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

June 26, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Jenifer Pratico, Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni, Trustee Rebekah Timerman, and Trustee Baileen Bai (via Zoom)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Steven Wilson (via Zoom), and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

PUBLIC: 9 (in person), 11 (via Zoom)

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 June 26, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Trustee Timerman moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the June 12, 2023 minutes with edits.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Steven Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, stated that proceeds from the Boat Club lecture series would be going to the Anchor Food Pantry and the Castleton Public Library. Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

BUSINESS:

- 1. Fire Department Vehicle Policy:** The policy has been revised and reviewed by Attorney Wilson and will be tabled until the July as more revisions are made.
- 2. Open Storage Resolution:** Attorney Wilson reviewed and updated the samples he was provided with information relevant to the Village. Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to present the Open Storage resolution for public hearing at the July 10th Board Meeting, with Trustee D'Aquanni opposed.
- 3. Unified Solar Permit Resolution:** The Board will table the unified solar resolution until Attorney Wilson has a chance to amend the language.
- 4. Website Redesign:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will publish notice of a Special Meeting for Monday, July 24th at 7:00 pm for the Board to review the submitted RFPs of the website redesign.
- 5. River Access Update:** KaN Landscape Design presented the updated rendering of Riverfront Park with the changes that the Board provided at the last meeting. Trustee D'Aquanni moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Chris Carner, of

the Castleton Fire Department, suggested adding dry pumps to the design in case the fire department need to get water from the river. Suzanne Cecala, of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association, asked KaN Design to show a picture of the park with the gates open but they did not yet have one in the new renderings. Carol Stockman, of the Planning Board, asked if the only vehicles that would be allowed to cross tracks would be department of public works vehicles and emergency vehicles. The Board stated that this was correct. Steven Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, stated that adding ladders and life preserver stations to the design would be helpful in case anyone falls into the river. Susan Megna, of the Planning Board, asked if any state agencies had given input on the renderings. The Board stated that the rendering are concept art and not finalized design to be presented to the State. Trustee Timerman moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to close public comment. Peter Melewski presented a draft of the petition that is to be filed requesting an administrative hearing regarding river access. The petition has over a hundred pages of documentation. Mayor Keegan asked how long it would be after submission for the Village to hear back from the State. Mr. Melewski stated that it was usually between four and six weeks after submission that the State would respond. Trustee D'Aquanni stated that the Village will need to pass a resolution to move forward and that she would like to receive resolutions of support from the Town of Schodack and Rensselaer County.

6. APPROPRIATIONS: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Timerman seconded, motion carried to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 2 – Voucher # 65 in the amount of \$6,333.38

General Fund: \$771.81

Water Fund: \$2,080.72

Sewer Fund: \$3,480.85

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Susan Megna, of the Planning Board, asked about the deadlines for submission and response to the ALJ petition. Carol Stockman, of the Planning Board, stated that she thinks that the Village should get resolutions of support from the Town and County, but also from the State and Federal level. Susan Donnelly, of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association, stated that she agreed with Ms. Stockman's need for resolutions of support. Chris Carner, of the Castleton Fire Department, stated that the street light at the corner of Scott Avenue and South Main Street was out. Susan Cecala, of COHMSA, stated that the resolutions should be written for officials to sign rather than having the officials draft them themselves. Steven Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, asked if the ALJ petition would be posted for public review and stated that the Castleton Boat Club Raffle Party would be on the day of the Village Wide Garage Sale. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Timerman seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:44 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried for the Board to enter executive session. At 8:47 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried for the Board to leave executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:48 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer