

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

October 9, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Schmidt, Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner, Trustee Gina Giuliano, Trustee Sharon Martin

ABSENT: Trustee Jenifer Pratico

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill, DPW Foreman Richard Saville, Superintendent John Shortsleeve, Library Director Melissa Tacke, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, Fire Chief Matt Carner, Planning Board Chair Carol Stockman, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Lance (arrived 8:15), 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 October 9, 2018. 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 September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Gersch asked about any updates on Village electric use through ERCSWMA. Mayor Schmidt stated that he would be attending the ERCSWMA meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018 and would ask.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported that the Village of Tivoli would be shutting their railroad crossing in the hopes of gaining a pedestrian overpass. Mayor Schmidt believes that the current plan to fence off communities from Amtrak rails, and thus the river, is not in keeping with the State or LWRP proposals for riverfront development.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** No report.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that she saw the new firetruck at the past week's firehouse breakfast.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Absent.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that a banner would be purchased for 2 Green Avenue with the remainder of the AARP Grant money. She also stated that the benches for the property are almost completed. Trustee Giuliano reported that the next Repair Café would take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018 which is International Repair Café Day. Trustee Giuliano

reported that Riverkeeper has compiled a film series regarding the Hudson River and the latest film in the series, "Source to Sea," will be screened at The Hill in either January or February.

REPORTS:

1. **DPW Report:** Deputy Mayor Carner asked Foreman Saville had received a quote for the removal of the tree on the front lawn of the Village Hall. He stated that he had not yet received the quote. Foreman Saville reported that banners were up at the DPW garage.
2. **Water & Wastewater Report:** Supervisor Shortsleeve reported that there was a water main break earlier in the day on Maple Hill Road but that there was no boil water advisory.
3. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported that the library had been awarded \$2,100.00 as part of the NYS Construction Grant to upgrade the annex. Director Tacke reported that the annual fundraiser at Barnes & Nobel would be taking place on November 17th. See the departmental reports for other upcoming events.
4. **Building Inspector:** No report.
5. **Planning Board:** Board Chair Stockman reported that a public hearing would be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 regarding the subdivision on Scott Avenue. Board Chair Stockman reported that members were needed for the planning board and it was suggested that notices be run in the Castletonian, the Advertiser, and Own Towne for planning and zoning board members.
6. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that he had received a quote for rug cleaning in the Village Hall. The Board asked that the quote be separated out between Village and Library and presented at the next board meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis presented information from ClearGov, which collects and presents municipal data online. The Board decided that the majority of information could be accessed on the State Comptroller's website.

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

BUSINESS:

1. **Retainer Agreement for the Law Offices of Benjamin W. Hill:** Attorney Hill addressed those present to make it known that he had left Dreyer Boyajian and started his own law firm. The Village has agreed to stay on with Attorney Hill and will operate under the terms on the prior retainer with Dreyer Boyajian.

Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried.

2. **Capital Water/Sewer Charges:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that for changes to be applied to the June 1, 2019 tax bill, such as adding a capital sewer charge, the County would need adequate notice of the change. The Board put forth a deadline of the January for the addition of any capital charges.

3. **Water Penalties for School District:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that any error had occurred on the latest water bill for Castleton Elementary School. The error was corrected and the corrected bill was sent to the school within the week of initial billing. The School District stated that they would like to pay the bills for all three schools at the same time but would not be able to make payment until after penalties were applied for overdue payment. The School District asked that penalties be waived due to the error in billing. The Board agreed that the District had

adequate time to pay the corrected bill and could have paid the bills for the other schools before incurring penalties.

Trustee Martin moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion denied to waive penalties for Schodack Central Schools.

4. Volunteer Firefighters Cancer Benefit Insurance: Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that he attended a class at the NYCOM Fall Training School regarding the Volunteer Firefighters Cancer Benefit Insurance. He stated that the exact cost for the insurance should be determined by the end of the month. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis stated that he would be presenting the information at the Fire Department once he received the information. He asked that the Fire Department submit a current roster with a list of those members who currently or previously have had at least five years' experience as an interior firefighter by the first board meeting in November to allow enough time to gain coverage by the January 1, 2019 deadline.

5. Hart Alarm – Camera Additions: Clerk-Treasurer Ellis presented the quote from Hart Alarm for the addition of two new exterior cameras for the Village Hall. The Board tabled the proposal until next year's budget.

6. Copy Machine Quotes: The Board asked the Clerk-Treasurer to compile the quotes for copy machines into a spreadsheet to present at the next board meeting.

7. APPROPRIATIONS: Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 7 – Vouchers # 212 - # 263 in the amount of \$ 56,400.49
General Fund: \$ 16,781.64
Castleton Kids: \$ 132.65
Water Fund: \$ 3,902.52
Sewer Fund: \$ 35,583.68

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:11 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Martin seconded motion to move into Executive Sessions. At 8:47pm, Trustee Giuliano moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:50 pm, Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer