

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

May 26, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Schmidt, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Marianne Carner, Trustee Gina Giuliano, Trustee Jenifer Pratico (all via Zoom video conference)

ABSENT: Trustee Sharon Martin

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

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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 May 26, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Giuliano moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported that the village will begin a cautious and slow process to reopen the Village Hall.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** No report.
- **Trustee Martin:** Absent.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that she has discussed plans to reopen the Village Hall with Clerk-Treasurer Ellis and Deputy Clerk Better. Trustee Pratico reported that she attended the cemetery committee meeting via Zoom. She stated that officers were elected and that they were developing a plan to better take care of the back half of the cemetery. Trustee Pratico reported that there had been complaints on Facebook regarding the lack of flags that were placed on graves in the cemetery and that veterans banners were not hung prior to Memorial Day. She stated that the VFW Post and Boy Scouts have decided not to decorate the cemetery due to the pandemic and that banners would be hung in the current week. The VFW Color Guard did visit seven local cemeteries on Memorial Day. Trustee Pratico reported that she had emailed the board on upcoming legislation including LOSAP, water shut offs, and tax billing.

- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that she has submitted the first quarter report for the Estuary Grant. Trustee Giuliano reported that she will be submitting an application for the Northern Border Regional Commission Grant. Trustee Giuliano reported that the Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers' and Artisans' Market will be open the first Friday in June. Initially, produce and soap will be the only produces sold and 52 Hilton on Main will be donating masks to participants. Trustee Giuliano thanked the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association for maintaining the flower boxes on Main Street. Trustee Giuliano reported that SUNY schools will likely open in the fall with limited in-person classes and extreme social distancing.

BUSINESS:

1. **2020-2021 Village Budget Public Hearing:** Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion passed to open the public hear for the 2020-2021 Village of Castleton-on-Hudson Annual Budget. No public comment was made on the budget. Trustee Pratico moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion passed to close public hearing on the 2020-2021 Village Budget.
2. **Phase 2 Reopen Plan for the Village Hall:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that he had met with Deputy Clerk Better and Trustee Pratico to discuss plans for the Village Hall to reopen. Spaces will be marked off in the hallway to satisfy social distancing rules. Signage will be posted stating that only residents wearing masks will be allowed in. The front door will be used as the entrance to the building and the back door will be the exit, remaining locked from the inside. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis stated that he had also spoken with NYCOM and Attorney Hill regarding procedures for reopening. NYCOM stated that all entrants into the building need to sign in in case they are found to be positive and need to be tracked. Reopening for phase 2 is set to take pace on June 3, 2020.
3. **Waste Water Treatment Plant Bond Additional Cost:** Attorney Hill communicated with Delaware Engineering and Barclay Damon the additional cost to the bond proposal for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. All parties involved believe that the risk to the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson during the time period during which petitions can be filed is minimal. Additional fees based on the adjusted rate of the bond would \$81.50 per unit per quarter. Trustee Pratico moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion to increase the bond amount for the Waste Water Treatment Plant due to higher than expected bids passed, with Mayor Schmidt abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:05 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer