

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

March 9, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Schmidt, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner, Trustee Gina Giuliano, Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Jenifer Pratico

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill, Foreman Daniel Lebrecht, Foreman Kenneth Meyer, Foreman Joseph Garavelli, Library Director Melissa Tacke, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Lance, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

PUBLIC: 6

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 March 9, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Noah Albanese with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Trustee Giuliano moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported that he was interviewed by Channel 10 News on Friday regarding river access at the Riverfront Park.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association are willing to post their video submission, along with the Village's, for the HGTV Hometown Takeover Contest. The Main Street Association will also be holding a Halloween event on October 25th. Deputy Mayor Carner would like Foreman Lebrecht to look into the cost of a Purple Heart flag for the Village to hang.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that there is a leak in the roof of the water works pump house. Trustee Martin reported that the water department will be relocating a fire hydrant located on Glaz Road, which is to be the site of a solar farm. Delaware Engineering will be responding to comments made by DEC and EFC on the Wastewater Plant Upgrade and would like to have it out to bid on Monday.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that there were a few questions that needed to be resolved on the Dormitory Grant before it was submitted. Trustee Pratico reported that all applications for the Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Insurance Policy have been completed and will be submitted this week.

- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that she met with Deputy Commissioners from the NYS Department of Parks and Recreation, along with Mayor Schmidt, regarding the governor's plan for river access. Trustee Giuliano reported that she is working on getting the Noyes Engine House added to the New York State Historic Registry. Trustee Giuliano reported that Spring Fest has been rescheduled to May 15, 2020. Trustee Giuliano reported that Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will be working on a directory of businesses in Castleton-on-Hudson to include in the next issue of the Castletonian.

REPORTS:

1. **DPW Report:** Foreman Lebrecht received quotes for a hand tamper and a jumping jack and was seeking board approval to purchase these. The board stated that as long as there was funds budgeted for equipment and that he received three quotes he could purchase them.
2. **Water Report:** No further report.
3. **Wastewater Report:** No further report.
4. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported that the library is making preparations to discourage the spread of the corona virus by removing the toys from the library and by keeping the library door open so that patrons will not have to touch the door handle. Library programming will be rescheduled if need be as the virus continues to spread.
5. **Building Inspector:** No further report.
6. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** No further report.
7. **Code Enforcement:** Officer Lance stated that there is still a dumpster at 31 Green Avenue as well as a pool in the backyard. Officer Lance reported that there is a massive amount of junk at 14 South Main Street. Norm Wiley, of Seaman Avenue, reported that the resident at 2 Boltwood Avenue has ten cars parked on his front lawn and driveway. Officer Lance will issue violations for the cars that are parked on the lawn and will assess if any of the vehicle are out of compliance.

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

BUSINESS:

1. **Schodack Central Schools Honor Society Request:** Lily Stevens and Noah Albanese, students at Maple Hill High School, along with advisor Renee Seymour, addressed the board and asked to conduct a foot race in the Village on May 30, 2020 to raise awareness regarding mental health issues. They will also coordinate with the Town of Schodack and the Schodack Police. The Board agreed to allow them to conduct the race on the same course as the Clove Run and Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will secure the necessary coverage documentation from the insurance company.
2. **2020-2021 Tentative Budget Review:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that minimal changes had been to last year's budget and that he would like more time to account for recent payroll changes. It was agreed that the budget would be reviewed at the next board meeting.

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

Abstract # 16 – Vouchers # 441- # 487 in the amount of \$49,443.24.

General Fund: \$ 29,822.39

Water Fund: \$ 6,032.43

Sewer Fund: \$ 13,588.42

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:06 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:36 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:41 pm, Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer