

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

October 28, 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, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

**PUBLIC:** 5

**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 October 28, 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 Martin seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Regular Meeting, with Deputy Mayor Carner abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nick and Kaycei Papas, of 128 South Main Street, stated their interest in purchasing the Village owned piece of property located at 126 South Main Street. They stated that they, as well as a previous neighbor, have maintained the property for the past 11 years and that they would like to turn the property into a driveway. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis explained that the land was donated to the Village as park land and thus could not be sold unless a plot of the same size or larger is designated park land in its stead. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will attempt to locate such properties in the Village while Trustee Pratico drafts a bill to designate the substitute plot of land as park land instead, which will need to be approved by the Senate and the Legislature. Betsey Prohonic, of Boltwood Avenue, stated that the stop sign has gone missing from the intersection of Boltwood Avenue and Van De Wal Lane. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis stated that he would notify DPW for a replacement sign. Viktor Mokhnatyuk, of Second Street, spoke with Attorney Hill regarding a dispute with a neighbor over the location of the water main line that connects to his house. Mr. Mokhnatyuk asked Attorney Hill for legal advice and Attorney Hill stated that the dispute was between neighbors and that the Village was not an involved party. Tony Hill, of Firefly Admin Inc., had previously met with Trustee Pratico, as Fire Department liaison, to discuss the possibility of the Village switched third-party management of its LOSAP plan. Mr. Hill had previously worked at Penflex, the current third-party administrator of the Village's LOSAP plan, for seventeen years and ran the day-to-day operations before starting his own company. His company, Firefly Admin Inc., currently serves 40 municipal accounts and offers participants more personalized reports and access to their account. The Board asked Mr. Hill to send an engagement letter so that they can vote on the matter of changing third-party LOSAP administrators.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

- **Mayor Schmidt:** No Report.

- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the Healthy Neighborhoods program, which is funded by New York State Department of Health, is offering free smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin has been conducting interviews with Trustee Pratico for the vacant Department of Public Works position. Trustee Martin reported that the Water Department is still trying to make contact with the maintenance director at the Sisters of the Resurrection convent to check for water leaks. Trustee Martin reported that the sewer connection had been made at 11 Latham Avenue and that connection fees had been waived as per the resolution passed at the previous board meeting.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she had not met with Chief Carner due to him being on vacation but that Matt Metzger of the Fire Department is gathering the paperwork for the Cancer Benefit Insurance policy.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano asked Clerk-Treasurer Ellis when the submission deadline for the Castleonian was. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis responded that it was Friday November 8, 2019. Trustee Giuliano asked if the Noyes Engine House was in the historical district and was told that it was. Trustee Giuliano reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report for the Estuary Grant had been completed. Trustee Giuliano reported that she had met with a representative from the Department of Environmental Conservation, along with Mayor Schmidt, regarding the Urban Forestry Grant. Trustee Giuliano reported that she will be applying for the grant to receive a tree inventory and management for the entire Village and cemetery.

#### **BUSINESS:**

1. **Parking on First Street:** No residents were present to state their opinions on changes to First Street parking, therefore the Village will prohibit parking on the east side of First Street between Green Avenue and Stimpson Avenue in accordance with current Village Law.
2. **Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment:** Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to appoint Lissa D'Aquanni as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2024.
3. **Library Board Appointment:** Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to appoint Laurie Knaack to the Library Board for the term of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2024.
4. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
  - Abstract # 8 - Vouchers- # 238 in the amount of \$ 2,336.61
  - General Fund: \$ 479.04
  - Water Fund: \$ 824.21
  - Sewer Fund: \$ 1,033.36

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:27 pm, Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:50 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

**BUSINESS:**

5. **Appointment of Department of Public Works Working Foreman:** Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to appoint Daniel Lebrecht as Working Foreman of the Department of Public Works with retroactive pay for the Working Foreman position since the retirement of Foreman Saville.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:55 pm, Trustee Giuliano moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Padraic Ellis  
Village Clerk-Treasurer