

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

**August 15, 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.

Trustee Carner motioned to accept the July 11, 2011 Regular meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

Trustee Carner motioned to accept the July 11, 2011 Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Library Director Amy Pekar was present to answer any questions concerning the Library budget. Ms. Pekar stated that the funds from the Town of Schodack have decreased by \$7,000 and that equipment and operations increases included the new book drop box.

Marjorie Hotaling was concerned about the Local Law on Maintenance and Repair of the Sidewalks, especially related to repair of the gutters. Mayor Keegan assured her that the purpose of the Local Law was to keep the sidewalks and gutter free of debris.

Mayor Keegan closed the Public Comment at 7:25pm.

## **Reports:**

Trustee Carner motioned to accept the DPW report, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried. Report attached.

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 – no report

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Matt Metzger reported seventeen calls last month of various natures. Mayor Keegan motioned to accept report, seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried.

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Matt Metzger presented the board with an application for membership from Eric Barber; Trustee Phibbs motioned to accept the application, seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried.

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Matt Metzger also reported the fire trucks were having difficulty exiting onto Green Ave. if cars are parked on both sides of Second Street Extension. Trustee Carner motioned to erect no parking signs on both the East and West sides of Second Street Extension 25ft from Green Avenue, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

## **BUSINESS**

Foreman Rich Saville was presented with a certificate from NYCOM (New York Conference of Mayors) to acknowledge his 25 years of public service to our community.

Cynthia Tomko second request for the Board to reconsider giving her a water permit was denied at this time. She wished to have the Board consider that the property had a home on it that was destroyed by fire many years ago and was therefore entitled to a hookup. She will be told that the Village is negotiating with the Town of Schodack for additional water. If water becomes available from the Town of Schodack, her request will be revisited.

Attorney Crist will review correspondence from Hacker Murphy, LLP concerning the Van Der Horst Properties, LLC -v- Assessor of the Town of Schodack. Van Der Horst Properties is challenging their assessment.

Trustee Carner motioned to accept Records Disposition Request, seconded by Mayor Keegan and carried. A copy of disposed records is attached.

Foreman Rich Saville presented a quote from HMA Contracting Corp. for blacktop reconstruction of the following streets Hudson Street, William Street, Willow Street, First Street and Stimpson Avenue. The expense of \$47,349.26 will be paid thru CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) funds which the Village DPW has been accumulating for a few years in order to be able to afford the repaving.

Mayor Keegan expressed his concern about the poor condition of Seaman Avenue and asked Foreman Saville to contact an engineer about the infrastructure of Seaman Avenue that would have to be considered before paving.

Attorney Crist will review the RFP (request for proposal) for the Solar Photovoltaic System.

Mayor Keegan presented a report from the Laberge Group for the Castleton Water Interconnection with the Town of Schodack. Trustee Carner motioned for a resolution to authorize Mayor Keegan and Attorney Crist to draft a non-binding letter of intent to proceed with the water interconnection with the Town of Schodack to be set forth in an agreement to be drafted at a later date. Seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Mayor Keegan motioned for a resolution calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Amended Fair Housing Plan Law for September 12, 2011 at 7:00pm. Seconded by Trustee Carner and carried.

## **APPROPRIATIONS:**

Trustee Carner moved to pay the bills for Abstract #4, Vouchers #97-#134 in the amount of \$24,464.72 and Abstract # 5, Vouchers #135-#166 in the amount of \$12,012.88. Trustee Phibbs seconded the motion and carried.

At 8:53pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

At 9:00pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to exit executive session, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

Trustee Phibbs motioned to adopt Local Law # 2 of 2011 for Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

At 9:05pm Mayor Keegan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Phibbs and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lill  
Village Clerk