

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

November 23, 2020

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

ABSENT: 0

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill, Library Director Melissa Tacke, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis (all via Zoom video conference)

PUBLIC: 5

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 November 23, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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:

- Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting, with one correction: the length of lease for the Postal Rental Agreement was added at a term of 5 years.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to open Public Comment. Suzanne Cecala, of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association, asked if the Village could supply power to River Rest location. Carol Stockman, of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association, asked if the Department of Public Works could come around on Clean-Up Day and collect items from resident's yards and if the code could be amended to allow front-facing garages on Main Street.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Keegan:** Mayor Keegan reported that the Castletonian had been completed and that the disbursement for the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade was progressing. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to use a texting application to distribute information to those residents that sign up for notifications.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the Castleton Senior Club will not be meeting for the remainder of the year and that the December 6th Food Drive will occur at 3:00 pm.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals was still in need of a new member and that she had sent an RFP template to Trustee D'Aquanni. Trustee Martin also

reported that the solar farm on Glaz Road had hit the water main again but that the Water Department was able to cap the line.

- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she had attended the Fire House meeting with Mayor Keegan and that the Cemetery Association is in the process of identifying all of the veterans in the cemeteries.
- **Trustee D'Aquanni:** Trustee D'Aquanni reported the Main Street Association would like the garbage can on Scott Avenue either replaced or discarded. Trustee D'Aquanni reported that she is currently working on the 3rd quarter Estuary Grant report and that the Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers' and Artisans' Market has been cancelled for the remainder of the year. Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to accept the launch of the Village Facebook page once administrators have been established.

BUSINESS:

1. Local Law # 1 – Proper Disposal of Refuse: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to open the Public Hearing on Local Law # 1 of 2020. No public comment. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to close the Public Hearing. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to adopt Local Law # 1 of 2020, which will go into effect upon filing with the New York State Department of State.

2. Community Solar Presentation: Lucas Ashby, former Village Trustee, and his associates presented a proposal to save the Village, and potentially residents that sign up, money on their electric utility bills. The Board will take the proposal into consideration and investigate further.

3. Library Board Trustee Reappointment: Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to reappoint Jacki Griffin to the Library Board for the term of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

4. Water/Sewer/Refuse Charges – 32 Van De Wal Street: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to remove applied penalties from water/sewer/refuse charges for 32 Van De Wal Street due to hardship.

5. APPROPRIATIONS: Deputy Mayor Carner, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 10 – Vouchers # 320 - # 321 in the amount of \$ 3,173.56.

General Fund: \$ 1,113.21

Water Fund: \$ 601.82

Sewer Fund: \$ 1,458.53

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open Public Comment. Carol Stockman, of the Planning Board, asked the Village to charge property owners a fee when a special meeting of the Planning Board is requested by the resident. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:09 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded motion to enter into Executive Sessions. At 8:21 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:23 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer