

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

May 22, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Jenifer Pratico, Trustee Lissa D’Aquanni, Trustee Rebekah Timerman, and Trustee Baileen Bai

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Steven Wilson, Chief Matt Metzger, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

PUBLIC: 3 (in person), 3 (via Zoom)

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 May 22, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D’Aquanni seconded, motion carried to accept the May 8, 2023 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Lissa seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Steven Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, thanked the Village for considering lifting the two-hour parking ban on Main Street for their events. Mr. Rivers notified the Village that the Rensselaer County Sheriff’s Department will be docking a search boat at the Castleton Boat Club from June to October. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Bai seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Hearing – Unpaid Out of Village Water Bills:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Timerman seconded, motion carried to open the public hearing for unpaid out of village water bills. No comments. Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to close the public hearing.
- 2. 2023-2024 Village Budget Vote:** Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the 2023-2024 Village Budget.
- 3. Naming and Regulations of Village Road:** Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to name the new Village road next to the fire house ‘Second Street Extension.’ The Board discussed regulations from the street such as through traffic, street parking, and lot parking. The Board will draft a local law and hold a public hearing at the next meeting to set regulations.
- 4. Consolidated Funding Application Grant:** Mayor Keegan explained that the Consolidated Funding Application was an annual document that could be completed to apply for a variety of grants. Mayor Keegan would like to have the application completed to apply for areas such as Main Street revitalization and unified signage. Deputy Mayor Pratico and Trustee

D'Aquanni will review the application and recommend how to complete the application.

5. Clean Climate Presentation: Haley Balcanoff, of the Capital District Regional Planning Committee, presented to the Board regarding the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Climate Smart program. The Village is currently participating in the Energy Smart program and has reached the first goal for a \$5,000.00 grant. Many of the actions that are being completed for the Energy Smart program can also be counted towards the Climate Smart program. The Board agreed to participate in the program and will take the first steps of appointing a coordinator and a committee for next Board meeting.

6. Fire Department Camera Purchase: Chief Metzger presented the Board a proposal to purchase six thermal imaging cameras. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Timerman seconded, motion carried for the Fire Department to purchase six thermal imaging cameras with accessories, at the cost of \$549.00 per camera, for a total cost of \$3,503.94.

7. Village Website: Mayor Keegan completed an RFP for design of the new Village website and it is being revised in preparation of being sent out to bid.

8. River Access Update: A four-page insert regarding river access will be included in the Castletonian that is being printed and distributed this week. Mayor Keegan is revised the agreement for the consultant for river access.

7. APPROPRIATIONS: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Timerman seconded, motion carried to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 19 – Voucher # 590 - 594 in the amount of \$55,437.17

General Fund: \$49,882.00

Water Fund: \$2,154.93

Sewer Fund: \$3,436.24

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Bai seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Steven Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, asked if there was going to a new business moving into the Poke Jar's location. The Board had no news of a business moving in. Matt Metzger, of the Castleton Fire Department, asked Clerk-Treasurer Ellis to check on the status of glass coverage on the fire vehicles. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:28 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer