

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

May 13, 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, DPW Foreman Richard Saville, Library Director Melissa Tacke, Deputy Clerk Janice Better, 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 May 13, 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 Giuliano seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2019 Regular Meeting, with the following corrections: the meeting was called to order at “6:59”, not “7:59”; “Mr. Martin” will complete a list of trees for the Village, not “Me. Martin”; “Mr. Eckholm” stated that Goulet Trucking will be building in Schodack, not “Me. Eckholm”; the proposed “site” of Goulet Trucking would be on the aquafer, not the proposed “sit”; the feasibility of Stimpson Avenue becoming an “one way street,” not a “on way street”; anytime the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association is abbreviated “MSA” it should be “COHMSA”; the property on Stimpson Avenue was purchased “by” Frank Palladino, not “but”; “Less than a month and a half remains before the separation of Castleton Kids from the Village” should begin the Castleton Kids Presentation section; and any reference to “501c3” should be “510C3.”

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported that Congressman Tonko will be holding mobile office hours on May 24, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Village Hall. The congressman will be meeting one-on-one with residents who have scheduled appointments with his office. Mayor Schmidt also stated that Scenic Hudson is attempting to set up a meeting between him, the supervisors of Germantown and Rhinebeck, and Amtrak regarding new restrictive policies at local waterfronts. Mayor Schmidt reported that the Riverkeeper Sweep was to have taken place the previous Saturday but was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. Mayor Schmidt notified the Schodack Police and Amtrak that the event would take place. Amtrak stated that the gate should not be opened for any reason even after being provided with a copy of the agreement that stated the land could be accessed for regular maintenance. When the event was beginning the electronic crossing arms came down and stayed down for over an hour although no trains came through. Mayor Schmidt apologized and excused the volunteers due to the safety concern.

- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that she attended the most recent Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association meeting. The flagpole has been installed and the ceremony has been confirmed to take place June 14, 2019 at 5:30 pm. The Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association will also be marching in the Memorial Day Parade.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that she attended the final Fire House Consolidation meeting with Deputy Mayor Carner. Trustee Martin also reported that she worked the Spring Clean-Up Day and that the Village brought in over \$400.00.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she is working with Assemblyman Ashby in contacting the Department of Transportation regarding crosswalks on Main Street. Trustee Pratico reported that she is currently attempting to locate the grant money that had been reserved by Assemblyman Gordon for Riverfront Park. Trustee Pratico reminded everyone that the school budget vote would be taking place on May 21, 2019.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that step two of the Estuary Grant had been completed with the Department of Environmental Conservation review. Step three will be completing the RFA for legal services. Trustee Giuliano reported that Repair Café was well attended on the previous Saturday. The next Repair Café will take place on June 7, 2019 at the first Farmers' Market of the year. Trustee Giuliano also reported that the Community Garden had received a donation of seeds worth \$400.00.

REPORTS:

1. **DPW Report:** No further report.
2. **Water & Wastewater Report:** Absent.
3. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported that the Friends of the Library will be holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Castleton Fire House from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on June 8, 2019. Director Tacke reported that the Summer Reading Program will begin on June 26, 2019. Director Tacke reported that the work on the annex had been completed except for the installation of the flat screen television and the arrival of the new furniture. The library board will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony once everything has been completed.
4. **Building Inspector:** Absent.
5. **Code Enforcement Report:** Absent
6. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** No further report.

Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion to approve all departmental reports.

BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing – 2019-2020 Budget:** Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to open the public hearing on the 2019 – 2020 Village of Castleton-on-Hudson budget. No one present had any comments on the budget. Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to close the public hearing. Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to approve the 2019 – 2020 Budget for the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson.

- 2. Delinquent Out of Village Water Bills:** Of the original sixteen names on the list of delinquent out of village water bills, only five remain. Deputy Clerk Better stated that while a \$50.00 fee is imposed on in village residents whose water bills are relevied, no fee is imposed on out of village residents even though this process requires as much work, if not more, than the relevy process. Attorney Hill stated that he would look into the ability of the Village to impose a fee to out of village residents regarding the water shut off process.

Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to proceed in the water shut off process for delinquent out of village water bills.

- 3. Resolution # 21 – Separation Agreement with Castleton Kids:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that Director Mocerine had his attorney read over the resolution and had no changes to make.

Trustee Pratico moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion carried to approve the resolution for Castleton Kids to separate from the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson effective at the close of business on May 31, 2019.

- 4. Resolution # 22 – Bidding Process for the Demolition of 21 Green Avenue:** Attorney Hill reported that he had received word from the Rensselaer County Attorney that the County was not currently in the possession of the property at 21 Green Avenue. Attorney Hill will follow up and attempt to determine ownership as the bidding process progresses.

Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to put out to bid the contract for the demolition of the house at 21 Green Avenue.

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

Abstract # 19 – Vouchers #646 - # 690 in the amount of \$ 66,830.64

General Fund: \$ 20,394.70

Castleton Kids: \$ 462.30

Water Fund: \$ 3,081.40

Sewer Fund: \$ 42,892.24

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 8:01 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:24 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:26 pm, Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer