

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

April 24, 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, Chief Chris Carner, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

PUBLIC: 5 (in person), 5 (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 April 24, 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 April 10, 2023 minutes, with edits.

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 a river access update at the last Board meeting and was told that it would be discussed at this meeting. Mr. Rivers asked if the Boat Club needed to submit a written request to suspend 2-hour parking on Main Street for their summer events to which the Board stated that they did. Chris Carner, of the Castleton Fire Department, stated that there are cars parked on the sidewalk and garbage in front of buildings on Main Street. The Board stated that Code Enforcement would be down on Tuesday to issue tickets. Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

BUSINESS:

1. **CDTC Complete Streets Memorandum of Understanding:** The Board will table the signing of the CDTC Complete Streets Memorandum of Understanding until Attorney Wilson has a chance to review the content.
2. **Castleton Fire Department Chief Vehicle Policy:** The Board will table the Castleton Fire Department Chief Vehicle Policy while Attorney Wilson merges the new policy with the existing policy for the Board to review. Deputy Mayor Pratico will meet with members of the Castleton Fire Department next week to discuss it.
3. **Letter to Residents Regarding New Street:** A letter was mailed to all residents with properties abutting the new Village road by the fire house notifying them that code enforcement will begin today on that street.
4. **County Waste Agreement Extension:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will provide Attorney Wilson

with the contact information for the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority to discuss the Village's additional 1-year extension with County Waste.

5. Budget Workshop: Clerk-Treasurer Ellis asked if there were any questions from the Board and the Board was in favor of the reserve funding increases that he suggested at the last meeting. With no objections, Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will post the Public Hearing for May 8th and post the budget on the website for the public to view.

6. Noyes Engine House Update: Mayor Keegan notified the Board that work has begun pointing up the exterior brickwork of the Noyes Engine House.

7. Village Website: Mayor Keegan notified the Board that the Village's current website provider will be discontinuing support in August and that the Village will be looking for a new provider.

8. River Access Update: Trustee D'Aquanni summarized what was presented to the Board at the last meeting. Trustee D'Aquanni moved, Trustee Bai seconded, motion carried to contract Peter Melewski to handle moving forward with river access, with the changes that Mayor Keegan proposed to his proposal. Trustee D'Aquanni moved, Trustee Timerman seconded, Motion carried to have K&N Landscape Architects design renderings of the proposed at-grade crossing. The committee will put together a handout for the next Castletonian covering river access.

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

Abstract # 17 – Voucher # 533 in the amount of \$4,939.10

General Fund: \$1,429.11

Water Fund: \$1,539.21

Sewer Fund: \$1,970.78

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Chris Carner, of the Castleton Fire Department, asked if the committee Trustee D'Aquanni kept referring to was a new branch of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association. Trustee D'Aquanni stated that the committee was put together by the Village Board. Chief Carner asked where the money was coming from to pay for consultants and renderings to which the Board replied that funds would be coming from the Estuary grant. Chief Carner asked if the Village had responded to the New York State Department of Transportation's letter stating that they would design a bridge for the Village if the Village did not choose to reopen the ALJ case. The Board stated that they did not respond to the DOT letter. Michael O'Neal, of the Planning Board, suggested Marianne Carner Street for the new road by the fire house. Steven Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, asked what Mr. Melewski's job would be with the Village to which the Board replied that he would be looking at different ways to deal with the ALJ case. Mr. Rivers asked what the rendering for the crossing would look like to which the Board responded that the renderings would show both sides of the gate with the park as well as a top-down view. Suzanne Donnelly, of COHMSA, stated her support to name the new road by the fire house after Marianne Carner. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Bai seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:26 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer