

**VILLAGE OF CASTLETON – ON – HUDSON
REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 8, 2010**

Attendance:	Mayor Carner	Trustee Fagan
	Trustee McInerney	Trustee Mannion
	Trustee Powers	Attorney Crist

Deputy Mayor Fagan opened the meeting of the Village Board at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Carner administered the Oath of Office of Village Clerk to Margaret C. Lill.

Public Comment:

Sherry Rice was present to report an issue regarding her 2 family home converted to a 1 family. The inspection was done in December and she believes that she should qualify for a refund. Mayor Carner confirmed this.

Mrs. Hotaling inquired about the 4 way stop signs at Ransom and Green. A traffic study would be required. Recommend leaving them at this time.

REPORTS:

Water & Wastewater Report: presented by Chief Operator John Shortsleeve. A motion to accept report was made by Trustee McInerney, seconded by Trustee Fagan and motion carried. Report attached.

Chief Operator John Shortsleeve addressed the Board of Trustees about the Castleton Cross Connection Control ordinance. We need to re-adopt Resolution #4 of 2004. These valves are in place to ensure that there is no contamination and this ordinance provides the Village with the right to inspect premises to ensure that this valve is there. A motion was made to re-adopt Resolution #4 of 2004 by Trustee McInerney, seconded by Trustee Fagan, and motion carried.

Chief Operator John Shortsleeve addressed the Board of Trustees about his meeting with the SCA Software Consulting, the vendor of the water meters as well as a vendor from Ti-Sales. To get started, they would need \$23,000. This will include 1 handheld device, 40 meters, k-horns, software and training. East Greenbush and Schodack already have

this system and are very pleased with it. John requests a motion so that he can move forward on this. This motion was made by Trustee McInerney, seconded by Trustee Powers and motion carried.

There will be another meeting scheduled for 2/22/10 at 6:30pm to set the water and sewer rates.

DPW Report: presented by Working Foreman Richard Saville. A motion to accept report was made by Trustee Fagan, seconded by Trustee Powers and motion carried.

Fire Department Report: presented by Chief Matt Carner. A motion to accept report was made by Trustee McInerney, seconded by Trustee Fagan and motion carried.

Chief Carner requested the Board's approval to allow the Service Award increase proposal, from \$480 to \$700, to be on the ballot this year. This motion to accept was made by Trustee McInerney, seconded by Trustee Powers, and motion carried.

Code Enforcement Report: presented by Code Enforcement Officer Bill Schouten. A motion to accept report was made by Trustee Fagan, seconded by Trustee Powers and motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Board of Trustees reviewed a letter regarding the Rensselaer County Water Bond. Attorney Crist will review.

A letter was reviewed regarding Bob Tallham's payment. Mayor Carner will sign.

The Board of Trustees reviewed a letter received by the State Dept of Education regarding the need to submit recommendations for trustees to serve on the library board. There are provisions outlining the need to submit 7 names, no later than 3/19/10. The applicants need to be Village of Castleton residents. This will need to be advertised, probably in the Advertiser, and submitted. A meeting has been scheduled for 2/22/10 at 7:30pm to discuss further.

Mayor Carner will sign a letter as requested from the Rensselaer County Housing Resources in support of the Homeownership Program.

The Board of Trustees reviewed a letter received from the executor for Janet Schmitt regarding a bond in the amount of \$10,000 to be payable to the estate of Janet Schmitt. Attorney Crist believes this to be held in bonding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee McInerney reports that he is working on a grant through the Office of Community Renewal, application by 4/23. They are working on the final figures. This will help with the cost of the new water meters if approved.

There was discussion about the possible closing of the Scodack Island State Park. We need to write letters of support. Mayor Carner will discuss options with Supervisor Dowds. Trustee Fagan suggests putting this information along with a letter template on the Village website.

APPROPRIATIONS:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Fagan, seconded by Trustee Powers and motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. was made by Trustee Powers, seconded by Trustee McInerney and motion carried.

Cheryl Mannion
Village Trustee

Audience:
Chief Operator John Shortsleeve
Working Foreman Richard Saville
Code Enforcement Officer Bill Schouten
Chief Matt Carner
5 Residents