**VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

February 26, 2024

**PRESENT**: Mayor Joe Keegan, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Jenifer Pratico, Trustee Lissa D’Aquanni,

Trustee Rebekah Timerman, and Trustee Baileen Bai

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Foreman Kenneth Mayer and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

**PUBLIC:** 2 (in-person), 1 (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 February 26, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

* Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to accept the February 12, 2024 with edits.

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

**BUSINESS:**

**1. Public Hearing – 21 South Main Street Water Meter Access:** Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried to open the public hearing on 21 South Main Street denying Village access to the water meter. No comments. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Bai seconded, motion carried to close the public hearing. Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried for the Village board to begin the water shut-off process for 21 South Main Street due to the property owner denying the Village access to the water meter.

**2. Delaware Engineering I&I Information:** Tad Johnston, of Delaware Engineering, spoke to the Board regarding issues of inflow and infiltration in the Village’s sewer system. Mr. Johnston stated that the Village received grant funding for a report in 2016 for an I&I study conducted by Barton & Loguidice. Mr. Johnston does not believe that the Village would be likely to receive another grant as not all of the issues in the report had been remedied. The 2016 report used smoke and camera testing, as well as flow meters, to find I&I issues on the Green Avenue branch of the sewer system. Mr. Johnston suggested remedies to issues that could currently be handled by the sewer department, such as raising manhole covers in flood areas, and not by an outside contractor. Mr. Johnston will look into the Village’s requests for more information, including the cost of dye testing the entire sewer. Mr. Johnston stated that sump pumps that were hooked directly into the sewer system could be one of the main reasons for the increased sewer flow. The Board will attempt to partner with the Town of Schodack on the project as reducing the I&I flow will be beneficial to both the Village and the Town.

**3. Resolution 3 – LOSAP Increase to $1,000:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Timerman seconded, motion carried to add the referendum to the 2024 Village ballot allowing the residents to vote on the Length of Service Award Program increase from $900 per year to $1,000 per year for qualified members of the Castleton Fire Department.

**4. Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority:** Deputy Mayor Pratico stated that she attended the most recent meeting of the Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority. She recommended that the incoming Board invite ERCSWMA Director Matt Curley to a Village Board meeting in the spring to see what services ERCSWMA provides and what other services the Village can take advantage of.

**5. Annual Fire House Banquet:** Mayor Keegan stated that he and Deputy Mayor Pratico attended the annual fire house banquet and that Deputy Mayor Pratico was awarded the title of Castleton Fire Commissioner for Life.

**7. APPROPRIATIONS:** Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 16 – Vouchers # 505 in the amount of $ 8,798.45

General Fund: $ 2,517.52

Water Fund: $ 2,137.35

Sewer Fund: $ 4,143.58

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:53 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Deputy Mayor Pratico seconded, motion carried for the Board to enter executive session. At 8:12 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D’Aquanni seconded, motion carried for the Board to leave executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:13 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Timerman seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Padraic Ellis

Village Clerk-Treasurer