

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

June 27, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Keegan, Deputy Mayor/Trustee Jenifer Pratico, Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni, Trustee Erik Samarija

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill (arrived 7:05 pm) and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis

PUBLIC: 3 (in-person) 6 (via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Castleton-on-Hudson was held at Village Hall, 85 South Main Street on June 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Trustee Martin moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2022 Regular Meeting, with corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Trustee D'Aquanni moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to allow those attending by Zoom to comment. Suzanne Cecala, of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association, asked if the Board would be discussing the resolution that she wrote regarding videoconferencing. The Board stated that they would be discussing the local law regarding videoconferencing that was written by Attorney Hill. John Stokey, of South Main Street, stated that he believes that the municipal parking lot next to the Poke Jar should be moved to where River Rest is and that the park that is at River Rest should be moved into the parking lot. Suzanne Donnelly, of Hillview Terrace, stated that there are several pot holes on Hillview Terrace that need to be repaired. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

BUSINESS:

- 1. Outdoor Dining at the Poke Jar:** Mike Kwok, owner of the Poke Jar, submitted plans to the Board and Attorney Hill asking to use three to six parking spots in the municipal lot next to the building for outdoor dining. He stated that after COVID some customers are still uncomfortable dining inside. He would like to use the spaces closest to his building between May 1 and October 31. The Board was not opposed to this proposal but there are several matters that needed to be looked into including liability insurance, local variances, parking spot rental fees, and Village laws pertaining to alcohol. Attorney Hill will draft an agreement and send it out to the Board and Mr. Kwok so that it may be voted on at the July 11, 2022 meeting.
- 2. Local Law 1 – Parking on Ransom Avenue:** Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to open the Public Hearing for Local Law 1. Kevin Johnson, of Ransom Avenue, asked about the reason for the law. The Board stated that parking on both sides of the

street was creating traffic issues during pick-up and drop-off at Castleton Elementary School. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to close the Public Hearing.

3. **Local Law 2 – Remote Meeting Policy:** Trustee D’Aquanni brought up issues with some of the wording in the Local Law such as the need for 72 hours notice if a Board member we not be attending a meeting in person and the certifying of emails. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to amend Local Law 2 and re-notice for the July 11 Board meeting.
4. **Resolution 15 – LOSAP Points Acceptance:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to accept the 2021 LOSAP points totals for the Castleton volunteer firefighters, with Trustee Martin abstaining.
5. **Resolution 16 – Clean Energy Program Participation:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D’Aquanni seconded, motion carried to pass the resolution establishing benchmarking standards for clean energy reporting, with the amendment of changed 2017 to 2022 in section 3.
6. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
 - Abstract # 2 – Vouchers # 51 - 53 in the amount of \$ 5,283.03.
 - General Fund: \$ 1,362.93
 - Water Fund: \$ 826.66
 - Sewer Fund: \$ 3,093.44

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D’Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Carol Stockman, of the Planning Board, stated her support for the Poke Jar using spots in the municipal parking lot and the that the flower box that Mr. Kwok made are not subject to variance. Suzanne Donnelly, of COHMSA, stated that there is a restaurant in Troy that was allowed to use municipal parking lot space during COVID. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D’Aquanni seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:40 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:41 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

BUSINESS:

- 1A. **Outdoor Dining at the Poke Jar:** Trustee Samarija motion, but was not seconded for the Village to charge the Poke Jar the same rental fee for parking spots that the Castleton Post Office is charged. Attorney Hill will draft a rental agreement for the Poke Jar. Trustee D’Aquanni asked about the liability for the Castleton Post Office renting municipal spaces and if this will apply to the Poke Jar. Attorney Hill stated that the serving of alcohol will be n issue with the insurance company. Mayor Keegan stated that he had concerns that other business owners would have issues with the Poke Jar using those parking spots.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:06 pm Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Better

Deputy Clerk