs of New York City.

Dean Satterly asked the Board if the letter being sent to Cornwall St. Luke's Hospital would be effective. She stated that it was the best hospital in the County and thought it terrible to see it close. She wanted to know if there was any further action that could be taken. Supervisor QUIGLEY responded that we are expressing our opinion of what the community feels and that it is a loss to the Town. Ms. Satterly felt that there should be more of an outcry.

Bob Conley took a moment to thank the Board for the positive vote for the road reconstruction and the bonding of the equipment.

Councilman CLARK pointed out that we had two representatives from the Cornwall Hospital in the audience and that perhaps they would like to comment. His concerns were what was to become of the 125-bed hospital, and what can Cornwall expect that the hospital be used for.

Joan Cusack McGirk stated that she is in charge of nursing at the Cornwall Hospital and that the hospital would remain a full-service hospital. She did say that the hospital has mainstreamed its services and that 15 to 20 beds will remain for use by the community. Critical care nurses will be hired. However, over 75% of cases will be handled on an outpatient basis.

Al Secor stated that he felt that most everything was taken out of the Cornwall Hospital and more often than not patients have to go to the Newburgh branch. He also stated that what we were hearing from the Cornwall Hospital representatives was a bunch of propaganda.

Sue Sullivan, the Vice President of Government Affairs, advised that healthcare is changing in a big way. Sue asked the community to come and visit the hospital and see what changes are being made. Again, she reminded all that based on technology, most patients are taken care of on an outpatient basis. Insurance also plays a big role.

Bill Relawn (phonetic spelling) advised that he is a volunteer member of the Fourth of July committee and he wanted to thank the Board for its donation.

Lorraine Bennet asked if the ICU is closing. Ms. McGirk advised that the plan was to have the ICU and Universal beds located on one unit – 1 West. There will be critical care nurses, intensive care nurses taking care of you as if you were in the ICU – 5 intensive care beds.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman MAZZOCCA, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Renata McGee
Stenographer/Deputy Town Clerk

Elaine Tilford Schmeer
Town Clerk