

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

January 9, 2022

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Jenifer Pratico, Trustee Sharon Martin, and Trustee Erik Samarija

**ABSENT:** Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Steven Wilson, Foreman Daniel Lebrecht, Foreman Kenneth Meyer, Foreman John Paul Mastan, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, Fire Chief Matt Metzger, 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 January 9, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Trustee Martin moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to accept the December 12, 2022 minutes, with edits.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Suzanne Donnelly, of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association, stated that COHMSA's Winter Light event would take place on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Laura White-Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, stated that the Boat Club would holding their historic lecture series for the second year and provided the Board with flyers of the upcoming lectures. Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

- **Mayor Keegan:** Mayor Keegan reported that the Volunteer Luncheon was a success, with food from Cardona's and a slideshow from the Mayor. Leftovers were donated to the residents of Castle Hill. The Board also treated the Village employees to lunch from the Crisp Cannoli the week after. Mayor Keegan received an additional quote to replace the upstairs windows and the Board decided to go with this quote. The grant for the Noyes Engine House restoration has been completed and work will begin in March. Mayor Keegan will attend the Rensselaer County State of the County address on Thursday.
- **Deputy Mayor Pratico:** Deputy Mayor Pratico reported that the Welcome Packet has been finalized and will be sent off to the printer. Deputy Mayor Pratico welcomed the new chief of the Castleton Fire Department, Matt Metzger. Deputy Mayor Pratico reported that a letter would be drafted to the residents whose houses border the new Village road next to the Fire Department to notify them of the new parking regulations. At the next board meeting, the Board will discuss the naming of the new road as well as the possible uses for the Village land next to the Fire Department.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that the Volunteer appreciation luncheon was successful

and that the bear that had been spotted in the Village was hit by a car and killed.

- **Trustee D'Aquanni:** Absent.
- **Trustee Samarija:** No further report.

## **REPORTS:**

- 1. Library Report:** Director Tacke highlighted the library programs for the Presidents Day break and asked that residents take the community survey at the link posted on their website.
- 2. DPW Report:** Foreman Lebrecht reported that all of the equipment that has been put up for auction has been purchased and that the check for the equipment arrived today.
- 3. Water Report:** Foreman Mastan reported that he would be attending waste water treatment classes from January to April of the year.
- 4. Wastewater Report:** Foreman Meyer reported that he will work with Trustee Samarija to schedule a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the waste water treatment plant in March.
- 5. Building Inspector:** No further report.
- 6. Code Enforcement:** No report.
- 7. Fire Department Report:** Chief Metzger reported that the fire department is looking to purchase a new AED machine and that the Fire Department will be meeting with Firefly Admin in February regarding the Length of Service Award Program.
- 8. Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that the NYMIR insurance quote would be ready for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded motion to approve all departmental reports.

## **BUSINESS:**

- 1. Library Board Appointment – Meghan Johnston:** Trustee Samarija motioned, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to accept Meghan Johnston's appointment to the board of the Castleton Public Library.
- 2. Resolution 1 – New York State On-Notice Policy:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to confirm the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson's recognition of the New York State on-notice policy for Villages.
- 3. River Access Update:** The Village has no further plans to report and the Board is working with the attorneys on the timing of opening the ALJ case.
- 4. APPROPRIATIONS:** Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.  
Abstract # 10 – Vouchers # 373 - # 407 in the amount of \$ 39,503.41  
General Fund: \$ 24,187.03

Water Fund: \$ 3,995.88  
Sewer Fund: \$ 11,320.50

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Chris Carner, of the Castleton Fire Department, asked what needed to be done by the Fire Department to have a LOSAP increase on the March election ballot. The process requires the Fire Department to submit a formal request to the Board, which has to be put up for a Public Hearing before it is added to the ballot. Steven Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, thanked the Board for the river access update and thanked Matt Carner for his service to the Fire Department. Ann Defiglio, not a Village resident, suggested that new village road next to the Fire Department be named “Marianne Carner Lane.” Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:10 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion to move into Executive Session. At 9:45 pm, Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:47 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Padraic Ellis  
Village Clerk-Treasurer