

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

June 10, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Schmidt, Trustee Gina Giuliano, Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Jenifer Pratico

ABSENT: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill, DPW Foreman Richard Saville, Superintendent John Shortsleeve, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Lance, Fire Department Matt Metzger, Deputy Clerk Janice Better, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

PUBLIC: 3

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 June 10, 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 May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting, with Trustee Martin abstaining, with one correction: the Amtrak meeting will take place with supervisors from the east bank of the Hudson River, not the west bank.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carol Stockman of COHMSA, invited all of the board members to the Flag Pole Ceremony on June 14, 2019 at 5:30 pm. She asked Foreman Saville to mow the grass and to bring a podium. Mike Martin, of the Tree City Committee, stated that the next meeting will be on June 12, 2019.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported that he spoke to Scenic Hudson and that the meeting with the Department of State and the Department of Transportation will be taking place at 2:00 pm on June 14, 2019.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Absent.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that she toured the waste water treatment plant. Trustee Martin reported that she attended the Friends of the Library spaghetti dinner and that it was well attended. Trustee Martin reported that the fire department would be selling two of their older trucks and are currently waiting to have pictures taken for the auction website.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that Director Mocerine called to thank the village on Castleton Kids last day as part of the Village. Trustee Pratico stated the Department of Transportation will be calling Assemblyman Ashby regarding the possibility of doing a crosswalk study on Main Street.

- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that the Repair Café that was held at the Farmers' Market was well attended. She stated that Love Farm would be selling produce every week at the Farmers' Market and that the next Repair Café will take place on July 12, 2019. Trustee Giuliano reported that she looked into the street sweeper grant that had been proposed by the Town of Schodack and that it was not applicable to the Village at this time.

REPORTS:

1. **DPW Report:** No further report.
2. **Water & Wastewater Report:** Superintendent Shortsleeve reported that he would be providing Attorney Hill with information regarding a resident who has illegally prevented the Village from shutting off their water. Attorney Hill will look into the process of getting a court order to shut the water off.
3. **Library Report:** Absent.
4. **Building Inspector:** Officer Lance reported that there was open fire at 31 Green Avenue that he will be ticketing. Officer Lance reported that he has sent final notice to 51 Green Avenue. Officer Lance reported that he will be issuing tickets on Friday for cars that are parked on the wrong side of the street for street sweeping.
5. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that the low bid for the demolition of 21 Green Avenue was \$20,800.00. Attorney Hill asked that any decision regarding demolition wait until after June 17, 2019 so that he may contact Rensselaer County regarding their plans for the building.

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

BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing – Annual MS4 Report: Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to open public hearing on the annual MS4 report. No comments were made regarding the report. Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to close public hearing on the annual MS4 report.

Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried for Mayor Schmidt to submit the annual MS4 Report to the Department of Environmental Conservation.

2. Public Hearing -Vacant Property Law: Trustee Giuliano moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to open public hearing for Local Law # 1 of 2019 – Vacant Property Registry. Attorney Hill restated that the change to the current law would shorten the amount of time the building needed to be unoccupied to 90 days and would require the property owner to maintain insurance on the property. No other comments were made. Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to close public hearing for Local Law # 1 of 2019 – Vacant Property Registry.

Trustee Pratico moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion carried to pass Local Law # 1 of 2019 – Vacant Property Registry.

3. Resolution # 22 – Proper Destruction of Documents: Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to shred appropriate documents dated before June 1, 2012 as per New York State Records Law.

4. APPROPRIATIONS: Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 1 – Vouchers # 1 - # 39 in the amount of \$ 89,099.38.

General Fund: \$ 24,994.11

Castleton Kids: \$ 1,219.88

Water Fund: \$ 2,906.69

Sewer Fund: \$ 59,978.70

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:14 pm, Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 9:18 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:20 pm, Trustee Giuliano moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer