

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

November 10, 2014

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joseph Keegan, Deputy/Mayor Marianne Carner, Trustee Sharon Martin, Trustee Jenifer Pratico, Trustee Amy Ryan

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Craig Crist (arriving at 7:40PM), Clerk-Treasurer Pam Smith, Superintendent John Shortsleeve, Safety & MS4 Coordinator Norm Wiley, From Delaware Engineering Tad Johnston, Castleton Kids Director Scott Mocerine, Castleton Kids Board President Kevin Anderson.

**GENERAL PUBLIC: 15**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Village of Castleton-on-Hudson was held at Castleton Village Hall, 85 South Main Street on November 10, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Trustee Carner moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Residents expressed concerns about the speed of the trains going past the Village, the need for crosswalks on Main Street, traffic not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalk at Campbell and Scott Avenues, the speed of traffic on Seaman Avenue. Several residents also expressed concerns about the closing of Stewarts and the future of Main Street. Several options were discussed regarding all of these concerns. Mayor Keegan commented that he wished to start an Economic Development Committee for the Village. A signup sheet was circulated to the residents present to sign up if they wished to be on the committee.

**REPORTS:**

1. **DPW Report:** Trustee Carner moved, Trustee Ryan seconded, motion carried to accept the DPW Report.
2. **Water & Wastewater Report:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Ryan seconded, motion carried to accept the Water & Wastewater Report.
3. **Castleton Kids:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Ryan seconded, motion carried to accept the Castleton Kids Report. It was reported that if the Schodack School District capital project vote on November 20<sup>th</sup> is approved then Castleton Kids may be asked to move to the Middle School, as such they will no longer be in the Village. Should they still be considered a department of the Village.
4. **Library Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Smith reported that with Library Director Amy Peker resigning as director effective November 9, 2014 the library board asked Clerk-Treasurer Smith, also an employee of the library since 2008 to stand as interim supervisor until a new director is found.
5. **Code Enforcement:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Ryan seconded, motion carried to accept the Code Enforcement Report.
6. **Fire Department:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Ryan seconded, motion carried to accept the Fire Department Report. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried giving

permission for the Fire Dept. to take a truck to the Firefighter 1 class at the Rensselaer County training tower on 11/17/14, 12/10/14, and 12/17/14.

7. **Building Inspector:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the Building Inspector Report.
8. **LDC:** Trustee Carner moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to accept the LDC Monthly Report.
9. **Safety/MS4 Report:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the Safety/MS4 Report.
10. **Treasurer Report:** Trustee Carner, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

#### **BUSINESS:**

1. **Water Tower:** Attorney Crist reported he has the contract to review from Delaware Engineering and the water tower bid package.
2. **Gas Easement:** Trustee Carner moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried for:  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER # 47 OF THE YEAR 2014 OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON ACCEPTING ALL EASEMENTS AND CONVEYANCES NECESSARY FOR INSTALLATION OF NATURAL GAS LINE TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND A SURVEY DEPICTING SAME**  
*WHEREAS, the Village Board is desirous of effectuating the connection of the Village Wastewater Plant to the nearby natural gas line;*  
*WHEREAS, in order to effectuate same, there is the need for the Village to obtain easements and conveyances from persons and companies that own nearby properties;*  
*WHEREAS, there is also the need to obtain a survey to depict the location of said interests;*  
*NOW THEREFORE BE IN RESOLVED THAT the Village Board authorizes the execution and acceptance of all necessary easements and conveyances in order to effectuate said connection, and authorizes the execution of same by the Mayor as well as the obtaining of a survey to depict same.*
3. **45 South Main Street – Dangerous Building:** Inspector Ziegler reported that the bank has selected a contractor for the demolition.
4. **Surplus Property Letter to George Street Residents:** Clerk-Treasurer Smith has reported both Deborah Filkins and Theresa Czapary are interested in purchasing their respective halves of the end of George Street depending on the price. The board decided to talk about the price in executive session
5. **Code Book Update:** Chapter 22-Emergency Management, Chapter 57-Records, Chapter 110-Curfew, and Chapter 171 Solid Waste were to be reviewed and options discussed at the meeting but the board decided to set up separate workshop meeting on December 1, 2014 to discuss the code options from the editorial analysis.
6. **Medicare Plan:** The board wanted more time to review the plans, decided to hold a special meeting on December 1, 2014 to decide on a plan.
7. **Recyclables with ICS:** Nothing to report
8. **Resolution to Adopt Local Law Regulating Parking on Seaman Avenue:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried for  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER # 48 OF THE YEAR 2014 OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW REGULATING PARKING ON SEAMAN AVENUE**  
*WHEREAS, the Village Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed local law further regulating parking on Seaman Avenue in the Village;*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Village Board adopts the accompanying local law entitled *Regulating Parking in Village of Castleton on Seaman Avenue*.

9. **Planning Board - NYPF:** Planning Board Chairman Tad Johnston asked the board to consider the Village joining New York Planning Federation (NYPF) for \$250 per year. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Carner seconded, motion carried approving the Village to join NYPF.
10. **Historic Review Application Form & Guidelines:** Planning Board Chairman Tad Johnston presented a historic review application to be for building or renovations to be done in the historic overlay district. Application would go to Building Inspector Ziegler first and then given to planning board.
11. **Sale of Village Property to Fire Company:** Trustee Martin presented a survey from 2010 of lands to be conveyed from the Village to Castleton Fire Company. The Village would like to proceed with the sale. A survey description is needed, Fire Chief Carner will contact surveyor. Attorney Crist said we will need a permissive referendum to sell to the Fire Company and he will prepare the paperwork for the permissive referendum.
12. **Property Tax Relevy:** Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Pratico Seconded, motion carried to send the list of unpaid property taxes with a warrant date of June 1, 2014 to Rensselaer County for collection.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

- **Trustee Carner:** Reported that in regards to a question she received about shooting deer in the Village, per DEC laws, no shooting is allowed.
- **Trustee Ryan:** Nothing to Report
- **Trustee Martin:** Nothing to Report
- **Trustee Pratico:** Nothing to Report
- **Mayor Keegan:** Reported that he wrote a letter to the library board asking for a reimbursement of the lights purchased for the renovation. Many unanticipated expenses came up that the Village paid for that would not have come up if not for the renovation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Resident asked a question about the placement of the new water tower, the new water tower will be placed next to the old one, then the old one will be removed.

**APPROPRIATIONS:** Trustee Pratico moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried authorizing the following bills to be paid:

1. Abstract # 10 vouchers #278 - #282 in the amount of \$5,556.92
  - a. General Fund - \$2,419.19
  - b. Water Fund - \$1,124.35
  - c. Sewer Fund - \$2,013.38
2. Abstract # 11 vouchers #283 - #340 in the amount of \$53,752.53
  - a. General Fund - \$27,131.85
  - b. Castleton Kids Fund - \$1,124.68
  - c. Water Fund - \$7,635.18
  - d. Sewer Fund - \$17,508.82
  - e. Capital Fund - \$352.00

**ONLINE BANKING TRANSFERS:** Trustee Pratico moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried authorizing Clerk-Treasurer Smith to transfer funds according to the schedule presented to the board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 9:17 pm Trustee Pratico moved, Mayor Keegan seconded, motion carried to enter Executive Session for Attorney Client Communication. At 9:56 pm Trustee Carner moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to come out of executive session.

**BUSINESS:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to rescind the spending cap for Goldberger & Kremer for labor negotiations put in place at the August 11, 2014 board meeting. No new cap to be set at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 10:00 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Smith  
Village Clerk-Treasurer