

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

February 13, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Jenifer Pratico, Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni (via Zoom), and Trustee Erik Samarija

ABSENT: Trustee Sharon Martin

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Steven Wilson, Foreman Daniel Lebrecht, Foreman Kenneth Meyer, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, Fire Chief Matt Metzger, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

PUBLIC: 0 (in person), 1 (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 February 13, 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 Samarija seconded, motion carried to accept the January 30, 2023 minutes.

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Keegan:** Mayor Keegan reported that he attended the recent conference for the New York Conference of Mayors. In addition to having dinner with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, there were sessions on open meetings law and cybersecurity. Mayor Keegan will work with Clerk-Treasurer Ellis to create a binder of contact numbers for non-Village agencies.
- **Deputy Mayor Pratico:** Deputy Mayor Pratico reported that the Welcome packets would be completed this week and that it was the busiest fire house breakfast that she has attended.
- **Trustee Martin:** Absent.
- **Trustee D'Aquanni:** Trustee D'Aquanni reported that a draft of the comprehensive plan will be presented to the Board in March. Trustee D'Aquanni reported that she is working on the Estuary grant report for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Trustee D'Aquanni requested the Board allow the Anchor Food Pantry to hang a sign at their entrance. The Board agreed to have a sign hung at the Anchor entrance on 9J.
- **Trustee Samarija:** No further report.

REPORTS:

1. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported that it was the last week for residents to complete the community survey on the library website and highlighted program events for the Presidents' Day week.
2. **DPW Report:** Foreman Lebrecht reported that the Village is doing well on salt consumption this winter and that he should know the amount of CHIPs funding for the year in March.
3. **Water Report:** Absent.
4. **Wastewater Report:** Foreman Meyer reported that he is going through the PERMA safety report for the wastewater treatment plant.
5. **Building Inspector:** No further report.
6. **Code Enforcement:** No further report.
7. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Metzger reported that 12 volunteers qualified for the Length of Service Award Program this year.
8. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported all budget request forms are due back to the clerk's office by March 3rd.

Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded motion to approve all departmental reports.

BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing – Resolution 4 – Increase to LOSAP Allowance:** Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to open the public hearing to add a referendum to the March ballot regarding an increase in the funding in the Length of Service Award Program. No comment. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to close the public hearing and add the LOSAP referendum to the March ballot.
2. **Town of Schodack Agreement:** After review by Attorney Wilson, Mayor Keegan will sign the Town of Schodack fire agreement this week.
3. **River Access Update:** Trustee D'Aquanni and Trustee Samarija will form a committee to discuss river access.
4. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
 - Abstract # 12 – Vouchers # 411 - # 461 in the amount of \$ 42,022.43
 - General Fund: \$ 24,520.51
 - Water Fund: \$ 5,000.22
 - Sewer Fund: \$ 12,501.70

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to open public comment. No comment. Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion to move into Executive Session. At 8:15 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:17 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer