

**VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2011**

Attendance: **Mayor Keegan** **Trustee Phibbs**
 Trustee Mannion **Trustee Powers**
 Trustee Carner-Absent **Attorney Crist**

At 7:05, Mayor Keegan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Keegan swore in Tad Johnston to the Planning Board

Trustee Mannion motioned to accept the February 14, 2011 Regular meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Powers and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Barbera was present to ask the Board for two more water permits for the Castle Ridge development. The Board will discuss the matter and reply within a month.

REPORTS

DPW- no report

Code Enforcement – no report

Chief Operator John Shortsleeve's Water and Sewer Report was reviewed. Trustee Phibbs motioned to accept the report, seconded by Trustee Powers and carried.

Report attached. Chief Shortsleeve also reported that an old brick sewer collapsed on First Street next to a house, with a hole that is 10 feet deep near the house foundation.

Chief Shortsleeve suggested that the Village contract the job out, three companies will be contacted for quotes.

First Assistant Chief Matt Metzger presented the Fire Company's report verbally, with a written report to be submitted to the clerk by Chief Carner. Trustee Mannion moved to accept the report, seconded by Trustee Powers and carried. Report will be attached.

No Building report.

BUSINESS

A call to the Education Department was placed in reference to the Village Board having to motion to accept Amy Peker's résumé. The Education Department said that the Village Board did not have to motion to accept and that the Library Trustees were in charge of hiring the new director.

Brian Wiese presented the Board with a preliminary budget for their review. A Budget Workshop will be held Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 6:30 PM. Trustee Mannion will take the minutes.

The board discussed the possible sale of unused wood from taking down and trimming trees in the Village.

Attorney Crist informed the Board he requested a fee schedule from Mr. Sicherman. Mr. Sicherman is a consultant that the Board of Trustees will use to assist the Village with matters involving the Local Development Corporation and the New York Office of Community Renewal. Attorney Crist or Mayor Keegan will follow up with Mr. Sicherman. Attorney Crist said Mr. Sicherman would be retained through his law firm.

Attorney Philip Danaher will attend the executive session.

Trustee Powers reported that he and Chief Operator Shortsleeve had met with a firm that informed them that there was no need to spend the Petroleum Overage moneys for the Voltaic system. This firm would design, build, maintain and own the system and the Village save 20% on the electric bill.

Attorney Crist and Mayor Keegan noted the inability to constitute the board of the Local Development Corporation (LDC) for over one year. With the inability to finance or constitute the LDC board, the Village Board is in favor of dissolving the LDC.

Mayor Keegan asked Clerk Lill to call NYCOM (New York Commissioner of Mayors) and find out if there are any restrictions as to what a Municipality can or cannot put on their Web site.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

No Trustee reports

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Keegan reopened the Public Comment at 8:21pm. There was no further public comment, Mayor Keegan closed the session at 8:22pm.

APPROPRIATIONS

Trustee Mannion moved to pay the bills for Abstract #22, Vouchers #709-#742 in the amount of \$26,558.32, Abstract#23, Voucher #743-#744 in the amount of \$19,543.32, Abstract # 24, Vouchers #745-#759 in the amount of \$9,641.26. Trustee Powers seconded the motion and carried.

At 8:33pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to enter into executive session, seconded by Trustee Powers and carried.

At 8:55pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to exit executive session, seconded by Trustee Powers and carried.

Trustee Powers motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lill, Village Clerk