

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

February 10, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Schmidt, Trustee Gina Giuliano, Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Jenifer Pratico (arrived 7:23 pm)

ABSENT: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner

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: 3

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 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Schmidt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2019 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Bob Schmidt reported that he attended the LWRP meeting and swore in the remaining members, with the exception of Ken Malloy, who was absent. The LWRP is currently working on several projects including Schimerhorn Park and the clean-up of the Fort Orange site.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Absent.
- **Trustee Martin:** No report.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she will be attending the Fire House meeting the next night. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will also be attending to swear in fire police. Trustee Pratico reported that she received a breakdown of which firefighters involved in the LOSAP program live in the village. More than half do not live in the village and if the board decides to increase the service amount for these firefighters they would ask the Town of Schodack to provide half of the total increase amount.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that Spring Fest would be taking place at the Fire House on March 13, 2020 with several vendors and Repair Café participating. Trustee Giuliano reported that she had completed the application for the HGTV Town Takeover program. Trustee Giuliano reported that the grant for the Noyes Engine House had been approved.

REPORTS:

1. **DPW Report:** No further report.
2. **Water Report:** No further report.
3. **Wastewater Report:** No further report.
4. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported that the library would be holding an open mic night on Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. She also reported that there would be programs all next week for the school break including STEM story time and kids cook.
5. **Building Inspector:** Inspector Ziegler reported that 21 Green Avenue would be going up for auction by the county but has yet to be cleaned up. Attorney Hill will work to have the property taken off the auction list until it is cleaned.
6. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that the Office of the State Comptroller has stated that this year's tax cap will be 1.78% instead of 2% due to interest rates.

Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to approve all departmental reports.

BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # 4 - Acceptance of Construction Bids for the Waste Water Treatment Plant:** Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried, with Mayor Schmidt abstaining, to open construction bidding for the Waste Water Plant upgrade pending review of the contract by the Attorney for the Village.
2. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
Abstract # 14 – Vouchers # 389 - # 438 in the amount of \$ 102,536.26.
General Fund: \$56,075.38
Water Fund: \$8,741.71
Sewer Fund: \$37,719.17

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 pm, Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Pratico seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:05 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:06 pm, Trustee Giuliano moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer