

VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
August 9, 2010

Attendance: Trustee Carner Trustee Powers-absent
Mayor Keegan Trustee Phibbs
Trustee Mannion Attorney Crist

Mayor Keegan opened the Regular Meeting at 7: 00 pm with the Pledge of allegiance.

A few corrections were made to the July 12, 2010 minutes. Under Public Comment the second sentence should have read, Mayor Keegan said that there are active negotiations with the Town of Schodack regarding purchasing water which would make more water permits available.

Under New Business the first sentence should be: The NY State Education Department_is waiting to hear from the Attorney_General's Office that the lawsuit the Castleton Library brought against the NYS Education Dept. was dropped.

Regarding the Pedestrian Crossing: Attorney Crist revisited the Pedestrian crossing over the railroad tracks. He stated that the Federal Government will pay for the bridge, but the Village would be responsible for the maintenance. The Board is concerned about maintenance costs for an elevator.

Mayor Keegan made a motion to accept the minutes (with the corrections to be made in these meetings minutes) of July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Avery and Don Hancock from the Castleton Fire Company were present to ask if the property where the present basketball court is owned by the Village or the Fire Company. After the slope slide their pavilion needs to be relocated and they hoped to put it on that parcel of land. Attorney Crist will look into this matter.

REPORTS

Chief Operator John Shortsleeve presented the monthly Water and Sewer Report. Report attached. Chief Operator Shortsleeve also presented a Proposal for the cleaning and videoing of the sewer main. He recommended the Green Mountain Pipeline Services. Chief Operator Shortsleeve reported that one new water meter has been installed and that he has 40 more on hand at present. His proposal is to begin using these 40 meters to replace defective meters and to then begin replacing the oldest meters in the system. The funds are available to purchase 160 more.

A discussion followed with regard to the application for a grant that is being considered by the Office of Community Renewal. If grant funds paid for the meters for low to moderate income property owners, others would be requires to pay several hundreds of dollars for their meters and its installation. Residents would own their own meter. If meters are purchased and installed by the Village, ownership would stay with the Village and costs covered by the Village. Trustee Carner made a motion to have the Village pay for the meters and for the installation unless said cost of installation cost prohibited. Mayor Keegan seconded the motion and carried. Chief Operator Shortsleeve will contact some

plumbers for prices to install the meters, and this project may be subject to an RFP. Attorney Crist will contact The NY Office of Community Renewal and inform them the Village is not going to pursue the grant.

Chief Operator Shortsleeve stated in his report that in his opinion, based on current circumstances is that the Village cannot issue any more water permits.

At a previous meeting, John Shortsleeve and Brian Wiese presented two options for water rates and billing to address upcoming issues related to the water system. Because assessed valuation will be decreased considerably due too recent reduction in assessment for Castleton Energy, the Board is concerned about the impact on taxpayers.

Trustee Carner made a motion to accept Option #1 for the water billing in January 2011 and Option #2 will begin in July 2011. Trustee Phibbs seconded the motion and carried.

Mayor Keegan made a motion to accept the sewer and water reports, seconded by Trustee Carner and carried.

Foreman Saville's report was reviewed. Trustee Carner made a motion to accept the report, Trustee Mannion seconded the motion and carried. Report attached.

Code Enforcer William Schouten's report was reviewed. Trustee Mannion made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried. Report attached.

There was no Fire Department Report. Trustee Phibbs had the Board sign a form for the points for 2009 LOSAP.

NEW BUSINESS

The Resolutions for the NYS Retirement System were tabled to the next meeting.

Two letters relative to Library issues were received from Theresa Jackson and Catherine Bradley.

In the letter from the Office of Community Renewal, they were requesting that the NYS Community Development Block Grant be completed by September 7, 2010. Steve Kirk will be asked to complete this report.

Attorney Crist has spoken to Benjamin Martin, Project Design Manager for the NYS Department of Transportation, and asked him for a switch back design. Trustee Carner has also contacted Warren Holiday for the switch back design. This is a design that consists of ramps and a viewing platform that was done in the mid 1990's, created by Mr. Holiday.

William Schouten's letter of resignation was tabled to the next meeting.

The letter from NCR of Castleton questioning the unit increase from 20 units to 40 units was reviewed by the Board. A letter will be sent to NCR of Castleton stating the Boards regret that they are denying the request to decrease the number of units.

The Board considered the plus and minuses of using the Town roll. Mayor Keegan will contact NY Conference of Mayors for further information. Attorney Crist will see what the necessary procedure is according to the N. Y. State Law.

The Board agreed to send Building Inspector Glenn Hebert's letter to Jan Exman from Vander Horst Properties concerning the fire and condition of the building at 1900 River Rd. last weekend. This letter will require Mr. Exman to remove the buildings within 15 days.

APPROPRIATIONS

Trustee Carner moved to pay the bills for Abstract #3A, Voucher #97 in the amount of \$4,522.50, Abstract #4, Vouchers #98 - #147 & #149 in the amount of \$30,031.70, Abstract #5, Voucher # 148 in the amount of \$750.00 and Abstract #6, Vouchers #150- # 183 in the amount of \$31,192.51. Trustee Phibbs seconded the motion and carried.

Brian Wiese stated the 2009-2010 balances were in the positive in the Fund Balance Accounts for the General, Sewer, Water and Castleton Kids. The Justice Court was in the negative. Mr. Wiese recommended to the Board that they need to look at next years budget with consideration of the 21% decrease in taxes for Epcor.

In regards to the Procurement Policy John Shortsleeve suggested these increases for the estimated amount for purchase. \$1,000.00 - \$2,999.00

\$3,000.00 - \$19,999.00

\$ 20,000.00 – and above RFP

Trustee Carner made a motion for Pamela Smith (Village Treasurer) to assist Foreman Saville with the MS4 paper work for three hours per week. Trustee Phibbs seconded the motion and carried.

Trustee Carner motioned for a Public Hearing to be held on September 13, 2010 at the Regular Meeting. The Public Hearing will be regarding Street and Parking signs for the Village. Trustee Mannion seconded the motion and carried.

Trustee Carner made a motion to approve a Resolution to sell the Village owned property at 126 South Main Street # 198.19-2-13 for \$10,000.00 to Vincent Justus, contingent to speaking to Steve Daniels who owns the house on the other side of the lot to be sure he has no interest in purchasing the lot. The motion was seconded by Mayor Keegan and carried.

Mayor Keegan made a motion to make a Resolution to send out the letters for economic growth opportunity to Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Schumer and Honorable Scott Murphy. Trustee Phibbs seconded the motion and carried.

Library Update – The new Library Trustees held their Organizational Meeting last Friday August 6, 2010.

Just a reminder, Holidays on the Hudson will be held on December 5, 2010.

Supervisor Shortsleeve asked the Board to vote on which company to use for the cleaning and videoing of the sewer lines. Trustee Mannion made a motion to approve Green Mountain for up to \$10,000.00. Trustee Phibbs seconded the motion and carried.

Trustee Carner made a motion to offer \$6,000.00 to the Sidney Smith who owns the lot # 198.19-6-55.1 on First Street next to the Village Hall. This Lot would be used to increase our parking and improve our handicapped parking. Trustee Mannion seconded the motion and carried. Trustee Mannion will contact Attorney Crist for a purchase order.

At 9:40 pm, Trustee Mannion made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

Guests:

Brad Avery

Don Hancock

Marjorie Hotaling

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lill, Village Clerk