

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

December 9, 2019

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill, Working Foreman Daniel Lebrecht, Chief Operator Kenneth Meyer, Superintendent Joseph Garavelli, Library Director Melissa Tacke, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, Fire Chief Carner (arrived 7:10), and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

PUBLIC: 1

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 December 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Schmidt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Betsey Prohonic, of Boltwood Avenue, remarked that the village tree looked nice now that it was lit.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt thanked the Department of Public Works crew for the excellent work that they did plowing during and after the snow storm. Mayor Schmidt reported that he and Trustee Giuliano had met with representatives from Empire State Development earlier in the day. Mayor Schmidt reported that the LWRP meeting that had taken place the previous Thursday was productive. He stated that a representative from the Department of State provide a list of ways that the committee could currently update the LWRP. Even without the updates, the LWRP can launch project work and are looking at the projects that are currently in the works, including Riverfront Park and a trail to state park. Mayor Schmidt reminded the board of the Scenic Hudson meeting at the Fire House on January 3rd from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner received a message from former Village employee Robert Schanck stating that he would like to help out plowing part time if the Village is in need of assistance.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that she had received an email from Sister Christine from the Sisters of the Resurrection asking for more information on the recent water and sewer rate increases.

- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico stated that she will be attending the Fire Department meeting tomorrow. Trustee Pratico reported that she received feedback on the robo-call that went out regarding the snow emergency. Trustee Pratico requires an email directly to her to be added to the robo-call list and has removed several numbers of individuals that have moved out of town. Trustee Giuliano will post instructions for signing up on the Village website and Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will include an article in the next Castleonian.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that she has been working with the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the Tree Inventory Grant. Trustee Giuliano reminded the board that Winterfest would be taking place on Friday, December 13th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the Fire House. Repair Café will be held there and there will be twenty participants as well as a visit from Santa Claus.

REPORTS:

1. **Water Report:** No additional comments.
2. **Wastewater Report:** No additional comments.
3. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported that the library will be holding events every day for the last week of December and the first week of January for winter break. Director Tacke reported that the library will be participating in 2nd Friday on Main in January with a winter edible art program. Other upcoming events include a kids' cooking program and a military history discussion group.
4. **Building Inspector:** No additional comments.
5. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** No additional comments.
6. **Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Carner reported that the fire department would like vacant and unsafe buildings to be marked with a red "X" sign so that fire fighters are aware of the dangers. He will work with Inspector Ziegler to acquire these signs and determine which buildings should be marked.

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

BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # 31 – Designating the Village as a Purple Heart Community:** Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion carried to designate the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson as a Purple Heart Community and to designate August 7th as Purple Heart Day in the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson.
2. **Library Board Appointment – Shane Mitchum:** Trustee Martin moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to reappoint Shane Mitchum to the Board of the Castleton Public Library for the term of January 1, 2020 to the December 31, 2022.

3. APPROPRIATIONS: Trustee Giuliano moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 11 – Vouchers # 285 - # 330 in the amount of \$ 140,414.03

General Fund: \$48,116.51

Castleton Kids: \$6,624.90

Water Fund: \$28,244.30

Sewer Fund: \$57,428.32

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:43 pm, Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:40 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:45 pm, Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer