

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

September 13, 2010

Attendance: **Mayor Keegan** **Trustee Phibbs**
 Trustee Mannion **Trustee Powers**
 Trustee Carner **Attorney Crist**

Mayor Keegan opened the Regular Meeting at 7:15 pm with the Pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Waruch was present at the meeting regarding the condition of Van de Wal Lane. The road is in great disrepair and he wanted to know if the Village is or could be responsible for fixing it. It seems that the road was abandoned by the owner after the land around it was subdivided about 1995. The road was never dedicated to the Village and there isn't a tax map number for the road. Foreman Saville estimated that it would cost \$4,000 - \$5000 to survey the road and \$20,000 - \$30,000 to fix it. Building Inspector Hebert will be asked if any arrangements were made with Resurrection Convent concerning the road during their construction of their addition. The road has been designated as the emergency road for the Resurrection Nursing Home. The road could be taken over by adverse possession or by eminent domain.

Trustee Carner made a motion to accept the August 9, 2010 minutes, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

Reports:

Chief Operator John Shortsleeve's Water and Sewer Report was reviewed. Trustee Phibbs motioned to accept the report, seconded by Trustee Carner.

Trustee Carner moved to accept Foreman Saville's DPW report, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

Chief Carner's Fire Company report was reviewed and Trustee Phibbs motioned to accept the report, seconded by Mayor Keegan and carried.

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

There was no report from the Building Department.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Carner reported that the Friends of the Library will have a few activities this month. The next Library Trustee meeting will be this coming Monday September 20, 2010 and Trustee Carner will attend. At present there is nothing new on the MS4.

Trustee Mannion reported that Castleton Kids had a meeting in August. Also that Trustee Mannion, Scott Mocerine, the new treasurer and Brian Wiese will meet soon to go over the financial information.

Trustee Mannion also reported on the vacant lot that the Village would like to sell on 126 So. Main Street and the lot on 1st Street that the Village would like to purchase. Mr. Smith who owns the lot on 1st Street is willing to sell. Attorney Crist will prepare a purchase contract for the parcel on 1st Street.

Trustee Mannion said that Steve Daniels who lives on one side of the vacant lot would like to split it, but Vincent Justus on the other side does not want to. Attorney Crist suggested the Village open the sale to the public. An advertisement will be placed in the paper for sealed purchase offers.

Trustee Powers reported on the 2nd Street left over grant money. There is about \$11,000.00 remaining in the grant funds, and Trustee Powers will make a request to the Office of Community Renewal to allow us to extend the retaining wall 40 feet more. The bank of the East side of Second Street is crumbling into the roadway. This work needs to be done by October 9, 2010.

Trustee Powers said that the next step for the Local Development Corporation (LDC) is to speak with the Supervisor of the Town of Schodack and to let the Office of Community Renewal (OCR) know that the LDC Board will be up and running. The LDC board will need some volunteers as two members have resigned.

Trustee Powers also reported on the funds received from the New York Power Authority. Trustee Powers will try to determine if any funds may be used for our pump and motor replacement. These items are 25 years old and are suffering large maintenance costs because of aging.

Trustee Phibbs reported that the Fire House had their Fund raiser on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Chief Carner and Don Hancock (President of the Fire Company) were present to inquire about the demolition permit and why they haven't received it yet. Todd Den Besten has been waiting to start the demolition for awhile. They are concerned because the Insurance Company thought it was to be completed in July and may now not give them the money to rebuild.

The other discussion concerning the Fire House was about the Village deeding over the lot #198.15-3-21 to them for \$1.00. Attorney Crist stated that the deed can say that the land will only be used by the Fire Company.

Trustee Phibbs made a motion for the Village to deed over Lot # 198.15-3-21 to the Castleton Fire Company for \$1.00. Trustee Carner seconded the motion and carried.

Just a reminder from Ted Kulpa, the Kiwanis will be holding their chicken barbeque on Halloween, October 31, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Mayor Keegan made a motion to approve the Bond Resolution. Roll call for the vote is as follows:

Trustee Carner	AYE
Trustee Mannion	AYE
Trustee Powers	AYE
Trustee Phibbs	AYE
Mayor Keegan	AYE

Mayor Keegan made a motion to accept the changes for the Procurement Policy, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

Mayor Keegan made a motion to have the Village Hall sidewalk and stairs painted and sealed with a payment of \$425.00 in advance and the remainder when completed. Trustee Carner seconded the motion and carried.

In reference to the Pedestrian Crossing over the railroad tracks, the Board voted reluctantly to decline the offer. Although the construction would be at no cost to the Village, the tremendous cost in annual maintenance is not feasible for the Village to incur. The Question put to the Board was:

Do you want the Village to accept the offer to build the bridge with the elevators and have the Village incur the maintenance cost of the structure?

Roll call of the vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Keegan	NAY
Trustee Carner	NAY
Trustee Mannion	NAY
Trustee Powers	NAY
Trustee Phibbs	NAY

Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was put before the Board. Trustee Powers moved to have the Village join the Rensselaer

County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Trustee Phibbs. Attorney Crist had to recuse himself from this issue, because he is counsel for the County.

Trustee Carner made a motion to authorize Mayor Keegan to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). Trustee Powers seconded the motion and carried.

Trustee Powers made a motion to authorize Mayor Keegan to execute the Nationalgrid Gross Receipt Tax Settlement Agreement. Trustee Phibbs seconded the motion and carried.

Fort Orange (Fire) Building Inspector Hebert notified the owners that the building needed to be demolished.

Mayor Keegan motioned to restrict parking on the North side of Stimpson Avenue between 1st Street and South Main Street. This area will be designated for Village Hall and Library business only, from 9am to 8pm Monday thru Friday. After much discussion it was decided that there will be no parking on Campbell Avenue within thirty (30) feet from Scott Avenue (Rt. 150) on either side. Signs will be erected. Trustee Mannion seconded the motions and carried. Trustee Powers had to recuse himself from this since his property is located near the corner of Scott and Campbell.

Attorney Crist discussed accepting the Town of Schodack assessment roll. The Village would need a Local Law that is subject to Permissive Referendum. The Village will also hold a Public Informational Meeting on October 12, 2010. Sharon Martin Assessor for the Town of Schodack will be asked to attend the meeting to answer any questions.

Foreman Saville presented the Board with a request for water from George Mesick. They have built a house on their property that has one of the Village's water lines going through it. The proposal is that they would give the Village an easement to the property if the Village would provide water for the new house. In exchange for the easement, the Village would forego the hook up fee.

Foreman Richard Saville proposed paving the necessary roads in the Village using funds available through the Chips Program. Trustee Carner made a motion to pave the roads, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

APPROPRIATIONS:

Trustee Carner moved to pay the bills for Abstract #7, Vouchers #184-#245 in the amount of \$18,237.47, Abstract#8, Voucher #246 in the amount of \$23,170.88, Abstract #9, Vouchers #247-#250 in the amount of \$25,458.22 and Abstract #10, Vouchers #251- #299 in the amount of \$81,888.24. Trustee Powers seconded the motion and carried.

At 10:15 Mayor Keegan motioned to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Mannion.

At 10:34 Trustee Carner made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Mannion.

At 10:35pm, Trustee Carner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lill
Village Clerk