

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

May 9, 2011

Attendance: **Mayor Keegan** **Trustee Phibbs**
 Trustee Ryan **Trustee Ashby**
 Trustee Carner **Attorney Crist**

At 7:02, Mayor Keegan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the April 25, 2011 Regular meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Keegan motioned to open the Public Comment at 7:05pm, seconded by Trustee Carner. Rusty Axtmann was present to question the unit increase that was on his January 2011 Special District bill for 45 South Main Street. He stated that only one unit is operational and rented. Prior to the January 2011 billing, his unit charge was 0 Refuse, 1 Sewer & 1 Capital Water. The increase was to 2 Refuse, 3 Sewer & 3 Capital Water. Mayor Keegan would like Building Inspector Glenn Hebert to go and inspect the building to determine how many units Mr. Axtmann should be charged for.

Mayor Keegan closed the Public comment at 7:19pm, seconded by Trustee Ryan.

Reports:

DPW- no report

Code Enforcement – no report

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

Building Inspector Glenn Hebert's report was reviewed by the Board, Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the report, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried. Report attached.

Fire Chief Matt Carner presented to the Board applications for new members Michael Hoffman, Mark Gardner and Brad Avery. Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the applications, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a letter form the Friends of the Library regarding their mail being delivered to 85 South Main Street with the regular Library mail instead of paying for a box at the post office. There were no objections from the Board.

Brian Wiese submitted to the Board the Budget transfers that were made, Trustee Carner motioned to accept the transfers, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

The Village board would like acknowledged and thank Ted and Mary Lou Kulpa for donating their Election Inspector pay back to the Village.

Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the totals of unpaid Metered Water and Special District bills to be relieved to the Village Property taxes in June, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Carner reported that the Library was looking to get a new drop box to return books, tapes, etc. The box would be outside the Village hall to use when the Library and Village Hall are closed. It was suggested to use an old mail box. Trustee Carner also mentioned speaking to Don McKnight about the possibility of making a patio with benches in front of the Village Hall.

Trustee Ryan will be attending the Castleton Kids meeting May 18, 2011.

Trustee Phibbs

Trustee Ashby reported that there should only be one trash container per unit. Letters will be sent by the Village to the residents that have more trash containers than they are paying for.

Attorney Crist drafted an Addendum to the Bid Specifications to include the contractors will supply 65gallon trash containers and if electing to do the recycling, the contractor will also provide a recycling bin no less than 18 gallons. Clerk Lill will send the addendum to all who requested the Bid Specifications.

Attorney Crist wanted the Board to know that even though Paul Powers is no longer on the Board, he continues to work on the Ultra Violet system.

Attorney Crist introduced a Local Law that states property owners with adjacent sidewalks are responsible to keep the sidewalks clear of any obstructions to include snow and ice. Mayor Keegan motioned for a Public Hearing on June 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm. For this Local Law, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

Mayor Keegan wanted to thank Castleton in Bloom Garden Club for the beautiful landscaping they did in the front flower beds of the Village Hall.

Mayor Keegan also would like to thanks Mike Hiser and all that helped paint the fire hydrants. Thanks to Mayor Keegan too!

Mayor Keegan stated he had met with Town Supervisor Dowds and discussed obtaining water from the Town.

Mayor Keegan would like the Fire House sign repaired or replaced.

Mayor Keegan said more plans are being made for a Village picnic in July.

Chief Carner asked who was responsible to take down the power line poles that are still in the sidewalks on Green Avenue. Trustee Carner stated that National Grid was supposed to remove the poles and fill in the holes. Chief Carner would like the poles for the snow mobile club if National Grid doesn't want them.

Mayor Keegan recused himself from anything to do with the trash bid specifications.

Public Comment

Mayor Keegan motioned to open Public Comment, seconded by Trustee Ryan.

Marjorie Hotaling wanted an update on the Sub Division on Scott Avenue. Mayor Keegan informed her that it is still in the sketch plan.

Chief Carner inquired if a new snow emergency policy had been put in place. Rewording of the policy would make it easier for the residents to understand.

Superintendent Shortsleeve stated two sewer lines need to be replaced at the corner of one at Green & Ransom and one at Green & Campbell.

Trustee Carner motioned to allow Superintendent John Shortsleeve to purchase the Skid Steer for the sidewalks, seconded by Mayor Keegan and carried.

Superintendent Shortsleeve informed the Board of the need to purchase a new Leak Detection equipment for water leaks in the Village. The cost is \$795.00.

Mayor Keegan motioned to close Public Comment, seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried.

APPROPRIATIONS:

Trustee Carner moved to pay the bills for Abstract #27, Vouchers #837-#859 in the amount of \$18,696.58, Abstract # 28, Vouchers #860-#889 in the amount of \$17,322.07. Trustee Ryan seconded the motion and carried.

At 8:24 pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to enter into executive session, seconded by Trustee Carner and carried.

At 8:50 pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to exit executive session, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

The Village board of Trustee agreed to release two water permits to Joan Rapp to be used on the Scott Avenue subdivision.

At 8:55pm Mayor Keegan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lill
Village Clerk