

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> DAY of JULY, 2007 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall, 183 Main Street, Cornwall, N.Y.

PRESENT: Supervisor, RICHARD RANDAZZO  
Councilpersons, Randolph Clark  
Marybeth Greene-Krafft  
Alexander Mazzocca  
J. Kerry McGuinness

Also PRESENT, JAMES R. LOEB, ESQ. Attorney for Town of Cornwall

Supervisor RANDAZZO called meeting to order, OPENING WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: There being no corrections, additions or deletions, Councilman Randolph Clark MOVED accepted and approved as read. Seconded by Councilwoman Marybeth Greene-Krafft. Carried.

Public Comments: NO COMMENTS forthcoming, BOARD went into REGULAR BOARD AGENDA.

St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital - TWO LETTERS of CREDIT

Councilwoman MARYBETH GREENE-KRAFFT presented RESOLUTION, which was seconded by Councilman J. Kerry McGuinness. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES (to be made part of official record)

EDWARD K. SUAREZ LETTER of CREDIT (Oak Park SD) RESOLUTION presented by Councilman ALEXANDER MAZZOCCA seconded by Councilwoman Marybeth Greene-Krafft. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES (to be made part of official record)

RESOLUTION on Proposed LOCAL LAW #2-2007 basically amending Senior Citizens income levels for property tax exemption and setting PUBLIC HEARING for AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. was presented by Councilman RANDOLPH CLARK seconded by Councilwoman Marybeth Greene-Krafft. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES (to be made part of official record)

**BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE REPAIR-AUTHORIZE ENGINEER ON DESIGN**

MEMO from Engineer MARK EDSALL, P.E. to Robert J. Conley, Town Highway Superintendent under date of June 21, 2007 REGARDING BRIDGE STREET WALL FAILURE – FIELD OBSERVATIONS – 6-21-2007 confirming field review of subject matter on this date and as discussed in field, visual observations indicate an ongoing failure of the stone wall structure on North side of the road, Main Street side (behind Clark & Associates-288 Main Street). Although wall appears to be approximately 4'-5' high (as viewed from roadway), it is actually significantly taller from its base located at

the rear of 288 Main Street (see photo #1 attached). A review of the wall indicates a rotation failure (inward) at upper section of the wall (see photo #2) and an outward failure at lower section of wall (see photo #1). It is also noted that the mortar joints are in disrepair (see photo #3). Given the age and condition of that section of wall, a repair would seem inappropriate (if not impossible). Based on my observations, I recommend that design plans be prepared to excavate (remove) that section of wall from the bridge (terminus of new wall over the bridge) to its endpoint toward Main Street. We recommend a new reinforced concrete retaining wall be constructed for the full height, with top having a galvanized bridge rail to match those rails currently installed during the previous project designed by our office (see photo #2). At the same time, some re-mortaring of the arch is needed in specific areas (especially adjoining a drainage pipe, see photo #4). This was done as part of previous project and the arch is in generally good condition. I will forward copies of this memo to Supervisor Randazzo and Councilman McGuinness.

After reading foregoing, Supervisor noted that Board received copies REQUESTING BOARD AUTHORIZATION THAT ENGINEER BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH DESIGN PLAN FOR BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE.

Councilman J. Kerry McGuinness MOVED FOREGOING. Seconded by Councilman Alexander Mazzocca. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES

#### COUNTY AGREEMENT – NEW SENIOR CITIZENS BUS

Letter from Mr. LOEB to Town Board wherein he advised having reviewed draft of proposed Third Party Lease and Service Agreement between Town and County of Orange for the new senior bus. As Board knows the Federal Government acting under certain earmarks has approved funding going to Orange County for the new bus. The Third Party Lease between the Town and County has a number of requirements which the Town must adhere to. Generally those requirements relate to record keeping, maintenance and insurance. I believe that none of those will present a problem to the Town. The Lease does provide that if the County does not receive all of the anticipated Federal funding that the Town is responsible for reimbursing the County for the shortfall. Since there has already been Federal action, I would hope that eventually never takes place. However, it is my understanding that the Town would be acquiring a new senior citizen bus in any event, and this Lease is a method of reducing the Town's costs. I am enclosing a resolution in which the Town Board agrees to enter into the Third Party Lease and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the same.

RESOLUTION presented by Councilwoman MARYBETH GREENE-KRAFFT seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES (to be made part of official record)

Supervisor RANDAZZO expressed THANKS and APPRECIATION to Councilwoman KRAFFT for her efforts and diligence pursuing this with the Federal Government for more than a year because money has to be funded through the County, and it took that length of time to be able to find a mechanism whereby the Town could receive this

funding. Noting Councilwoman Krafft followed up on this and through her hard work and efforts the Town will now be able to move ahead.

PERMANENT BONDING RESOLUTION presented by Councilman J. KERRY MCGUINNESS seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark. Roll Call: Unanimous AYES (to be made part of official record)

PERSONNEL – APPOINTMENT as per recommendation of Highway Supt., Bob Conley - WILLIAM MCKENZIE – full-time Chauffeur/Laborer in Highway Dept. replacing Corey Lewis who was terminated in May, EFFECTIVE JULY 13<sup>th</sup> at hourly rate of \$17.70 was MOVED APPROVED by Councilman J. KERRY MCGUINNESS seconded by Councilwoman Marybeth Greene-Krafft. Roll Call: AYES

Supervisor informed Board there will be an Executive meeting at end of Board Business Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman CLARK REPORTED on SEWER DEPARTMENT noting that everything is being refurbished and should be finished shortly.

Councilman McGUINNESS REPORTED on progress with the Fuel Tanks and everything is in compliance.

Councilwoman KRAFFT REPORTED on RECREATION DEPARTMENT that Town of Cornwall received GRANT from Orange County Youth Bureau and events will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall Grounds and Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> Battle of Bands with High School students performing from 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. for age groups 13 to 17, and there will be light refreshments served. July 20<sup>th</sup> Movie Night on Town Hall lawn and everyone should have their seats in place by 8:30 PM. July 21<sup>st</sup> Family Movie Night and same popcorn vendor who was at the 4<sup>th</sup> July Celebration will be in attendance. August 2<sup>nd</sup> DJ will be present from 7:30 to 9:30 PM for the Youth to enjoy. End of Summer Event on August 14<sup>th</sup>, and there will be many events taking place and everyone should go on line to get more information . Everyone is welcome and should be there by 7:00 PM. Also the web site should be checked for information on trips during August. Trip to Showboat Casino at Atlantic City - \$33.00 person leaving at 8:30 AM. Swimming Lessons - two sessions minimum age 5 years of age. For the first time - July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> thru August 24<sup>th</sup> Toddler Parent Swimming Class – Friday mornings. Cost \$40.00 per child.

At MUNGER COTTAGE – Toddler Times on July 9, 16, 23,30 from 11:00 AM to NOON – Cost \$33.00 per child 2 years of age. July 9 thru 13 from 4:00 – 5:00 PM – COST \$55.00 per child. Jewelry Design July 21 – 27 at \$75.00 per person and other activities, and for more information, contact the Recreation Department as they have put together a fantastic Youth Recreation Summer Program.

Supervisor RANDAZZO noted when doing the budget last year various departments were being looked at and Recreation Department was given an opportunity to expand their programs for the residents and they spent many hours developing their Summer Programs for the Community. He expressed thanks to County Executive, Edward Diana, for funding the Youth Grant for Teens Advising having attended Seminar in March and found out that this Grant was 100% funding and Town received \$4700.00 Grant Funding for the teenagers in the community, and they should come out for these special events planned for them during the Summer and participate and enjoy themselves.

Reiterating THANKS TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE on behalf of the Cornwall Town Board and looking forward to a good summer recreation program for Youth of the Community.

Councilman MAZZOCCA presented POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT for Month of June noting the Auxiliary Police participated in their Annual Firearms Qualification exercises. Several Police Officers are attending in-service training at Orange County Chiefs of Police Academy and Westchester County Police Academy. In addition, Emergency Vehicle Response training is being conducted "in-house". Regarding the Dog Shelter, 11 dogs were picked up in June, 7 were reunited with their owners and 9 dogs remain in the shelter as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Urging residents if they are considering adopting a pet to visit the dog shelter for a family pet.

Court Officers worked total of 54 hours during June. Police Officer, Hanson has completed her field training and is now ready to go on regular duty. Police Chief, Todd Hazard met with Cornwall Central School District Superintendent and school Principals to discuss issues affecting the schools. REMINDER – SCHOOL IS OUT for the Summer which means more youngsters on the streets. URGING everyone to keep this in mind –WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN and DRIVE CAREFULLY.

In Closing, he brought to Board's attention that Mr. Ken Rossiter, a concerned Town resident who attends every Board Meeting, called me at my home about a week and half ago suggesting there should be some sort of reception for residents to meet the NEW POLICE CHIEF, TODD HAZARD, who has very satisfactorily completed probationary period and is now formally the Town of Cornwall Chief of Police. I want the record to show that it was Mr. Rossiter's idea and asked him to attend the Board work session last week (July) and present his idea to the Board. Consequently, Supervisor Randazzo appointed Mr. Rossiter and myself as a Committee to set up a RECEPTION. We met on Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and agreed on the following: Cooperation from all Civic minded Organizations, Churches, Fire Departments, Lions, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, etc. to get the word out and perhaps volunteer to help. Date has not as yet been scheduled – maybe a Saturday Afternoon at Munger Cottage with light refreshments. Coffee, cookies, etc., I am sure the news media will work with us to keep the public informed on any decisions. When Chief Hazard was sworn in, New Windsor turned out in large numbers to wish him well and hosted a reception at the Vail's Gate Firehouse bidding him a farewell in style. Now it is Cornwall's turn to give him a WARM

WELCOME as TOWN OF CORNWALL'S POLICE CHIEF.

Supervisor RANDAZZO expressed THANKS and APPRECIATION to 4<sup>th</sup> July Committee as well as Brendan Coyne for their hard work bringing everything together even though the weather was not very cooperative, but fireworks and festivities were well co-coordinated and were enjoyed by everyone. He noted that the Committee starts working on the 2008 Celebration on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and thanked them for their hard work throughout the year for this GREAT CELEBRATION AND THIS GREAT COUNTRY.

WARRANT #7 MOVED APPROVED by Councilwoman Marybeth Greene-Krafft seconded by Councilman Alexander Mazzocca. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- NOTHING FORTHCOMING FROM PERSONS PRESENT.

Councilwoman KRAFFT MOVED BOARD INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING CSEA CONTRACT and to CONDUCT INTERVIEWS for HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark. Roll Call: Un. AYES 7:25 P.M.

BOARD RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:38 P.M.

Councilwoman MARYBETH GREENE-KRAFFT MOVED PREVIOUS FILING BY CSEA PERTAINING TO FORMER EMPLOYEE, SEAN KELLY - TO DENY GRIEVANCE BASED ON TERMS OF THE CSEA AND CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED. Seconded by Councilman Randolph Clark.

Put to vote on roll call resulting as follows:

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| Councilman Randolph Clark           | AYE |
| Councilwoman Marybeth Greene-Krafft | AYE |
| Councilman Alexander Mazzocca       | AYE |
| Councilman J. Kerry McGuinness      | AYE |
| Supervisor Richard Randazzo         | AYE |

This is STEP 3 in Sean Kelly Grievance.

Supervisor RANDAZZO advised FOR THE RECORD the Board will continue the Executive Session interviewing applicant for Highway Position, and there will be no action taken by the Board this evening.

Councilman ALEXANDER MAZZOCCA MOVED TOWN BOARD MEETING CLOSED. Seconded by Councilman J. Kerry McGuinness. Carried.

Constance Triolo  
Deputy Town Clerk-Stenog.

Elaine Tilford Schneer  
Town Clerk