

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

May 23, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Keegan, Deputy Mayor/Trustee 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: 1 (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 May 23, 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, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Regular Meeting. Mayor Keegan and Trustee Samarija abstained.

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

BUSINESS:

- 1. Out of Village Water Bills:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to open the second public hearing for unpaid out of village water bills. No comments. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to close the public hearing.
- 2. Resolution 14 – Use of Reserve Funds for Wastewater Treatment Plant Debt Service:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to use \$90,000.00 in 2022 and \$45,000.00 in 2023 from the NYCLASS Sewer Connection Reserve Fund for the payment of the wastewater plant upgrade bond debt service.
- 3. Parking Issue on Ransom Avenue:** A resident on Ransom Avenue is parking a large trailer on the east side of the street which is causing traffic issues especially at drop-off and pick-up times at Castleton Elementary School. The Board asked Attorney Hill and Clerk-Treasurer Ellis to work on a local law prohibiting parking on the east side of Ransom Avenue from Green Avenue to the school parking lot driveway from the hours of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on weekdays.
- 4. Amp Solar Energy Update:** Mayor Keegan reported that due to supply chain issues Amp Solar has behind on the solar field that the Village would be receive energy from. Amp Solar has given the Village the choice of either waiting until the solar field is completed or getting energy from another field that is out of state. The Board agreed to wait for the field to be completed.

5. **Speed Signs on Scott Avenue:** Mayor Keegan reported that he has received the quote for the speed signs that are to be placed on Scott Avenue above and below Castleton Elementary School. The total for the signs comes to \$6,804.00 and will come out of the 2021-2022 Budget.
6. **Flooding on Main Street:** Mayor Keegan reported that the New York State Department of Transportation is still working on the completion of paving Route 9J but the work that has been completed performed well during the last heavy rain storm.
7. **Remote Meeting Policy:** Attorney Hill presented to the board some information regarding the future of remote meetings for the Village. If the notice that one or two board members may be remote and if there is a quorum in person at Village Hall then all of the Board members will be allowed to participate and vote. The Village will need to create a Youtube channel to post the recorded meetings. Attorney Hill will review the remote meeting policy with the Board's input.
8. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
 - Abstract # 20 – Vouchers # 608 - 609 in the amount of \$ 5,939.62.
 - General Fund: \$ 1,560.28
 - Water Fund: \$ 1,708.39
 - Sewer Fund: \$ 2,670.95

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:07 pm Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Better
Deputy Clerk