

**VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
November 8, 2010**

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

Trustee Phibbs motioned to accept as amended the October 12, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Mannion. The amendment is to clarify the statement (Trustee Powers recused himself because he is a member of the NYS Retirement System. Also the statement will be moved up to the paragraph above it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barbara Kelp thanked everyone who attended the Library Open House and spoke to the Board about the upcoming fund raiser for the Library. It will take place November 20, 2010 from 10am to 10pm at the Barnes & Noble in Colonie. Flyers were handed out to the Board Members and will be distributed to the Schools.

**Reports:**

Foreman Richard Saville's DPW report was reviewed by the Board. Trustee Phibbs made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Trustee Mannion and carried. Report attached.

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

No Written report for the Fire Company, but Chief Carner verbally reported that the Fire Company gave out candy at the Elementary School on Halloween and Mayor Keegan stated that their presence was appreciated. Also the plans for the new building (Pavilion) are ready. Trustee Phibbs made a motion to accept the Fire Company report, seconded by Trustee Powers and carried.

Building Department – no report

**BUSINESS**

Mayor Keegan made a motion to accept the list of Village Property Taxes to be relieved to the County, seconded by Trustee Powers and carried.

Mayor Keegan motioned to release the checks held form the last meeting to DBS and Clark Engineering, seconded by Trustee Powers and carried.

Mayor Keegan moved to accept the RBC Wealth Management Resolution as written, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried. The RBC Wealth Management relates to the Volunteer Firefighter's Length of Service Award Program. This would be Resolution # 26 of 2010.

Mayor Keegan reported that a class from Hunter College would like to do a Master Plan for Main Street as a class project for the 2011 fall semester. Funds may be needed for their travel expenses, some help may come from grant money.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Mannion reported that Castleton Kids raised funds holding a garage sale on September 11, 2010. They will also be holding a bowling fund raiser in February.

Attorney Crist reported he has sent the purchase contract for First Street property and is waiting for a response. Attorney Crist will also complete paperwork for the sale of 126 South Main Street. A letter will be sent to Vincent Justus informing him that the Village Board accepted his offer for the lot.

Trustee Powers reported there will be a comprehensive plan for the grant money from the New York Power Authority and will stretch the money as far as possible. It will include new lighting for DPW, air conditioners and heating system for Village Hall and DPW. The Water Plant needs new pumps and motors which would improve efficiency. Different alternatives are being looked at to replace the Water Plant's electric heat. One was a quote from Nationalgrid for \$14,000 to extend the gas line.

### **Public Comment**

Marjorie Hotaling asked who is responsible for removing dead animals, such as the skunk on Scott Avenue. Foreman Saville said the State is responsible for Scott Avenue. Also Mrs. Hotaling noticed that as you turn into Castle Ridge is only half above ground.

Treasurer Pamela Smith was present to report on the Bond sale for Green Avenue. A payment for the interest only will be on March 1, 2011 and the first principal payment of \$40,000 will be due September 2011. Report attached.

Mayor Keegan motioned to pass the Local Law terminating the Village as an assessing unit, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of the Local Law will be sent 10 days after passage to the Town of Schodack's Town Clerk, Town Assessor and State Board of Real Property Tax. Thirty days after passage, if no petition is filled requesting referendum that contains 20% of electors signatures, law becomes effective and will be sent to the Department of State for filing.

### **APPROPRIATIONS:**

Trustee Mannion moved to pay the bills for Abstract #14, Vouchers #391-#418 in the amount of \$27,701.02 Abstract#15, Voucher #419-#462 in the amount of \$29,409.86 Trustee Phibbs seconded the motion and carried.

At 8:26PM, Mayor Keegan motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Trustee Phibbs. Foreman Saville was invited into the executive session.

At 8:40 PM, Mayor Keegan made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Powers and carried. All were in favor.

Trustee Mannion made a motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee Powers and carried.  
Majority in favor.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lill  
Village Clerk