

REGULAR MEETING of the CORNWALL TOWN BOARD was held on September 14th 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

*Councilwoman KRAFFT joined the Meeting at 8:10

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

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The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor QUIGLEY at 7:40 P.M.

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the August 10th 2009 Minutes was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye of those present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that Dr. Bambino and Pamela Donato would like to address the Board/Public and invited them to do so.

The following letter was read into the Minutes by Pamela Donato:

To the Cornwall Town Board,

Thank you for allowing me to come before you to present these petitions signed by very concerned citizens of this Town and those of residents in the surrounding community. I requested to leave them in 28 local businesses and only two refused. They were passed around at many churches, and several area organizations. They are a copy of the original ones that I hope to present to the CEO and the Board of St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital. These are people from all walks of life, people that were born here and people that chose to move here because of what this Town and Community has to offer. A fully functional hospital has been and will always be a concern.

I have read the letter sent to you by Mr. Wilbur Higgins, who is on the Board of the St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital responding to your last meeting. He refers to the fact that he is concerned about you spreading rumors or untruths. Strangely, that is exactly what you and the people on this petition would have hoped to avoid. However, Mr. Higgins, the Board of Volunteers, the CEO, Mr. Atzrott, or none of the paid executive officers have ever, to the best of my knowledge, publicly felt the need to come to you or we the people while they were making the very decisions that they have made, through the whole process of "changing" the Cornwall Campus. I do know that the professional nurses among those "in the know" at that time, due to the fact that even back then, there was no communication. I personally have never been contacted by anyone to this day. I ask who created this problem of rumors and untruths.

Thank you for listening to me, accepting the petitions and trying to do anything possible for all the people in the community concerning the Cornwall Campus.

A copy of the above letter and copies of signed petitions will be filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Dr. Bambino introduced himself to everyone and thanked Pamela Donato for speaking tonight as well. Dr. Bambino wanted to let the hospital administration know that the people of Cornwall and surrounding areas are not going to take this lightly, that this move was done without anyone's advice. The Cornwall Hospital went from 48 beds and 10 ICU beds to 15 beds and 3 ICU beds. Dr. Bambino is not sure whose idea this was and when he found out about it at the regularly scheduled staff meeting, it was a total surprise. Again no one was informed that these changes were being planned. Dr. Bambino stated that what we have now is a wounded institution. He stated that he is not comfortable with the mechanics of this situation. He further stated that it is difficult for him to admit people to an institution that has an inability to care for ICU patients in the way that he is accustomed to. Dr. Bambino stated that we have had a beautiful ICU and he believes superior to the Newburgh unit. Dr. Bambino recommended that everyone should take a trip to visit the current ICU which is now a dark room with most of the equipment and beds taken out. He further advised that this was supposed to be a flex-down unit and he questioned how this was to happen when most of the equipment is gone. It is Dr. Bambino's opinion that for acute care, the way it is set up now, it's not going to work. Dr. Bambino advised that Ms. Joan Cusack McGuirk will give us information on what is to happen on the second floor, and thank goodness that they are going to do something. He advised that information was transmitted to the nurses that there would be a rehabilitation unit put in place on the second floor. He feels that what we need is to guarantee that our hospital is fully adaptable to the problems that we have in the twenty-first century; what we have is not acceptable. Dr. Bambino stated that he speaks for himself and that not all of his colleagues agree with him, but they are the minority, and that most of them are very upset about what is happening. Some of the doctors are not getting involved because they do not want to burn bridges with the administration. Dr. Bambino stated that he will probably practice for another five years and he wants to know that when he or one of us is ill and elect to go to Cornwall that you will get the best care available and it is going to equal any other place. He wants to know that when the ambulance comes to pick him up, are the personnel going to say to his wife, "I'm sorry Mrs. Bambino, we can't go to Cornwall, I think we better go to Arden Hill, Orange Regional or Newburgh." He believes that this is the direction in which we are going. He believes that unless we get our ICU back and continue what we had before, then this is a very, very wounded hospital. He is absolutely outraged that none of the physicians, who go to both campuses, were given one thought that they should at least been advised of what was going to happen.

Pamela Dinato added that the nurses on the staff are not happy and also the ambulance corps are concerned as well.

Agenda Item # 1 – Resolution – Petition to Extend Beaver Dam Lake Sewer District – SEQR – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that two houses are currently outside of the District at this point and it would mechanically make sense to include them into the District. WHEREAS, heretofore the Town of Cornwall has received a petition accompanied by a map, plan and report seeking the extension of the Beaver Dam Lake sewer district, and WHEREAS, the petition is dated August 31st 2009 and has been filed with the Town Clerk on September 8th 2009 and a copy filed with the Town Board on the same date, and WHEREAS, THE Town Board has also received a short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF"), NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Town Board does hereby acknowledge receipt and filing of the petition, map, plan and report. That the Town Board determines that this is an action subject to SEQR, that it is an Unlisted Action and the Town Board is the Sole Involved Agency and directs that the Supervisor sign Part III of the short EAF. Motion to approve was made by Councilman MAZZOCCA, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye of those present.

Agenda Item # 2 – Resolution – Petition to Extend Beaver Dam Lake Sewer District – Order Calling

Public Hearing – Supervisor QUIGLEY explained that this was to set up a Public Hearing on the expansion of the sewer district. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board does hereby by the adoption of this resolution adopt an Order Calling a Public Hearing on the petition to extend the Beaver Dam Sewer District, which public hearing shall be held on October 13th 2009 commencing at 7:20 o'clock P.M. and which Order directs the Town Clerk to publish a certified copy of the Order in *The Cornwall Local* not less than 10 nor more than 20 days prior to the public hearing and to post a certified copy of the Order on the Town Clerk's bulletin board not less than 10 nor more than 20 days prior to the public hearing and to file a certified copy of the Order Calling the Public Hearing with the office of Audit and Control in Albany. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye of those present.

Agenda Item #3 – Resolution – Petition to Extend Beaver Dam Lake Sewer District – Adopt Order

Calling Public Hearing – WHEREAS, a written Petition, dated the 31st day of August, 2009 in due form and containing the required signatures has been filed with the Town Clerk on the 8th day of September, 2009 which Petition has been presented to and filed with the Town Board of the Town of Cornwall, County of Orange, State of New York, for the extension of the Beaver Dam Lake Sewer District in the Town of Cornwall bounded and described in annexed Exhibit "A", and WHEREAS, the improvements proposed consist of the extension of a sewer main and other related facilities all in accordance with the map, plan and report submitted with the Petition and now on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Cornwall, and WHEREAS, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the said improvement as stated in the Petition is the sum of \$0.00, and WHEREAS, the estimated cost of hookup fees to the typical property in the district extension is \$0.00 and the cost of hookup fees to the typical one or two-family home in the district extension is \$0.00, and WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the district extension to the typical property therein is \$201.64 in the first year in which operation, maintenance, and other charges to be paid by one or two-family homes within the proposed district extension, and WHEREAS, a detailed estimation of the manner by which those costs were computed, including the said estimated costs of hookup fees and first year costs to the typical property and typical one or two-family homes within said district, has been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk where the same is available during regular office hours for examination by any person interested in the subject matter thereof. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the 13th day of October, 2009 at 7:20 P.M. on said day the Board will meet and hold a public hearing to consider the extension of the Beaver Dam Lake Sewer District, including the environmental significance thereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject matter therefore, and for such other and further action on the part of the Town Board in connection with this matter as may be appropriate, and be it FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish a certified copy of this Order at least once in the official newspaper of the Town not less than 10 nor more than 20 days before the date of the hearing, and be it FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Order be filed with the State Comptroller on or about the date of publication, and be it FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause a certified copy of this Order to be posted on the sign boards of the Town not less than 10 nor more that 20 days

before the date of the Hearing. Motion to accept was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye of those present.

Agenda Item # 4 – Resolution Snow and Ice Agreement on County Roads 2009 – 2010 Season –

Supervisor QUIGLEY explained that this is an annual agreement that we have with the County where they pay the Town for snow and ice removal on certain County roads. WHEREAS, the Town of Cornwall has received an Agreement for Control of Snow and Ice on Certain County Roads which obligates the Town to remove snow and ice from County roads in return for a payment to the Town by the County of \$4,550.00 per mile for the designated roads, and WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the Town to enter into the Agreement with the County, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board does hereby agree to enter into the Agreement for Control of Snow and Ice on certain County Roads listed on Schedule A annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution, and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the same, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town agrees to provide the County with the required certificates of insurance together with the Agreement executed by the Supervisor. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye of those Present.

Agenda Item # 5 – Resolution – Increase in Firthcliffe Heights Water Rates – Supervisor QUIGLEY

advised that New Windsor has increased the rates and therefore we have to pass this on by Resolution. WHEREAS, the Town has been advised by the Town of New Windsor Water Department that water rates in the Firthcliffe Heights Water District have been increased from \$6.52 per 1000 gallons to \$6.84 per 1000 gallons, and WHEREAS, it is appropriate and necessary for the Town Board to authorize the increase in the Town of Cornwall effective in the next billing period, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board does hereby authorize the increase in water rates in the Firthcliffe Heights Water District from \$6.52 per 1000 gallons to \$6.84 per 1000 gallons. Motion to approve was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye of those present.

Agenda Item # 6 – Resolution – Conservation Advisory Council – Adopt-a-Highway – Supervisor

QUIGLEY explained that this is the same program that the Council participated in last year. WHEREAS, heretofore the Conservation Advisory Council (“CAC”) has provided the Town of Cornwall with “Adopt-a-Highway” information, and WHEREAS, the CAC is desirous of participating in this program, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board does hereby authorize the CAC to move forward with participation in this program and further authorizes Kate Goodspeed to execute the annexed NYSDOT form on behalf of the CAC. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye of those present.

Agenda Item #7 – Resolution – Dolce Dorfman Community Spirit Day – Supervisor QUIGLEY read the

Town of Cornwall Proclamation as follows: WHEREAS, the Town of Cornwall and the Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council wish to celebrate the community spirit of the late Dolce S. Dorfman, and acknowledge the many other individuals and organizations who voluntarily contribute so much to our quality of life, and WHEREAS, the Council will be hosting its 14th Annual Dolce Dorfman Community Spirit Day on Sunday, October 25, 2009, and WHEREAS, Mrs. Dorfman’s vision, dedication, and untiring efforts to preserve Cornwall’s green space led to the creation of the Cornwall Tree and Conservation Committee the forerunner of the present Council, and WHEREAS, Mrs. Dorfman and her husband, the late Dr. David L. Dorfman, gave of themselves to their town, village, and country for a combined total of

over 100 person-years of their residence here, including the creation and sustenance of Cornwall's annual Independence Day celebration with parade, historic pageant, and fireworks, NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN QUIGLEY, Supervisor of the Town of Cornwall, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 25th 2009 to be Dolce Dorfman Community Spirit Day in the Town of Cornwall. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 8 – Resolution – The Forest Ride – Bicycling Charity Event – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that this is a benefit event for the Black Rock Forest Consortium. WHEREAS, heretofore the Town has received a request from The Forest Ride, Global Impact Productions (hereinafter the “Forest Ride”) to hold a 170-mile bicycling charity event for the benefit of Black Rock Forest Consortium, which will travel through the Town of Cornwall on October 10-12th 2009 starting each day at Cornwall Central Middle School, and WHEREAS, the Forest Ride expects 50 cyclists to take part in the event, the exact course to be provided in advance to the Town of Cornwall Police Department by the Forest Ride, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board hereby approves the Forest Ride's proposal to hold a 170-mile bicycling charity event for the benefit of Black Rock Forest Consortium on October 10-12th 2009 on the course provided to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, and That the Forest tide be required to 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 Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 9 – Resolution – Security Cameras – Town Park – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that as was discussed during the Work Session, vandalism has cost the Town a lot of repairs and clean up. We are now able to work on a grant through the Cornwall Police Department to install security cameras. WHEREAS, heretofore the Town has received a request from Police Chief Todd M. Hazard for the installation of security cameras in the area of the Town Park to include the area of the Little League, the exterior area of the public restrooms and the pavilion, and WHEREAS, Police Chief Hazard had previously budgeted \$15,000.00 for this project, and WHEREAS, attached hereto and made a part hereof is the breakdown of costs, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board hereby approves the request of Police Chief Hazard to install security cameras in the above areas subject to the following: The location of the cameras to be determined by Chief Hazard, who will supply a list of the location to the Town Supervisor's Office. In the event the locations are changed, the list shall be updated, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate signage pursuant to New York Penal Law shall be erected prior to the activation of any of the security cameras. Motion to approve was made by Councilman MAZZOCCA, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 10 – Resolution – Fall Rubbish Pick Up – WHEREAS, heretofore the Town has received a request from the Town Superintendent of Highways to schedule the Fall Rubbish 2009 Pick Up to start on October 19th 2009, and WHEREAS, the Town Superintendent of Highways is further requesting that sanitation personnel be permitted to work starting at 5:00 A.M. and after 1:00 P.M. as needed in order to expedite the cleanup, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board hereby approves the Town Superintendent of Highways' request to schedule the Fall Rubbish 2009 Pick Up to begin on October 19th 2009, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sanitation personnel be permitted to work additional hours as needed in order to expedite the cleanup, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Superintendent of Highways is directed to publish a notice in *The Cornwall Local* on October

9th 2009 and October 16th 2009. Motion to approve was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 11 – Resolution – Electronic Drop-Off Day – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that we did this last year and it was very successful. WHEREAS, heretofore the Town has received a request from the Town Superintendent of Highways to hold an Electronic Drop-Off Day on November 6th 2009 to be held at the Town Highway Garage in Mountainville, and WHEREAS, the cost for a 40-yard container is \$875.00 with residents being charged nothing for the first item and paying \$5.00 for each additional item dropped off, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board hereby approves the Town Superintendent of Highways' request to hold an Electronic Drop-Off Day on November 6th 2009 and further authorizes the Superintendent to publish a notice in *The Cornwall Local*. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

A motion to amend the date to November 7th 2009 was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye. Motion amended.

Agenda Item # 12 – Resolution – Cornwall Lions Club Fall Harvest 5K Race – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that he received a request from the Lions Club to hold a 5K race through the Village and a 7.5 mile course through the Town on November 1st 2009. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board hereby approves the Club's proposal to hold a 7.5 mile road race on November 1st 2009 during the hours of noon through 1:45 P.M. on the race course provided to the Town of Cornwall Police Department. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 13 – Resolution – McQuade Children's Services – Fall Foliage Bike Tour – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that this is another Fall bike tour for McQuade starting over by Brotherhood winery and wanders through parts of New Windsor, Cornwall, Washingtonville and back to New Windsor. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That the Town Board hereby approves McQuade's proposal to hold its 20th Annual Fall Foliage Bike Tour on October 4th 2009 on the race course provided to the Town of Cornwall Police Department, and That McQuade be required to provide liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 naming the Town of Cornwall as additional insured. Motion to approve was made by Councilman MAZZOCCA, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 14 – Resolution – Angola Road Park Grant – SEQR – Supervisor QUIGLEY asked Councilwoman KRAFFT to brief everyone on this as she has put a tremendous amount of work on the grant application. Councilwoman KRAFFT apologized for being late this evening as she was at Fed Ex sending out the New York State Grant for the Town of Cornwall. She took a moment to thank all the departments for assisting her in gathering the 76 pages of information. The grant amount is \$30,262.57, and hopefully these funds will help us complete Angola Road Park. Councilwoman KRAFFT explained that we have had to submit quite a bit of paperwork and one of them is our SEQR documentation for any disturbance or use of the land. This Resolution will allow us to continue to seek these funds. WHEREAS, heretofore the Town has determined to apply for an SFY 2009-2010 EPF Municipal Park Grant Program, and WHEREAS, THE Town has before it an OPRHP Park Planning and Development Application, and WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper for the Town Board to adopt a resolution formally authorizing

the completion and submittal of an application for the grant, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: That this Town Board does hereby authorize the completion and submittal of an application for an SFY 2009-2010 EPF Municipal Park Grant. That the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to execute a short Environmental Assessment Form together with any and all documents necessary to effectuate the completion and submittal of the grant application. Motion to approve was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilwoman KRAFFT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 15 – Fall Open House at Sands Ring – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that he received an email from Sands Ring Homestead requesting approval to hold a Fall Open House at Sands Ring Homestead on Saturday, September 26th 2009 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The event will include a tour of the museum, and the opportunity to participate/view in colonial activities such as spinning, weaving, butter making, cornbread baking and children’s hoop games. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 16 – Building Department Copier Lease – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that the Building Department’s copier lease is about to expire and that they were able to find a good deal on a 60-month lease with IKON at \$180.00 per month. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilwoman KRAFFT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item # 17 – Accept Bids Highway Equipment – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that he received a memo from Superintendent of Highway, Robert Conley, recommending that the Board accept the Bid of \$58,609.00 from Amthor’s Equipment for the following: Heavy Duty Dump Body, Snow Plow Hitch, Power Reversible Trip Edge Snowplow, Patrol Wing, Liquid Calcium set-up, Hydraulic System, Chipper Bars. Motion to award the contract to Amthor’s Equipment in the amount of \$58, 609.00 was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye. Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that the bid security from Showalter had a bit of a mix up. Attorney GABA advised that by consensus of the Board, they would try to straiten out the bid security with Showalter, in the event that that failed to make good on the bid, the Board will revisit the issue at the Special Meeting scheduled for September 30th.

Agenda Item # 18 – Set Public Hearings 2010 Benefit Assessment Districts – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that the Town Board will hold the required annual Public Hearings on the 2010 Benefit Assessment rolls at Town Hall, 183 Main Street, Cornwall, NY on the 13th day of October 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Motion to approve was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye. Councilwoman KRAFFT suggested that *The Cornwall Local* write an article explaining the mailing that is sent out by the Town regarding the Assessment Rolls. Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that he would give a copy to Jason.

The Benefit Assessment Districts in the Town are as follows:

- Cornwall Refuse District
- Firthcliffe Heights Sewer District
- Firthcliffe Sewer District
- Beaver Dam Lake Sewer District
- Halvorsen Road Sewer District

Majestic Sewer District
Hidden Glen Drainage District
Main Street Parking District
Stone Hollow Drainage District

Committee Reports:

Conservation Advisory Council: Councilwoman KRAFFT mentioned on behalf of the Conservation Committee we did this evening vote on a Proclamation that will be for Dolce Dorfman Day, scheduled for Sunday, October 25th 2009. Also incorporated on the 25th will be "Climate Awareness Day" with the planting of a tree – look for details for the location of the planting in *The Cornwall Local*. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Recreation: Councilwoman KRAFFT announced that there will be a 5K/10k Walk/Run held on the October 18th 2009. Early registration is recommended. Proceeds from this event will be used for capital improvements on Laurel Crest Park and playground. The Recreation Department is offering a trip to Mohegan Sun Casino, a holiday trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which includes shows and a three day stay, and also a holiday trip to New York City. Please go online for more info. Also being offered is a Senior Citizen's walking group – scheduled for two days a week. For more information on the walking group, please call Munger Cottage at 534-4500.

Police Training: Councilman MAZZOCCA advised that the Fall firearms training have been scheduled for all of the Police Officers and Court Attendants.

Police Department News: The Town of Cornwall Police Department assisted the Cornwall High School with their annual summer Safe Driver Forum. The Town of Cornwall recently received an upgraded datamaster instrument from the Division of Criminal Justice Services. The instrument is used in administering breath tests to intoxicated drivers. There were no tickets issued for the month of August for use of cell phones while driving.

Letter of Commendation: Councilman MAZZOCCA was happy to advise that Officer Gebert received a Letter of Commendation from Chief Todd Hazard. A leaf-blower was stolen from Town Hall property, within just two hours; Officer Gebert not only found and brought back the stolen property but also the culprit.

Community News: Councilman MAZZOCCA reminded everyone that school is open. Motorists must be aware of their responsibility to stop for stopped school buses that are picking up and discharging children.

Sewer: Councilman CLARK advised that the Beaver Dam Sewer District has been enlarged. The budget for the department has been submitted and is to be discussed this Thursday. Councilman CLARK further advised that the bids are finally being received for the generator that the DEC wants us to secure.

Insurance: Councilman CLARK advised that it is once again the time of year to begin requesting proposals for insurance.

Highway: Councilman McGUINNESS advised that the department has a little over a month to complete their road program for the year with Fall pick-up and electronic drop off following. Councilman

McGUINNESS thanked the NYS DOT paving program, the Highway Department now has a fairly large stock pile of materials to use.

Greater Cornwall Chamber of Commerce: Councilman CLARK announced that on behalf of the Chamber, he would like to thank all the Departments involved for their assistance to help make the Fall Festival a success.

Warrant # 9: Supervisor QUIGLEY called for a motion on Warrant #9. Motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

Public Comments:

Graham Kelder stated that he was a little disappointed that nothing was brought up about the taxation and finance visitors who attended the Work Session. Supervisor QUIGLEY answered that he it would take some time to digest all of their information. The Supervisor believes that this was just step one and there will be more to come. Mr. Kelder stated that they did comment that some assessments were not fair and equitable. Supervisor QUIGLEY was not sure that they actually said that, but did say that they made some comparisons. Supervisor QUIGLEY later checked those comparisons with the Assessor, and was informed that those items were addressed. Councilman McGUINNESS advised that the end result is that they suggested that every municipality periodically do a complete reassessment. Mr. Kelder stated that he is concerned about the guy that got reassessed the first day of the five year reassessment plan, and that continued to pay for five to seven years over what the next guy is going to pay. Supervisor QUIGLEY said that he would need more information than that and is certainly willing to discuss it further. Mr. Kelder stressed to the Board that if they paid him what his house was assessed for, he would take the money and leave.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman MAZZOCCA, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Renata McGee
Stenographer/Deputy Town Clerk

Elaine Tilford Schneer
Town Clerk