

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

May 11, 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, and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis. (all via Zoom video conference)

PUBLIC: 1 (all via Zoom video conference)

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 11, 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, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt thanked Richard Crist from Rensselaer County for providing masks to the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson employees. Mayor Schmidt reported that he spoke to Attorney Hill regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant bond increase. Mayor Schmidt reported that he attended a Zoom meeting regarding river access for the village. A title search is currently being done on the property that is to house Riverfront Park.
- **Deputy Mayor Carner:** Deputy Mayor Carner reported that the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association has ordered a replacement flag for the flagpole on North Main Street. The Main Street Association held their Main Street clean-up day on the previous Saturday. The Main Street Association would like to assist the village in their plans for Purple Heart Day. The village will coordinate with the VFW Post and the Town of Schodack to plan Purple Heart Day. Deputy Mayor Carner would like Foreman Lebrecht to replace the light on top of the flagpole on North Main Street, as it has gone out.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that the Tree Committee held a clean-up day two Sundays ago. They cleared around the village and the steps that led up to Sacred Heart Church.

- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico reported that the Castleton Fire Department was holding limited meetings for officers. Trustee Pratico reported that the Dormitory Grant and the sale of the fire truck were currently on hold until New York State returns to regular business. Trustee Pratico reported that Kiwanis would like to assist village residents that may be in need during the current pandemic.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** Trustee Giuliano reported that she has gotten an extension to file the first quarter report for the Estuary Grant with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Trustee Giuliano reported that the deadline for the CFA, as well as many other grants, has been extended. Trustee Giuliano reported that the Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers' and Artisans' Market has been deemed essential and will begin on June 5, 2020 with a produce vendor. Non-prepared food, soap, and hand sanitizer are all approved products for sale. No crafts or entertainment are permitted until further notice.

REPORTS:

1. **DPW Report:** No further report.
2. **Water Report:** Foreman Garavelli reported that he received a quote of \$12,000.00 for Bourque Machinery to replace the heating system at the Village Hall. Two further quotes will be needed to proceed. Foreman Garavelli provided information to the board regarding equipment needed to clear land at the waterworks in order to approve communication for the radio signal.
3. **Wastewater Report:** No further report.
4. **Library Report:** Director Tacke reported that the library will host a virtual open mic night through Zoom. Director Tacke reported that the library is developing plans to reopen to the public.
5. **Building Inspector:** No further report.

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

BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # 5 – Adjustment to Waste Water Plant Upgrade Bond:** Attorney Hill asked that the adjustment to the waste water plant upgrade bond be tabled at this time. Attorney Hill spoke to Delaware Engineering and stated the village has a 60 day extension to the original deadline. Attorney Hill is concerned that the ability to file a petition against the necessary permissive referendum will be hampered by the current state of the legal system during the pandemic. Attorney Hill has communicated with both Barclay Damon, the bond counsel, and the New York Conference of Mayors regarding issue that may arise from this process. The village board was agreeable to table this issue until Attorney Hill has acquired more information.
2. **Resolution # 6 – Castleton Fire Protection Contract:** Trustee Pratico moved, Deputy Mayor Carner seconded, motion approved to have the mayor sign the 2020 Fire Protection Contract with the Town of Schodack.
3. **Out of Village Shut Off Regulations:** Trustee Pratico will have a letter to Out of Village residents that have unpaid bills completed this week to mail out.

4. 2020-2021 Budget Approval: Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to approve the 2020-2021 Budget for the Village of Castleton-on-Hudson.

6. APPROPRIATIONS: Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Mayor Schmidt seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts, which Deputy Mayor Carner reviewed and initialed the previous Friday.

Abstract # 18 – Vouchers # 537 - # 572 in the amount of \$ 32, 745.53.

General Fund: \$ 21,835.21

Water Fund: \$ 2,508.02

Sewer Fund: \$ 8,402.30

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

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:42 pm, Deputy Mayor Carner moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Padraic Ellis
Village Clerk-Treasurer