

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

May 9, 2022

**PRESENT:** Trustee/Deputy Mayor Jenifer Pratico, Trustee Sharon Martin (via Zoom), and Trustee Lissa D'Aquanni

**ABSENT:** Mayor Joe Keegan, and Trustee Erik Samarija

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Benjamin Hill (via Zoom), Foreman Daniel Lebrecht, Foreman Kenneth Meyer, Library Director Melissa Tacke, Code Enforcement Officer James Lance (via Zoom), and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

**PUBLIC:** 0 (in person), 3 (via Zoom)

**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 May 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Deputy Mayor Pratico with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Trustee Martin moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting, with corrections.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. No public comment. Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

- **Mayor Keegan:** Absent.
- **Deputy Mayor Pratico:** Deputy Mayor Pratico reported that she is hopeful that the paving of Route 9J will be coming to an end this week. Deputy Mayor Pratico thanked the Department of Public Works for their assistance on Clean-Up Day and that the Village brought in \$225.00. Deputy Mayor Pratico commented on the passing of Marianne Carner, who served on the Board and as Mayor for thirty year, and that it was a huge loss to the community. Deputy Mayor Pratico reported that the Mother's Day breakfast at the Castleton Fire House was well attended and that it was the last breakfast of the season. Deputy Mayor Pratico reported that the Rally for the River went well with Congressman Tonko, Senator Jordan, and Supervisor Peter attending.
- **Trustee Martin:** Trustee Martin reported that two trees were planted for Arbor Day, one at the Village park at 2 Green Avenue and one at Mountainview Cemetery, by the Cemetery Board, Village Board, Tree Board, and DPW. Trustee Martin stated that she would like to find someone that can transport products for resident on Clean-Up Day. Trustee Martin moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to pass a resolution to swap properties with the Castleton Fire Company as outlined in the new deed as per review by the Village attorney.
- **Trustee D'Aquanni:** Trustee D'Aquanni reported that she and Mayor Keegan met with Library

Director Tacke and Teresa Scandurra to discuss the plans for improving the front lawn of the Village Hall. Trustee D'Aquanni reported that the Comprehensive Plan committee met with Rensselaer County Economic Development and discussed the Brownfield at the former Fort Orange Paper Company. Trustee D'Aquanni reported that the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association will hold its Main Street Clean-Up Day this Saturday. Trustee D'Aquanni reported that, at the Rally, Village, Town, and State leaders were all in agreement on gaining access to the river.

- **Trustee Samarija:** Absent.

## **REPORTS:**

- 1. Library Report:** Director Tacke stated that the Summer Reading program will kick-off on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. DPW Report:** Foreman Lebrecht stated that the Department of Public Works will be working on hanging veteran's banners, removing trees, and street sweeping during the next few weeks.
- 3. Water Report:** Absent.
- 4. Wastewater Report:** Foreman Meyer stated that site restoration has begun at the wastewater treatment plant and that the grass is starting to come back.
- 5. Building Inspector:** Absent.
- 6. Code Enforcement:** Officer Lance stated that he will be supporting the Department of Public Work's street sweeping efforts by issuing violations and that he will be attending court in May with Attorney Hill.
- 7. Fire Department Report:** Absent.
- 8. Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis reported that he was working with Trustee D'Aquanni to have items prepared for the Clean Energy grant by the end of May.

Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded motion to approve all departmental reports.

## **BUSINESS:**

- 1. Public Hearing – Out of Village Water Bills:** Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open the public hearing for out of village water bills. No attendance or questions for public hearing. Trustee D'Aquanni moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to close public hearing.
- 2. Public Hearing – 2022-2023 Village Budget:** Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open the public hearing for the 2022-2023 Village budget. No questions or concerns regarding budget. Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to close public hearing. Trustee Martin moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to adopt to 2022-2023 Village budget.

**3. APPROPRIATIONS:** Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 19 – Vouchers # 559 - # 608 in the amount of \$ 49,934.61.

General Fund: \$ 20,042.10

Water Fund: \$ 21,584.38

Sewer Fund: \$ 8,308.13

**ONLINE BANKING TRANSFERS:** Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion to approve the online banking transfers according to the schedule presented to the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to open public comment. No public comment. Deputy Mayor Pratico moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:34 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Padraic Ellis  
Village Clerk-Treasurer