

VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner, Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni, Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Jenifer Pratico (all via Zoom video conference)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill, Foreman Kenneth Meyer, Foreman Joseph Garavelli, Library Director Melissa Tacke, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, Code Enforcement Officer James Lance, Fire Chief Matt Carner, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis (arrived 7:10 pm). (All via Zoom video conference)

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CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Castleton-on-Hudson was held at Castleton Village Hall, 85 South Main Street on February 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance. . This meeting will be posted to the Village website in accordance with the Village's best efforts to comply with New York State Open Meeting Law and Executive Order 202.1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2020 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. No public comment. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Keegan:** Mayor Keegan reported that the village had issued a snow emergency for the prior week's storm and that the Village has been using robo-calls, text applications, television broadcasts, and the website and Facebook page to make residents aware of the emergencies.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the next food drive for the Anchor would take place at 2:00 pm on February 28, 2021.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that she was communicating with Foreman Meyer and Foreman Garavelli regarding the progress of the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade.

- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that the Castleton Fire Department is investigating the trade-in value of the vehicle that they were planning to auction and that she would let the board know if anything from the Local Government Budget hearing will affect the Village.
- **Trustee D'Aquanni:** Trustee D'Aquanni reported that the meeting with the New York State Department of Transportation has been postponed and that Our Town magazine would like a copy of the Village's calendar of events prior to the start of the month.

REPORTS:

1. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported on programs that were held during the 2020 calendar year and the upcoming events in 2021.
2. **DPW Report:** Absent.
3. **Water Report:** Foreman Garavelli reported that New York State will be requiring quarterly PFOA samplings.
4. **Wastewater Report:** Foreman Meyer reported that building is continuing at the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade with the clarifier tanks being installed, the roof being installed on the control building, and the generator being connected.
5. **Building Inspector:** Inspector Ziegler reported that the annual building inspectors' training will be online this year.
6. **Code Enforcement:** Officer Lance reported that he postponed the removal of the truck on Lynch Avenue. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will contact Sunnyside Garage regarding the towing agreement. Officer Lance reported that new dumpsters had been installed at Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
7. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Carner reported that the fire department was called by the water department to pump out a basement on Lynch Avenue and that the fire department would be celebrating its 150th anniversary in June.
8. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis Reported that the number of death certificates for the first month of 2021 is much higher than usual.

Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion to approve all departmental reports.

BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # 3 – Appointment of Election Inspectors:** Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion to appoint Ted and Marylou Kulpa as election inspectors for the March 16, 2021 Village election.
2. **EFG Energy Presentation:** The board discussed having EFG Energy make a presentation at the next board meeting regarding saving the Village on their utility bills and agreed to have Clerk-Treasurer Ellis contact them to make it happen.
3. **Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Association Representative:** Matt Curly, of the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Association, requested

that the board designate a representative to attend their meetings. The board will appoint a representative following the upcoming election.

4. MS4 Report: Trustee Martin and Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will contact Mark Hendricks, who completed the previous year's MS4 report for the Village, about whether he is available to complete that upcoming MS4 report.

5. Letter Regarding Late Charges – 1485 Castleridge Road: After discussion, the board declined to remove the late charges for an overdue water bill for the owner of 1485 Castleridge Road.

6. Budget Overview Discussion: After discussion, the board will determine date to meet regarding the upcoming 2021-2022 budget.

7. APPROPRIATIONS: Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 14 – Vouchers # 445 - # 490 in the amount of \$ 466,311.17.

General Fund: \$ 56,192.28

Water Fund: \$ 11,148.23

Sewer Fund: \$ 14,224.46

Capital Fund: \$ 384,746.20

ONLINE BANKING TRANSFERS: Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to approve the online banking transfers according to the schedule presented to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public present for public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:17 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:43 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion to exit Executive Session. .

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:46 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer