

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

August 10, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Schmidt, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner, Trustee Gina Giuliano, 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, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis. (All via Zoom video conference)

PUBLIC: 4

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 August 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Schmidt 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:

- Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported that the Purple Heart Day event at the Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers' and Artisans' Market was well attended and that spectators practiced social distancing. Mayor Schmidt thanked Rik Cosgrove of the VFW for organizing the event. Mayor Schmidt reported that Assemblyman Ashby presented a proclamation for Purple Heart Day. Mayor Schmidt reported that he had received an updated proposal and timeline from Scott Gallerie regarding GIS mapping. Trustee Pratico moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried for Attorney Hill to draft a contract between the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson and Mr. Gallerie, pending review and approval of the proposal.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association would be meeting later that week.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported Foreman Meyer is seeking approval to put the Village's supply of diatomaceous earth up for auction in preparation for the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade. Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to allow Foreman Meyer to put half a tractor trailer load of diatomaceous earth up for auction. Trustee Martin asked if any advertising had been done for the Village Wide Garage Sale. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis stated that he had just completed the flyer for the garage sale and that an advertisement would go out in the Advertiser later this week.

- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that Rensselaer County has agreed to host the data for the Village, if the board decides to proceed with GIS mapping, as part of the shared services plan. Trustee Pratico reported that the Castleton Fire Department would be inducting an honorary member from the New York State Association for the Learning Disabled residence that is located in the village. Trustee Pratico reported that the Dormitory Authority grant was still in progress.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano thanked Foreman Lebrecht for installing the driver feedback sign on the south end of Main Street. Trustee Giuliano reported that the Village had been awarded the annual seed grant and that the seeds would be distributed to members of the community garden. Trustee Giuliano reported that the Farmers' and Artisans' Market was going well and that new vendors were being added every week. Trustee Giuliano reported that she will be working on the report for the next quarter of the Estuary Grant.

REPORTS:

1. **DPW Report:** No Further Report.
2. **Water Report:** Foreman Garavelli reported that he had received quotes for the work that needed to be done in Castleridge. Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to hire William J. Keller & Sons Construction to complete the work of clearing the water mains in Castleridge. Foreman Garavelli reported that he will be sending out notices to twelve residences to notify them of the need to collect mineral samples from their water. Foreman Garavelli reported that he has received quotes for a new boiler for the village hall and asked that this be added to the next board meeting's agenda.
3. **Building Inspector Report:** No Further Report.
4. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** No Further Report.

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

BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # 9 – Appointment of Election Officials:** Trustee Martin moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to appoint Ted Kulpa, James Gibbons, and Barbara Sherman as election officials for the September 15, 2020 election.
2. **Resolution # 10 – Safety Requirements for Village Election:** Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to enact safety requirements for voters during the September 15, 2020 village election, including the wearing of appropriate PPE face coverings.
3. **Resolution # 11 – Adoption of the Rensselaer County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the latest version of the Rensselaer County Hazard Mitigation Plan and to participate in the expectations set down by the plan.
4. **Approval of Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Contracts:** Attorney Hill reviewed the contacts of the lowest responsible bidders and checked their bonds and proofs of insurance. In addition to the bidder's contracts to be signed, Delaware Engineering has drawn up an additional contract to oversee the construction process. Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Martin

seconded, motion carried for Deputy Mayor Carner to sign the individual construction contracts, as well as the contract with Delaware Engineering, so that work may begin on the upgrade to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Schmidt recused himself from the vote.

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

Abstract #4 – Vouchers # 104 - # 156 in the amount of \$ 81,925.57.

General Fund: \$ 57,935.17

Water Fund: \$ 12697.57

Sewer Fund: \$ 12,292.83

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joseph Keegan, of Benedict Street, asked what streets the Department of Public Works was planning to pave this year. Foreman Lebrecht stated that this year's paving would consist of Hudson Street, First Street, and lower Seaman Avenue. Mr. Keegan stated that there was an area of Benedict Street that needs to be paved after the village had repaired a water main break. Foreman Lebrecht stated that the village would be patching that area this summer.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:50 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer