

WORK SESSION and SPECIAL MEETING of the CORNWALL TOWN BOARD was held on the 1st Day of December, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of Town Hall, 183 Main Street, Cornwall, N.Y.

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

Also PRESENT: ATTORNEY, STEVE GABA, representing Attorney for Town, JAMES R. LOEB, Esq.

Supervisor QUIGLEY called the Work Session to order at 7:00 P.M.

Hearing Officer -- Representing Attorney, STEVE GABA, brought up the need to appoint a Hearing Officer to settle an employer/employee dispute in the Highway Department. A motion to appoint Chief Todd Hazard as the Hearing Officer was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

VOTE:

Councilman MAZZOCCA	Aye
Councilman CLARK	Aye
Councilman McGUINNESS	Aye
Councilwoman KRAFFT	Aye
Supervisor QUIGLEY	Aye

Motion carried.

McGoey, Hauser & Edsall -- Representing Attorney, STEVE GABA, advised the Board that he received a letter from Mark Edsall, from the Town's engineering company, requesting that we provide counsel to him at the non-party witness deposition in an upcoming lawsuit. Mr. Edsall is being sued by Burns & Whalen who in turn is being sued by Mr. Cioffi. Attorney Gaba advised that it was in the best interest of the Town to provide the requested counsel. Motion to approve was made by Councilman McGUINNESS, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

VOTE:

Councilman MAZZOCCA	Aye
Councilman CLARK	Aye
Councilman McGUINNESS	Aye
Councilwoman KRAFFT	Aye
Supervisor QUIGLEY	Aye

Motion carried.

Registrar of Vital Statistics – Resolution -- Supervisor QUIGLEY advised the Board that there is a recommendation that was put forth to the Governor by the New York State Local Government Commission that will adversely affect the way our residents would retrieve certified copies of Birth and Death records. This recommendation would move all Registrar of Vital Statistics duties to the County level. The County is planning on increasing the fee for certified copies from \$10 to \$30, and would involve residents having to drive to Goshen instead of being able to obtain them at their local

municipalities. Councilwoman KRAFFT advised that the incident regarding the Board of Elections illustrates why the Board should let the Governor know of our adamant opposition. When local municipalities ran their own elections, the cost was approximately \$14,000. When the County took over and did a charge-back to the municipalities, the cost skyrocketed to \$28,000. Supervisor QUIGLEY read the Resolution as follows: Whereas, the local Registrars provide residents with efficient, individualized services at a reasonable cost, and Whereas, in Orange County it would take some residents of the County more than one hour to travel to the County Seat in Goshen to transact business, during a time when the cost of gasoline is unstable, and Whereas, the local Registrars charge \$10.00 per certified copy and the State proposed that the County will charge \$30.00 per certified copy, and Whereas, in this time of economic hardship, it is inappropriate to suggest that the residents incur extra unnecessary expenses, and Whereas, New York State Department of Health has inappropriately attached these proposed changes in changing the structure of the Registrar of Vital Records' duties to the "Pandemic Flu and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Law" S8184 (Hannon) and A11550 (Gottfried), Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town of Cornwall Town Board adamantly opposes the proposal to move the Registrar duties to the County level, as it would create a great hardship and a disservice to our local residents and taxpayers, and Be It Further Resolved that a Certified Copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor David Paterson, Senator William Larkin, and Assemblywoman Nancy Calhoun. Motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

VOTE:

Councilman MAZZOCCA	Aye
Councilman CLARK	Aye
Councilman McGUINNESS	Aye
Councilwoman KRAFFT	Aye
Supervisor QUIGLEY	Aye

Motion carried.

COVAC – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that COVAC requested another meeting and the possible dates are December 15th, 22nd, or the 29th. After discussion, a motion to hold the meeting on December 29th at 7:00 P.M. was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

VOTE:

Councilman MAZZOCCA	Aye
Councilman CLARK	Aye
Councilman McGUINNESS	Aye
Councilwoman KRAFFT	Aye
Supervisor QUIGLEY	Aye

Motion carried.

A motion to close the Work Session and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

VOTE:

Councilman MAZZOCCA	Aye
Councilman CLARK	Aye
Councilman McGUINNESS	Aye
Councilwoman KRAFFT	Aye
Supervisor QUIGLEY	Aye

Motion carried. Work Session adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:37 P.M. and adjourned at 10:00 P.M. with no action taken.

Renata McGee
Stenographer/Deputy Town Clerk

Elaine Tilford Schneer
Town Clerk