

VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON
Public Hearing to review the MS-4 Report
VILLAGE BOARD -Special Meeting

May 21, 2014

Attendance:	Mayor Keegan Trustee Carner Trustee Ryan	Trustee Pratico Trustee Martin Attorney Crist
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At 6:35pm Mayor Keegan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to the Clerk's absence, the minutes were taken by Trustee Pratico.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Keegan opened up the public comment period at 6:36 pm. The Judge Peter asked to speak about the former Court Room and which files to take to Town Hall and which to leave at Village Hall. He has been advised by the 3rd Judicial District that he and his staff may move the open and more recent closed files to Town Hall. All the "vaulted" files will stay at Village Hall. The Judge and his staff will oversee the transfer of files to the Town. (The Judge asked if they could also take a filing cabinet to house these files.) Mayor Keegan, on advice from counsel, said that the Village would write a letter to the 3rd Judicial District stating the above.

The Mayor made a motion to allow Judge Peter and his clerk to move the files from Village Hall to Town Hall along with a filing cabinet, subject to the decision by the 3rd Judicial District. Trustee Carner seconded. Motion carried. Mayor closed the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE MS-4 REPORT:

The Mayor motioned to open the public hearing at 6:45pm.

The Mayor gave a brief synopsis of the MS-4 report. It is quite an extensive report. There was no public comment.

The Mayor made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Ryan seconded, motion carried.

The Mayor made a motion to accept the MS-4 report for the period of March 9, 2014 to present. Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Chad Granger of the Insurance Firm, Marshall and Sterling, addressed the Board and Village employees in attendance on the new options of health insurance plans available to the Village. He explained each plan, highlighted vision option; this is not currently provided, Empire Blue Cross. Dental plan is separate as well; Delta Dental. The Village

would set up a Health Spending Account and draw form that to pay claims for employees. Of the plans discussed, the Gold Plan (CDPHP) aggregate EPO was the one that was most favorable to the employees and also saved the Village as whole money while still providing excellent health insurance.

Mayor Keegan made a motion to provide the Gold Option. Trustee Ryan seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Keegan then discussed two engineering grants/loan programs that the Village may wish to apply for with help from our Engineering firms: Delaware and Barton and LoJustice. The first would be for a \$30,000 planning grant. Delaware did an upgrade study already on our sewer plant. Barton and LoJustice said they would do a grant write-up to upgrade our overall collection system (not including the sewer plant) for free. There is also a \$4 million statewide LGE program grant. We could apply by using the Castleton Paperboard potential business as a catalyst in seeking this kind of upgrade and grant money.

Motion by Trustee Ryan to have Barton and LoJustice perform the collection system grant write-up. Mayor Keegan seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Keegan said he met with our contractor regarding the continuing rehab of Village Hall. They checked under the ceiling tiles. There is 4ft of ceiling up under the tiles. The Mayor would like to open up the ceiling, removed the tiles and expose the wood. Trustee Ryan and Trustee Pratico will speak to the Library Board about doing the same when they start the Library renovation.

The Mayor also stated that there will be another public hearing on the Castleton Paper Board and its PILOT agreement and County Land Lease in the Village soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2):

None.

At 7:50pm The Mayor motioned to go into Executive session to discuss personnel and attorney-client matters, seconded by Trustee Ryan, motion carried.

At 8:30pm Mayor Keegan motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Ryan, motion carried.

At 8:31pm Trustee Pratico made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Ryan, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenifer Pratico
Village Trustee