

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

October 12, 2010

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

Mayor Keegan opened the Regular Meeting at 7:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Mannion made a motion to accept the September 13, 2010 Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Trustee Powers and carried.

Trustee Carner motioned to accept the September 13, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Mannion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Waruch was present at the meeting regarding the condition of Van de Wal Lane. Foreman Saville received a quote of \$15,000 to bring the road up to code, which does not include the price of a survey that has to be done. There are legal aspects as to who is responsible for the road, the Village does not own it and there has been no provision made for the Village to assume ownership of the road. Further research must be done concerning the possibility of the Village assuming ownership of the road. Mayor Keegan stated that continued efforts will be made to solve this situation.

Reports:

Chief Operator John Shortsleeve's Water and Sewer Report was reviewed. Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the report, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

No DPW report.

No Fire Company report.

The report from the Building Department was reviewed by the Board. Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the report, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

Trustee Mannion reported that there were two offers on the vacant lot at 126 So. Main Street. One offer was for \$2,500.00 and the other was \$5,000.00. Trustee Carner motioned to accept the offer of \$5,000.00 contingent upon the property deed being clear, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

BUSSINESS

Attorney Crist presented a Purchase Order for the lot on First Street. Mayor Keegan motioned to accept Resolution #19 pertaining to the purchase, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

Attorney Crist provided the Board with the procedure to terminate the Village as an assessing unit. Mayor Keegan motioned to accept Resolution #21, which calls for a Public Hearing, seconded by

Trustee Mannion and carried. The Public Hearing will be held on November 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm prior to the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Keegan moved to accept the Intermunicipal Resolution #17, seconded by Trustee Carner and carried. The Intermunicipal Agreement is with Rensselaer County.

Trustee Powers motioned to accept the following Resolution #25, stating that Richard Saville will be the Official Representative and Trustee Phibbs will be the Alternate for the Intermunicipal Community Board. Trustee Carner seconded the motion and carried. Attorney Crist had to recuse himself from this topic because he is counsel for Rensselaer County.

Mayor Keegan motioned to accept Resolution #18 pertaining to the deed of easement from David Mesick in return of waiving the connection fee to the Village water system. Trustee Powers seconded the motion and carried.

Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution #22, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried. Resolution attached. Trustee Powers had to recuse himself because he is a member of the NYS Retirement System.

Trustee Carner motioned to accept the Resolution #23 that establishes the Standard Work Day for the employees of the Village, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried. Resolution attached.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Carner reported nothing new with the Library.

Trustee Mannion reported that Scott Mocerine, director of Castleton Kids and Chris Nebral, the treasurer met with Brian Wiese to go over the finances for Castleton Kids.

Trustee Powers reported he was looking into replacing pumps, motors, heating systems and air conditioners at the wastewater plant. A RFP (request for proposal) will be drawn up for the Voltaic System. Trustee Powers also stated he will be speaking to the ex-members of the LDC (Local Development Corporation) to see if the Board can get up and running.

Trustee Carner moved to accept a Resolution #24 to accept the audit for the Justice Court which was done in January 2010, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Crist encouraged the Board to retain an attorney with experience in bankruptcy due to the economic situation. Attorney Crist recommended Philip J. Danaher, Esq. and presented a resolution to the Board. Trustee Powers motioned to accept Resolution #20, seconded by Trustee Carner and carried.

Brian Wiese reported that he is now spending half the time at the Village now that our new Treasurer Pamela Smith has joined the office. Mr. Wiese will still be available on a regular bases for Bi-weekly, Monthly, Quarterly and Annual services. Mr. Wiese also informed the board of the substantial increase in the future of the Village contribution to the New York State Retirement System. Reports attached.

APPROPRIATIONS

Trustee Carner moved to pay the bills (excluding the DBS & Clark Engineering until the final reports are done on the 2nd Street project) for Abstract #11, Vouchers #300-#357 in the amount of \$19,940.49, Abstract#12, Voucher #358-#359 in the amount of \$52,729.00, Abstract #13, Vouchers #360-#391 in the amount of \$26,332.82. Mayor Keegan seconded the motion and carried.

At 8:43 PM, Mayor Keegan motioned to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Powers.

At 9:04PM, Trustee Powers made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Keegan.

Trustee Carner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lill
Village Clerk