

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

June 8, 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, Library Director Melissa Tacke, Building Inspector Gary Ziegler, Fire Chief Matt Carner, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis. (all via Zoom video conference)

**PUBLIC:** 2

**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 June 8, 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:**

- Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2019 Regular Meeting, with one exception- under the first item of business, "motion passed to open public hear" should be changed to "motion passed to open public hearing." Trustee Martin abstained due to not being present at the last meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported that as the State transitions into Phase 2, restaurants will be opening for outdoor dining. The village currently contains two restaurants, both on Main Street and both located on public sidewalks. Mayor Schmidt would like to give these businesses the opportunity to open for limited public outdoor seating. Currently neither business has reached out to the village to ask for outdoor seating. Attorney Hill recommended that if these businesses were interested in outdoor dining that they should submit a written plan to the village and have Inspector Ziegler review the plan for any infractions. Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion passed to allow outdoor dining after a written plan has been submitted and reviewed by the building department.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the annual Clove Run would be held virtually on August 15, 2020. Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association had decorated Main Street with rainbows and flower boxes. The Main Street Association applied for a \$13,000.00 grant to commission a mural on Main Street. Currently, there are no solid plans for Main Street Day. Deputy Mayor Carner thanked Foreman Lebrecht and the Department of Public Works for hanging up the veterans' banners. The Main Street Association had submitted designs for garbage cans that will be installed on Main Street. The

village will pay the initial cost of \$2,500.00 with the Main Street Association covering any cost beyond that.

- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that Foreman Lebrecht had spoken to Scott Gallerie regarding a proposal for implementing GIS tracking in the village. Foreman Lebrecht stated that he would be a good resource for the village and has extensive knowledge of GIS tracking and CHIPS funding. Mayor Schmidt expressed his concern on the cost of his consulting. Trustee Martin reported that she would be attending the update meeting regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade with Trustee Giuliano and Attorney Hill. Trustee Martin asked Foreman Lebrecht to have the grass cut on Seaman Avenue, First Street, and lower Green Avenue.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she would be attending the Firehouse meeting later that week. The meetings will return to being held in person with social distancing practices being maintained. Progress on the dormitory grant is on hold until the State reopens. Trustee Pratico thanked Deputy Clerk Better for including an activity sheet in the last water billing so that residents have something to keep themselves busy during quarantine.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that the Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers' and Artisans' Market was held on Friday and that craft vendors were now being permitted. Trustee Giuliano reported that she completed the application of the Northern Border Grant and hopes to hear the results fairly soon. Trustee Giuliano reported that the New York State Tree Inventory was on hold until the State fully reopened. Trustee Giuliano reported that she received an email from the United States Census asking to use room in the Village Hall for training. It was suggested that the Census use the Town Hall, which has much more usable space.

#### **REPORTS:**

1. **DPW Report:** No Further Report.
2. **Water Report:** Foreman Garavelli reported that the inspection of the water tower had gone well. He stated that a diver would be needed to clean out the mineral build-up in the water tower. Foreman Garavelli reported that hydrant flushing would be switched from May to April in 2021 to allow the Department of Public Works to have more time to prepare for the Memorial Day Parade.
3. **Wastewater Report:** Foreman Meyer reported that he has received two quotes for repairs to the waterworks roof and is waiting on a third quote.
4. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported that curbside service had begun at the Castleton Public Library. Director Tacke reported that the summer reading program will begin on June 15, 2020. Director Tacke thanked Foreman Lebrecht for all his assistance in preparing the library for reopening.
5. **Building Inspector:** No Further Reports.
6. **Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that reopening the Village Hall to the public had thus far been successful.

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

**BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution # 6 – Credit for Time Warner Property Tax:** Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to credit Time Warner's tax bill payment from the franchise fees the village receives annually.

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

Abstract # 1 – Vouchers # 1 - # 34 in the amount of \$ 28,401.61.

General Fund: \$ 19212.02

Water Fund: \$5,850.81

Sewer Fund: \$ 3,338.78

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Joseph Keegan, of Benedict Street, asked if a code enforcement report had been submitted. The board notified him that the report had been submitted just before the meeting by Code Enforcement Officer Lance. Carol Stockman, od Campbell Avenue, asked why Amtrak had permanently closed the gate crossing to Riverside Park. Mayor Schmidt stated that he was made aware of the closing the previous week but he did not know the cause. The village hiring lawyers as part of the Estuary Grant may have given Amtrak reason to do so.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:11 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Padraic Ellis  
Village Clerk-Treasurer