

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

March 8, 2021

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner, Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni, Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Jenifer Pratico (all via Zoom video conference)

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Benjamin Hill, Foreman Daniel Lebrecht, Foreman Kenneth Meyer, Foreman Joseph Garavelli, Library Director Melissa Tacke, Code Enforcement Officer James Lance, Fire Chief Matt Carner, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis. (All via Zoom video conference)

**PUBLIC:** 2

**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 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance. . This meeting will be posted to the Village website in accordance with the Village's best efforts to comply with New York State Open Meeting Law and Executive Order 202.1.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Trustee Martin moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the February 22, 2020 Regular Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Theresa Scandurra, of the Friends of the Castleton Public Library, asked that the Village Board grant permission for the Friends of the Castleton Public Library to hold events on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at River Rest Park and on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 on the front lawn of the Village Hall. The Village Board granted permission for these events. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

- **Mayor Keegan:** Mayor Keegan reported that the contract with the United Public Service Employees Union had been signed and went into effect June 1, 2020. Mayor Keegan reported that the Castletonian would be out this week. Mayor Keegan reported that he would be discussing cyber security for the Village with Foreman Garavelli and Clerk-Treasurer Ellis. Mayor Keegan reported that the last meeting with the New York State Department of Transportation did not go well and that the Village may bring the State to Court over river access.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the letters for the kiosk located at the north end of the Village had been dropped off at Village Hall. Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the Food Drive for the Anchor had been successful. Deputy Mayor Carner reported that no

decision had been made on if the Memorial Day Parade would be held. Deputy Mayor Carner asked if a decision had been made regarding the picnic tables that the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association were requested had been made. The Board reported that the picnic tables either needed to be purchased by the Main Street Association at full price and donated to the Village or that the Village needed to buy the tables.

- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that Mark Hendricks has agreed to complete the MS4 report for the Village this year. Trustee Martin reported that Delaware Engineering had convinced the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to include the UV treatment equipment in the financing for the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade, although there is nothing in writing as of yet.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she had contacted NYSERDA regarding Castleton Energy LLC and will continue to reach out to other State agencies to find out more information regarding noise output. Trustee Pratico asked the Mayor to attend the Fire Department meeting the next night to swear in the Fire Police. Trustee Pratico will keep the Village informed on funding in the State budget.
- **Trustee D'Aquanni:** Trustee D'Aquanni reported the quarterly report had been submitted for the Estuary Grant.

#### **REPORTS:**

1. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported that the Library is looking to conduct one outdoor activity in April and May and they will increase it to two per month in June.
2. **DPW Report:** Mayor Keegan thanked the Department of Public Works for keeping the streets clear throughout the winter.
3. **Water Report:** Foreman Garavelli reported that he should be receiving the results of the PFOA sampling next week and that he will be working with the Mayor on a water main replacement plan.
4. **Wastewater Report:** Foreman Meyer reported that the waste water treatment plant upgrade is progressing and stated that an increase to the sewer rate needed to be discussed during budgeting to offset the cost of the upgrade.
5. **Building Inspector:** Absent.
6. **Code Enforcement:** Officer Lance reported that he had the truck at 14 Lynch Avenue towed and that Deputy Clerk Better will be assisting in creating a database of code violations.
7. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Carner reported that the Fire Department was looking into vehicles for the chiefs. The Board asked that Chief Carner submit a budget request.
8. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** No further report.

Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Trustee Pratico seconded, motion to approve all departmental reports.

#### **BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution # 4 – Procedures for Village Election:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to enforce the need to wear masks and socially distance during the March 16, 2021 election as well as the need to hand count ballots.

2. **Budget Workshop:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported to the Board that both water and sewer funds have excess funds that can be put into reserves. Chief Carner will submit a budget request and Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will provide paper copies of the budget before the next meeting.

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

Abstract # 15 – Vouchers # 491 - # 536 in the amount of \$ 51,657.39

General Fund: \$ 31,186.92

Water Fund: \$ 6,543.16

Sewer Fund: \$ 13,927.31

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to open public comment. No public comment. Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:21 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:56 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion to exit Executive Session. .

**BUSINESS:**

4. **Office Assistant Pay Rate:** Trustee Pratico moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to pay the new office assistant for Village Hall at a rate of \$ 14.00 per hour.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:59 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Padraic Ellis  
Village Clerk-Treasurer