

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

February 25, 2018

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, Superintendent John Shortsleeve, Planning Board Chair Carol Stockman, 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 June 11, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Schmidt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2018 Regular Meeting with one correction- under Trustee Martin's report, fire was misspelled 'fir.'

PUBLIC COMMENT: Norman Wiley presented a formal request for a load of crusher run for Mountain View Cemetery in compliance with New York State Cemetery Law. Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to supply Mountain View Cemetery with a load of crusher run.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported that he attended County Executive McLaughlin's press conference at the East Greenbush Town Park regarding the restoration of AIM funding to villages in the State of New York. The Village of Castleton-on-Hudson will lose \$13,422.00 in AIM funding if it is not restored. AIM funding has not increased since 2011 and the Governor has proposed making up the difference by applying an internet sales tax on items purchased online, though this has yet to be passed. Mayor Schmidt stated that Assemblymen Ashby attended as well as many town supervisors and village mayors. Mayor Schmidt will be attending the County Shared Services meeting on Friday with Clerk-Treasurer Ellis. Mayor Schmidt also reported that the Town of Schodack has adopted all of its proposed members to the LWRP board.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that she attended the Main Street Association Meeting for the month of February. COHMSA would like to hold four events annually, including Main Street Day. They are planning to have the flagpole installed by Flag Day on June 14, 2019 and will invite members of the Village Board, the Town board, the VFW, and the High School Band to attend the event. DPW Foreman Saville will be in contact with COHMSA regarding the Department of Transportation work permit. The next meeting will be held at Cherrybrook Café on March 6 2019 at 6:00 pm.

- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin and Deputy Mayor Carner attended the Castleton Fire Department and Castleton Ambulance installation dinner and stated that it was a nice event. Trustee Martin also attended the Fire House Consolidation Meeting. Although the Castleton Fire Department voted for consolidation, none of the other fire districts surrounding Castleton did, thus excluding Castleton from any consolidation plans.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she had met with Assemblyman Ashby and that he is willing to work with the Village on any projects moving forward. Trustee Pratico also stated that she had spoken to Schodack Central Schools and that they are looking to continue to host Castleton Kids after their separation from the Village.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that the next Repair Café would be held on March 9, 2019. Trustee Giuliano also reported that the first quarterly report for the Estuary Grant would be due on April 1, 2019 and that she was requesting a letter from Assemblyman Ashby for the Preserve New York Grant that she was working on.

BUSINESS:

1. **Schodack Central School Water Pipe Issue:** The new gym of the Castleton Elementary School was built over an existing water main. Both the Village and the Schodack Central School District agree that this should be corrected. The prior School Superintendent had been working with the Village in rectifying the problem. The site has been engineered already for the possible movement of the water main and the Village will need an easement from the school to do the work. The work to move the main under the tennis courts cost around \$20,000.00. The Superintendent will bring the proposed plan of splitting the cost evenly with the Village before the School Board at the next meeting on March 21, 2019. Supervisor Shortsleeve will contact the engineering firm to prepare an estimate for the work. The project will be timed out for the summer so that it can be completed while school is not in session.
2. **Library Board Term:** Shane Mitchum will be serving out the remainder of previous member's term on the Library Board rather than serving a new term to expire in 2021. Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to revise the term for Shane Mitchum on the board of the Castleton Public Library.
3. **Appointment to Planning Board:** Planning Board Chair Carol Stockman presented the names of those persons looking to join or renew their seats on the Planning Board. Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to accept the following on to the Planning Board: Susan Megna, new member; Michael Davidson, new member; Mark Wochinger, term renewal; and John Goodlow, renewed as an alternate.
4. **Resolution # 7 – Online Credit Card Payments for Taxes:** The Village currently accepts online credit card payments for water/sewer/refuse bills. As of June 1, 2019, it has been proposed that the Village accept online payments through GovPayNet for Village tax payments that are paid in full. Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Pratico seconded to accept online payments for Village tax payments when paid in full.
5. **Resolution # 8 – Approval to Close Fire House Bank Account:** The Village currently maintains an account at Kinderhook Bank which was used for the payment of the recently purchased fire truck. The remainder of the money in the account must be repaid to the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to pay back the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for \$542.41 in interest earned on the account, the \$2,310.05

that is the remaining balance of the account, and to close the account so that no penalties are imposed upon it for not meeting the minimum balance of \$25,000.00.

- 6. Resolution # 9 – Acceptance of Transfer of Scott Avenue Property:** Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to allow the Mayor to sign the deed paperwork for the transfer of the Scott Avenue property which includes an easement for the Village.
- 7. Commercial Water Billing:** A majority of properties that should be billed under commercial rates are currently being billed residential rates. To rectify this problem, the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson will be holding a public hearing on March 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Castleton Fire Department to discuss changing these properties to commercial water billing rate as well as increased rate for out of village commercial properties.
- 8. APPROPRIATIONS:** Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
 - Abstract # 14 - Vouchers- # 458 in the amount of \$ 6,239.39.
 - General Fund: \$2,461.98
 - Water Fund: \$1,569.21
 - Sewer Fund: \$ 2,208.20

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:37 pm, Trustee Giuliano moved, Trustee Martin seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 9:10 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:12 pm, Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer