

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

November 25, 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 (arrived 7:15) 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 November 25, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Schmidt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting with one correction-

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carol Stockman, of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association, reported that the Legend of Sleepy Hollow event had been successful for both COHMSA and the Village Inn. Ms. Stockman asked if the Board would like COHMSA to make baked goods for Holidays on the Hudson to which the Board accepted and appreciated the offer.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt asked the board if there was a need for the board meeting that was scheduled for December 23, 2019. Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to cancel the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees meeting on December 23, 2019.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner supplied Attorney Hill with a sample resolution for the Purple Heart Community program for his review. Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the Boys Scouts had made an inventory of the locations of the Veteran Banners and supplied a copy to the Village. Deputy Mayor Carner reported that Deputy Clerk Better had faxed in the information for the Healthy Neighborhoods program earlier that day.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that trees had been planted at 2 Green Avenue the previous day as part of the Tree City program. Trustee Martin asked that letters be sent out to all applicants that had not been hired for the DPW position to notify them that the position has been filled.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she hopes to have the Dormitory Authority Grant completed before Christmas. Trustee Pratico reported that the last Cemetery Association meeting had been cancelled.

- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that the next Repair Café will take place in conjunction with the Winter Farmers' and Artisans' Market at the Castleton Fire Department on December 13, 2019.

BUSINESS:

1. **Schodack Amtrak Easements:** Town of Schodack Supervisor David Harris contacted Mayor Schmidt regarding the Town installing water and sewer lines underneath Amtrak railroad tracks. This installation would require an easement from the Village for the property that they own on Glaz Road. Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to grant easements to the Town of Schodack for the installation of water and sewer lines underneath Amtrak railroad tracks pending review and acceptance of the agreement by the Attorney for the Village.
2. **Marshall and Sterling Insurance Renewal:** Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried for Mayor Schmidt to sign the Marshall & Sterling Insurance Renewal with the correction of leaving John Shortsleeve on as a covered licensed driver on the policy.
3. **NYSDEC Round 15 Urban and Community Forestry Tree Inventory & Management Plan:** Trustee Giuliano reported that she would be submitting the grant before Wednesday. She will be asking for \$21,000.00 for a village wide tree inventory and management plan. The announcement for grant recipients will make place in May 2020.
4. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Trustee Martin moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
 - Abstract # 10 - Vouchers- # 284 in the amount of \$ 2,950.85.
 - General Fund: \$788.38
 - Water Fund: \$1,010.88
 - Sewer Fund: \$1,151.59

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 pm, Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:40 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

BUSINESS:

5. **Appointments and Rates:** The Board resolves to the provisionally appointments of Joseph Garavelli as Working Supervisor (Water) effective August 1, 2019, Kenneth Meyer as Working Foreman (Wastewater) effective August 1, 2019, and Daniel Lebrecht as Working Foreman (DPW) effective August 27, 2019, all at the rate of \$24.00 per hour subject to approval by the Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission and an addendum to the collective bargaining agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union. The Board of Trustees will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, December 2, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:50 pm, Trustee Giuliano moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer