

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

September 12, 2011

Attendance: **Mayor Keegan** **Trustee Phibbs**
 Trustee Ryan **Trustee Ashby**
 Trustee Carner **Attorney Crist**

At 7:00, Mayor Keegan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Phibbs motioned to accept the August 15, 2011 Regular meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried.

Trustee Phibbs motioned to accept the August 15, 2011 Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marjorie Hotaling asked if any thing has happened about the brewery. Building Inspector Glenn Hebert stated that he had met with Christopher Chartrand and instructed Mr. Chartrand that he has to go to the Zoning Board for a use variance. Mrs. Hotaling also asked for an update on the Orchard development on Scott Avenue. Two water permits were given to the developers.

Richard Haupt owner of 12 Seaman Avenue advised the Board of the situation of a clogged culvert above his property on Seaman Avenue. When the culvert clogs, the water drains onto Mr. Haupt's property. He asked if a scope camera could be put in the culvert to see if something is jammed. Chief Operator Shortsleeve said a crew was coming to the Village to scope the sanitary lines and may be able to check the culvert.

Reports:

DPW- no report

Trustee Ryan motioned to accept the Code Enforcement report, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

John Shortsleeve reported to the Board that a new water tower, glass lined would cost \$525,000 and \$60,000 to remove the old tower. He gave an estimate of \$250,000 just to repaint it.

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

John Shortsleeve also reported National Grid will pay 70% of the fixtures and installation of the new lighting for the Village hall and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Trustee Carner motioned to approve the new lighting, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried. The program that is funding is NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority).

Building Inspector Glenn Hebert reported that results from the asbestos test are not back yet for the house at 7 Edgewood which is delaying the demolition of the house. The house on 24 First Street is demolished and the owner is ready to rebuild.

Trustee Phibbs motioned to accept the Fire Company's report, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

BUSINESS

Attorney Crist and Trustee Ashby are going to check with NYSERDA to see if the RFP for the Photo Voltaic System is worded correctly before sending it out. The board decided not to move forward with Monolith, because the savings were minimal.

Resolution # 11 of 2011 authorizing Mayor Keegan to execute a lease between the Village and ICS of Albany so ICS can use the International-Kahn Recycling truck on Wednesday for the price of \$250.00 per month. A vote was taken:

Aye: 5
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Mayor Keegan motioned to purchase the New Phone system for the Village Hall, subject to no other lower bids. Seconded by Trustee Carner and carried.

Clerk Lill presented the Board with a letter that will be sent for Delinquent Out of Village Water bills, notifying them if the bill is not paid they will be taken to small claims court.

The monthly LDC loan detail report was presented to the Board to show the balances due by the businesses that were granted the LDC funds. This report was to address accounts management finding #4 of the OCR monitoring report issued February 23, 2011 as recommended by Harry Sicherman.

Trustee Phibbs motioned to waive the Fire co. Impact Fee for the sanitary sewer connection, seconded by Mayor Keegan and carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Ryan stated that Castleton Kids had a great summer and anticipates a full enrollment this fall.

Mayor Keegan had asked the State about putting a YIELD to PEDESTRIANS sign up at the 4-corners of Scott Avenue and Campbell Avenue but the State declined the request. They did however say that a cone could be placed on Scott Avenue and Lynch Avenue.

Attorney Crist discussed the recent receipt of various bankruptcy notices concerning both the Village and LDC and the need for bankruptcy counsel to be retained in order to file the necessary notices of claim and further action. Upon motion of Mayor Keegan, seconded by Trustee Carner, Attorney Crist was authorized to pursue same at normal and customary rates for same. The

motioned passed unanimously. Attorney Crist said additional matters relating to the LDC and ongoing OCR matter will be discussed in executive session, since litigation is involved. Attorney Crist was also requested to respond to last month's letter from the Authorities Budget Office.

Attorney Crist detailed the receipt of the draft request for proposals for an audit of the LDC. The Board authorized the issuance of the RFP by motion of Trustee Carner, seconded by Mayor Keegan. The motion passed unanimously. The Village Clerk will handle the mailing out of the proposals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don McKnight, President of the Library Board stated 2 Library Trustees had resigned, leaving seven Trustees. The board can have from seven to fifteen trustees.

Trustee Carner will check into the grant money that is still available to the Village for park over tracks at the bottom of Scott Avenue.

Attorney Crist stated Paul Hite is working on a deed for Van De Wal Lane combining partials from surrounding neighbors.

APPROPRIATIONS:

Trustee Carner moved to pay the bills for Abstract #6, Vouchers #167-#196 in the amount of \$29,357.94 and Abstract #6A, Vouchers #197-#199 in the amount of \$181,339.13 and Abstract#7, Vouchers #200-#241 in the amount of \$181,339.13. Mayor Keegan seconded the motion and carried.

At 8:36pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to enter into executive session regarding litigation, seconded by Trustee Carner and carried.

At 8:50pm, Trustee Ryan motioned to exit executive session, seconded by Mayor Keegan and carried.

At 8:55pm, Trustee Carner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Keegan and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lill
Village Clerk