

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

June 25, 2018

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert Schmidt, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner, Trustee Gina Giuliano, Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Jenifer Pratico

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Benjamin Hill, Superintendent John Shortsleeve, Planning Board Chair Carol Stockman, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

**PUBLIC:** 9

**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 June 25, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm by Mayor Schmidt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2018 Regular Meeting with one correction- to add Fire Chief Matt Carner to the "Also Present:" list.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public Comment.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt requested that the Clerk-Treasurer place a help wanted posting in the Advertiser for the MS4 position. The Mayor reported that Adam Figarsky would be resigning from the Planning Board.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** No report.
- **Trustee Martin:** No report.
- **Trustee Pratico:** No report.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** No report.

## **BUSINESS:**

1. **Department of Health:** Rich Elder of the Rensselaer County Department of Health presented information regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative. The program is an educational resource that has been in effect in the cities of Troy and Rensselaer for the past five years. The Village of Castleton-on-Hudson was added to the program this year along with two other villages in the county. The program provides free home safety assessments for fire, fall, and poison prevention. The program will provide free smoke and CO detectors to home as outlet covers and

child safety locks. Everyone in the county is eligible. The Board recommended reaching out to the Farmers' Market, Kiwanis, and the Anchor to spread the word about the program. The Board and Clerk-Treasurer were provided with handouts to post on the Village bulletin Board.

2. **COHMSA:** Nathan Hans of the Main Street Association presented the Board with a list of current projects that the Association was working on. Current projects include the flag pole on North Main Street and a History of Main Street project. Main Street Day this year will be held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. It was determined that any physical objects that the Main Street Association purchased would be gifted to the Village so that they may be covered under the Village's liability insurance policy. The Clerk-Treasurer will establish a file at the Village Hall pertaining to the Main Street Association and its ongoing projects.
3. **Scott Avenue Subdivision:** Board Chair Stockman reported that there was no information presented for the planned Scott Avenue subdivision at the last planning board meeting due to the engineer not being present. Board Chair Stockman requested that the Village require the property owner to hire an engineer on the Village's choosing to assist in the subdivision. The current plans for the property are incorrect based on the inspection from representatives from Delaware Engineering. Attorney Hill asked that the Planning Board pass a resolution at their next meeting stating their intent to engage Delaware Engineering in the subdivision. **See attached Resolution.**
4. **Water and Sewer Billing:** Laura Palmer, Assistant Comptroller for the Town of Schodack, and Mike Kenney, Board Member for the Town of Schodack, were present to discuss water and sewer rates. Ms. Palmer had met with Supervisor Shortsleeve and the Clerk-Treasurer on to occasions to discuss the need for the Village and the Town to have comparable unit schedules for billing. Supervisor Shortsleeve provided the Board with proposed revisions to the unit schedule as well as possible changes to the water rates. The Board asked that Delaware Engineering review the current unit schedule, as well as consumption, and advise the Board before any changes to billing were made. The Clerk-Treasurer is to provide Delaware Engineering with all relevant information. Ms. Palmer and Attorney Hill stated that the Inter-Municipal Agreement is still being worked on between the Town and Village attorneys.
4. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
  - Abstract # 2 - Vouchers- # 40 - # 42 in the amount of \$ 11,833.09.
  - General Fund: \$ 9,174.06
  - Water Fund: \$ 1,115.57
  - Sewer Fund: \$ 1,543.46

**ONLINE BANKING TRANSFERS:** Trustee Pratico moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion to approve the online banking transfers according to the schedule presented to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 10:00 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Padraic Ellis  
Village Clerk-Treasurer