

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

January 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, Superintendent John Shortsleeve, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

PUBLIC: 0

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 January 28, 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 January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting with one correction- that the Board approved \$ 600.00 in matching funds rather than fees in Trustee Giuliano's report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported that the Riverkeeper event held at the Hill was a success. The movie that was shown was informative and those who attended asked great questions. The staff of the Hill was complimented by the board for the quality and abundance of the food served.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that a book was recently published chronicling the history of the street names for the City of Albany. She was wondering if there was someone in the Village that would be able to compile the information necessary to write a book about the street names of Castleton-on-Hudson. Deputy Mayor Carner asked if Cherrybrook Café had come to the Village Hall to apply for a permit for the dumpster that is located in the Village Parking Lot. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis informed her that they had not. Deputy Mayor Carner confirmed that the Library Board Members had been sworn in at the previous Library Board meeting by Clerk-Treasurer Ellis.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that she attended the previous Fire House Consolidation Meeting. Due to non-attendance by several fire companies, a new vote on consolidation will take place at the next meeting on February 21st, 2019.

- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she attended the Cemetery Committee Meeting. The Committee will be raising the price of plots and is also looking for new members. Trustee Pratico Reported that the robo-call to notify residents of the previous week's snow emergency was successful. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis stated that the DPW had notified him that the majority of residents followed the snow emergency policy.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that the next Repair Café would be held on February 9th, 2019. Trustee Giuliano reported that Amtrak would not be moving forward with their planned fence along the east bank of the Hudson River.

BUSINESS:

1. **21 Green Ave Demolition – Public Hearing:** Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion passed to open the public hearing on the demolition of 21 Green Avenue. No public attended. The board will continue the process of preparing for demolition. Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion carried to close the public hearing on the demolition of 21 Green Avenue.
2. **Charter Communications Franchise Agreement:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that the disagreement between Charter Communications and the State of New York had been resolved and that Charter would be remaining in New York. The board agreed to move forward with submitting the franchise agreement. Attorney Hill will work on completing the agreement, which had been reviewed by Computel and sent to him by Deputy Clerk Better. Attorney Hill will also follow up with Kevin Egan of Charter Communications to see if the Village is able to collect a 5% franchise fee during the period between Village Board approval and approval by New York State. Upon completion of the franchise agreement, a public hearing will be scheduled.
3. **Estuary Grant Review:** Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried for Mayor Schmidt to sign and submit the paperwork for the Estuary Grant.
4. **Approval of LWRP Member:** Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to appoint Ken Malloy to the LWRP, as well as appointing the Town of Schodack nominated Lucas Ashby as chair of the LWRP Advisory Board. With this vote the Village has completed all of their appointments to the LWRP and the Advisory Board will meet when the Town of Schodack has all of their appointments completed.
5. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
 - Abstract # 12 - Vouchers- # 456 in the amount of \$ 5,090.33.
 - General Fund: \$ 2,199.75
 - Water Fund: \$ 1,260.90
 - Sewer Fund: \$ 1,629.68

PUBLIC COMMENT: Superintendent Shortsleeve presented the Board with paperwork showing that rates with Spectrum would save \$ 13.00 per month over the currently used Verizon at the Waste Water Treatment plant as well as improved service. Trustee Pratico moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion carried to accept the \$ 100.00 installation fee and switch the Waste Water Treatment Plant from Verizon to Spectrum.

Michael Martin spoke to the Board via cell phone to discuss the Village's involvement in the Tree City USA program. He presented the Board with the details of the program as it was set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation: the Village will need to adopt an ordinance regarding the planting and maintenance of public trees as well as committing a \$2.00 per capita minimum for a tree budget (which the Village currently does). Colonie is the only other community in the Capital District that has been accepted into the program. Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to partake in the Tree City USA program and to accept Michael Martin as the chair of the committee. Mr. Martin will begin planning for an Arbor Day celebration for the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:31 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer