

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

September 26, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Schmidt, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Sharon Martin, Trustee Jenifer Pratico, Trustee Gina Giuliano and Trustee Amy Ryan

ABSENT: 0

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Benjamin Hill, Superintendent John Shortsleeve, DPW Rich Saville, Clerk-Treasurer Joanne DeVito .

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 September 26, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Schmidt with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Dratch-Kovler of 29 Prins Hill Way stated that her water/sewer/refuse bill was unusually large. She said that Superintendent John Shortsleeve had reread the meter and looked for leaks at the house, but that he didn't find anything unusual. She said that she has never had such a large bill. The Board asked John to revisit the residence and run a water hose test and report back to the Board. Maria Eastwood of 20 North Main Street has applied for a building permit to construct a retaining wall in her backyard. She said that Building Inspector Gary Ziegler is requiring an engineer or architect to sign off on the plans. She does not want to have to do that. Mayor Schmidt said that he would talk to Gary and call Ms. Eastwood back.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

- **Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt stated that he had several good meetings with the Boy Scouts and that they will be helping to clean up the pond to prepare it for winter ice skating. He said that it is actually part of their Eagle Scout project. He asked DPW Richard Saville to speak to the scout leaders about what they plan to do and to oversee it.
- **Deputy Mayor/Trustee Martin:** No report.
- **Trustee Ryan:** No Report.
- **Trustee Pratico:** Trustee Pratico mentioned that Village picnic was nicely done. She said that it fed people in the Village and was civic minded. The leftovers went to the Anchor.
- **Trustee Giuliano:** No Report.

BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution #34- sign Marshall and Sterling Agreement:** Attorney Ben Hill needs to revise some wording. This will be revisited at the next Board meeting.
2. **Post Office Parking Lot contract:** Attorney Ben Hill will be working on this.
3. **Resolution # 48- Budget Modifications:** Mayor Schmidt moved, Deputy Mayor Martin seconded motion to approve the budget modifications below.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER #48 OF THE YEAR 2016 OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON 2016-2017 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS
GENERAL FUND BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:**

Increase revenue A511 \$69,000.00 for dump Truck

Increase expenses AR 5110.2 \$69,000.00 for dump truck

To reflect the amount of special reserves used and appropriated in the budget for the dump truck.

Increase revenue A511 \$2,366.62 for employee benefit accrued liabilities

Increase expenses AR 8170.1 \$2366.62 for employee benefit accrued liabilities

To reflect the amount of special reserves used and appropriated in the budget for employee benefit accrued liabilities to pay an employee's accrued vacation time upon termination of employment.

Increase G8130.2 \$60,000.00

Increase G599 \$60,000.00

To use sewer fund balance to pay for a one- time roof replacement expense.

4. **Rensselaer County Update on 45 South Main:** Mayor Schmidt is waiting for an affirmative response from the County.
5. **Delaware Engineering- awarding the contract on the roof installation for the Water Treatment Plant-**Clerk-Treasurer Joanne DeVito informed the Board that the Sewer fund balance is healthy enough to be able to pay for the roof. Tad Johnston announced that the lowest bidder was S&L Roofing. Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Ryan seconded motion to award the roofing contract to S&L Roofing.
6. **Laberge- Town of Schodack:** Richard Laberge of Laberge Group is an engineering consultant for the Town of Schodack. The Schodack School district and the Town of Schodack will be entering into an agreement for the Town to provide sewer service to the school. The plan is to design and put out to bid for a pump station and piping along Maple Hill to meet up with a manhole to pump waste into the Village sewer system. Laberge Group will look at environmental concerns and get the plan approved. Mr. Laberges' objective today was to present this idea to the Village Board and to make sure that he understood the Sewer agreement and the price to hookup to the Village. He said that the Town of Schodack would work closely with Superintendent John Shortsleeve to be sure that the plan works for the Village. The Town of Schodack is hoping to complete the project during the school break in June and July 2018. Mr. Laberge asked if the

Village can handle the flow and John Shortsleeve indicated that it could. Mr. Laberge said that there would be no cost to the Village for this hookup and that this would be a single user hookup. When completed 60 units are expected. The Town of Schodacks' concern is to service the school campus only. The piping will be installed that way. If residents want to hook in later, the Town of Schodack would look into building separate pump stations at that time. It was discussed that the hookup fee would be \$2,500.00 for the Town of Schodack.

7. **Water Treatment Plant:** In the beginning of August, Delaware Engineering presented the Board with a preliminary report. That report has been submitted to EFC and we should be hearing from them in October. Brock Jucslova gave an overview of what was discussed at the last meeting. The Village has an outdated 30 year old sewer plant. There is a huge concern that equipment will break down. The Board has to decide whether to replace the plant slowly or all at once. There are three options on replacement. Option one replaces the Head Works building, influent pump, screw press etc. at a cost of \$2,567,000.00. Option two also replaces the clarifiers with the correct size clarifier at a cost of \$4,023,000.00. Option 3 replaces all systems and roofs on all of the buildings, as well as adds a new generator at a cost of \$5,500,000.00. Brock Jucslova handed out a list of next steps in the process leading up to applying for grant money and searching for funding options. The Board agreed to move forward on this list.
8. **Holiday Party:** Mayor Schmidt announced that he feels that the Holiday Appreciation Luncheon that is held annually is too expensive for the Village and that we should not have one this year. Trustee Giuliano felt that the Board should not spend taxpayer money for this event. Trustee Pratico and Trustee Ryan disagreed and feel that it is something that the Board should continue to do. Trustee Pratico will meet with Trustee Giuliano to discuss this matter further and possibly come up with a compromise.
9. **Smoking Receptacle-** Mayor Schmidt announced that he felt that just the Village Hall and Village Hall grounds should be made to be smoke free. The Board agreed. Attorney Ben Hill will look into this to determine if a resolution or local law is needed.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:34 pm, Mayor Schmidt moved, Trustee Giuliano seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne DeVito
Village Clerk-Treasurer