

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

April 23, 2018

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

ABSENT: Trustee Sharon Martin (called in at 8:00)

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill, DPW Foreman Richard Saville, Superintendent John Shortsleeve, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

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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 23, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Schmidt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marie Bladow, of Smith Drive, stated that she had sustained damage to her vehicle on a series of large rocks that were placed on the corner of Smith Drive and Scott Avenue. The rocks are located on her neighbor's property and in the Village's right-of-way. She stated that the week after the damage occurred, a tractor trailer came down Smith Drive and dragged them down the street. Ms. Bladow is seeking damages on a \$1,198 estimate from either the Village or her neighbor. The Attorney for the Village was given the estimate and will determine if the Village can be held responsible. Bill Scoutin, also of Smith Drive, stated that the fence on said neighbor's property is only five feet from the pavement and did not have a variance from the Village. Ms. Bladow also provided a letter to the Village stating that since the latest paving of Smith Drive all of the rainwater is flowing onto her property. There is currently no storm sewer at the end of Smith Drive. The cost and feasibility of installing a storm sewer will be looked into by DPW Foreman Saville.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt stated that the Castleton Diner opened successfully on Saturday, April 21. Building Inspector Ziegler gave his verbal approval of the access ramp outside of the building. The Clerk-Treasurer will follow up on the paperwork to support this. The Main Street Association has not provided proof of insurance for the Mile Street Mile signs, nor have they gifted them to the Village. The Mayor has asked the representatives from the Main Street Association attended the 2nd Board Meeting in May to determine a process of procedure for requests made by them to the Village. The Clerk-Treasurer follow contact NYMIR for consultation on how best the Village should handle liability insurance on Main Street Association projects.

- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** No Report.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that she attended the Fire House Consolidation meeting the previous week.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that the Cemetery Clean-up on April 21st was well attended and successfully. She thanked DPW Foreman Saville for the paving of Seaman Avenue. Trustee Pratico also reported that she had received word that the Inter-municipal Agreement is to be presented at the Town of Schodack Board Meeting on Thursday, April 26th. Trustee Pratico reported that Castleton Kids Director Scott Mocerine had received approval from his board to begin the process of separating Castleton Kids from the Village. This would take place after Castleton Kids move from Castleton Elementary School to Maple Hill Middle School. It was agreed that Mr. Mocerine should attend the next Board Meeting and discuss these plans with the Board in executive session.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano stated that the next Repair Café would take place on June 16th and that there would not be a date scheduled for the month of May. She also reported that she was in the process of seeking approval for the Main Street Association Flagpole and the Driver Feedback sign. Trustee Giuliano reported that the Open the Gate Rally on April 22nd was successfully. Mayor Schmidt contacted Senator Marccione to inform her of the issue involving river access in Castleton-on-Hudson. The Rally was mentioned in the Times Union and the blog for the Times Union will be doing a story on Main Street and River Access in the upcoming month.

BUSINESS:

1. **Curtains in Village Hall:** After a discussion, it was determined by the Board that whether the curtains that were taken down to be cleaned would be rehung and when would be a decision left to the office staff.
2. **Out of Village Water Bills:** The Board was presented with the list of Unpaid Out of Village Water bills. Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to approve the process to turn water off to the unpaid locations.
3. **Garbage Bids:** The Board reviewed the bids as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer and accepted the bid from County Waste for \$115,000. Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to approve the bid from County Waste.
4. **Budget Workshop:** Mayor Schmidt opened the Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Village of Castleton-on-Hudson Budget. There were no public comments. Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to approve budget.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:43 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Padraic Ellis
 Village Clerk-Treasurer