

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

**April 16, 2012**

**Attendance:**            **Mayor Keegan**                            **Trustee Pratico**  
                                 **Trustee Ryan**                            **Trustee Ashby**  
                                 **Trustee Carner-absent**            **Attorney Crist**

At 7:06, Mayor Keegan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Ryan motioned to accept the March 12, 2012 Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Pratico and carried.

Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the March 19, 2012 Budget Workshop minutes, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

Trustee Ryan motioned to accept the April 2, 2012 Organizational Meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Pratico and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Frank Dingman presented the board with information that he was being discriminated against by the Castleton Fire Company. Mr. Dingman stated that he was going to sue the Village for discrimination.

Ryan Morris from 3 Seaman asked about the digging that National Grid had done on Seaman Avenue and the mess that was left. Supervisor John Shortsleeve said a gas line was put in and usually the cleanup of yards is done when there are a few in the area that need to be cleaned up and do them all the same day. These landscapers are hired by National Grid. Ms. Morris also asked about the Village's noise ordinance concerning a dog barking all night. Attorney Crist found in the Village code "No person shall keep or harbor any animal that screeches, howls or barks continuously for an unreasonable length of time"

## **REPORTS**

DPW Report-no report

Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the Water and Waste Water Report, seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried. Report attached.

Building Inspector-no report

Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the Code Enforcement report with the correction of 80 Green Avenue to 85 Green Avenue, seconded by Trustee Pratico and carried. Report attached.

Trustee Ryan motioned to accept the Fire Department Report, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried. Trustee Ryan motioned to accept the membership of Daniel Garvansites to the Fire Company, seconded Trustee Pratico and carried.

## **BUSINESS**

Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the MS4 Annual report, seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried. Report attached.

Mayor Keegan motioned to accept the Fire Protection Contracts for 2012, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

Jim Maltais sent a letter stating he is still planning on building on lot #15 Thicket and using the water permit that the Village Board agreed to give him June 14, 2010 upon receipt of \$1,000.00.

Scout Alex Pulver was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a letter along with drawings of the benches he plans to build as an Eagle Scout project.

Due to questions about Castleton Kids that have to be cleared up, the Board will hold a Special Meeting on April 30, 2012 at 6:30 to adopt the Budget.

The Village received a letter from Minimill Technology Inc. who may be interested in the Fort Orange property to produce paper.

Mayor Keegan Suggested three dates for the village picnic September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> was considered the best date. A committee will have to be formed to organize the event.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Ashby stated plans to start the Photovoltaic Solar System on the DPW garage was this week.

Mayor Keegan assured the board that the hook up to the Town's water was still in negotiations.

Attorney Crist will meet with a new land surveyor concerning Van De Wal Lane.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Zoning Chairperson Betsy Prohonic would like to get the Photo voices project started and have it done by the Village picnic in September. Photo voice is a method (or tool) used in the field of community development and public health that uses photography along with personal narratives to "paint the picture" of what community members want for future redevelopment and community health. For Castleton, we could organize a group of interested residents, business owners and local officials (community stakeholders) and send them out to take pictures of what they think is positive and negative about their community with the thought of how they would like the community to look in the future. After the picture taking session, the group would reconvene to discuss their photos and write their narratives with the end product being some sort of community display.

## **APPROPRIATIONS**

Trustee Ryan moved to pay the bills for Abstract #20, Vouchers #659-#683 in the amount of \$33,904.08 and Abstract #21, Vouchers #684-#727 in the amount of \$18,719.68. Trustee Pratico seconded the motion and carried.

At 8:52 pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to enter into executive session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Trustee Ryan and carried.

At 9:39 pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

At 9:40 pm, Mayor Keegan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Ashby and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lill  
Village Clerk