

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

September 27, 2021

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Jenifer Pratico (via Zoom), Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni, Trustee Erik Samarija

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Benjamin Hill (via Zoom) and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis

**PUBLIC:** 14

**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 September 27, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Trustee Martin moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting, with some grammatical changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Trustee D'Aquanni stated that the Village website was down. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis stated that it would be back online tomorrow. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

**BUSINESS:**

**1. Clean Energy Community Presentation:** Haley Balcanoff, of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, presented to the Board regarding the Village becoming a Clean Energy Community. Ms. Balcanoff stated that the program, which is funded through NYSERDA, is currently in the Leadership round of funding. Communities accrue points by completing designated tasks concerning increasing energy efficiency. By achieving four goals, the Village would be designated as a Clean Energy community and receive \$5,000.00 for meeting the first four goals completed to put towards clean energy projects. Once designated, the Village would qualify for further grants by completing further goals up to \$70,000.00 total. The Village has already completed or is in the process of completing at least four goals for designation. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Mark Wochinger, of the Planning Board, asking what local communities are participating in the program and what projects they have used the grant funding for. Ms. Balcanoff stated that she would follow up with a list of communities and programs. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to close public comment. Trustee D'Aquanni moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried for the Village to proceed with achieving goals to become a designated clean energy community.

**2. River Access Update:** Trustee D'Aquanni reported that the Village has used \$14,900.00 of the \$50,000.00 Estuary grant for Riverfront Park. She stated that she has spoken to the Department of Environmental Conservation and that they are open to extending the grant period past the current end of the year timeframe and approving the use of further grant money that we earmarked for design costs to be used for attorney fees. Mayor Keegan reported that he and Trustee would be meeting with the Estuary grant attorneys this week.

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

Abstract # 5 – Vouchers # 191 - # 195 in the amount of \$ 4,230.84.

General Fund: \$ 2,862.84

Water Fund: \$ 1,368.00

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Suzanne Donnelly, of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association, thanked the Board for their support for the recent Main Street Association fundraiser. Ms. Donnelly stated that they raised around \$2,400.00 and that they would like to partner with the Village on upcoming projects. Suzanne Cecala, of the Main Street Association, stated that the brush needed to be cleared at Riverfront Park. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:59 pm Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Padraic Ellis  
Village Clerk-Treasurer