

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

December 14, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner, Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni, Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Jenifer Pratico (all via Zoom video conference)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill, Foreman Daniel Lebrecht, Foreman Kenneth Meyer, Foreman Joseph Garavelli, Library Director Melissa Tacke, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, Code Enforcement Officer James Lance, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis. (All via Zoom video conference)

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 December 14, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance. . This meeting will be posted to the Village website in accordance with the Village's best efforts to comply with New York State Open Meeting Law and Executive Order 202.1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the November 23, 2020 Regular Meeting, with the correction of "Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to close public comment," not executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to open public comment. No public comment. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Keegan:** Mayor Keegan reported that Amtrak had placed cameras at the crossing to Riverfront Park but that plans for more fencing were currently on hold. Discussion on the Village's potential savings on utilities with Community Solar will be tabled until the next board meeting.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the Castleton Fire Department would be holding food drives for the Anchor Food Pantry on the first Sunday of every other month. Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association is asking that the Department of Public Works take care of several projects in the Village. Deputy Mayor Carner reported that she reached out to Schodack Town Supervisor Dave Harris to appoint a new chairperson for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan committee.

- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade was progressing as planned and that the Holiday Light Contest would take place on December 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that the Castleton Fire Department asked that the Village patch pot holes in the Fire House parking lot. Trustee Pratico suggested that in the spring the large pine tree in front of the Village Hall be removed and that the Clerk's office should sell leaf disposal bags.
- **Trustee D'Aquanni:** Trustee D'Aquanni reported that the quarterly report for the Estuary Grant had been submitted and that she would be meeting with the Department of Transportation on Thursday along with the Mayor.

REPORTS:

1. **DPW Report:** No further report.
2. **Water Report:** Foreman Garavelli reported that the water connections were made at the new properties in Castleridge.
3. **Wastewater Report:** Foreman Meyer reported that building was on track for the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade.
4. **Building Inspector:** Inspector Ziegler reported that Rensselaer County will be cleaning up the property at 21 Green Avenue.
5. **Code Enforcement:** Officer Lance reported that he would be enforcing the new local law regarding garbage disposal which went into effect on November 30, 2020.
6. **Fire Department Report:** Trustee Pratico reported that the repairs on the vehicle that the fire police will be using came in under budget. Trustee Pratico reported that the Fire Department would no longer be responding to EMS calls and that they will be having their election of officers in January.
7. **Library Report: Library Report:** No further report.
8. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** No further report.

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

BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # 24 – Records Retention:** The resolution was tabled until the next board meeting so that the board can review the State Law.
6. **APPROPRIATIONS:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.
 - Abstract # 11 – Vouchers # 322 - # 377 in the amount of \$ 1,410,774.99
 - General Fund: \$ 40,779.87
 - Water Fund: \$ 11,033.11
 - Sewer Fund: \$ 17,702.56
 - Capital Fund: \$ 1,341,259.45

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to open public comment. No public comment. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:03 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:28 pm, Trustee D'Aquanni moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:36 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer