

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

March 27, 2023

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Steven Wilson, Chief Matt Metzger (via Zoom), and Clerk-Treasurer Padraic Ellis.

**PUBLIC:** 3 (in person), 7 (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 March 27, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Keegan with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to accept the March 13, 2023 minutes, with edits.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Mayor Keegan thanked Trustee Martin and Trustee Samarija for their time on the Board and baked a cake to honor their final Board meeting. Mayor Keegan reported that he had spoken to the New York State Troopers and was awaiting a date that they would be holding their training at the Brickyard. Mayor Keegan reported that he would be meeting with the mason for the Noyes Engine House this week. Carol Stockman, of the Planning Board, thanked the outgoing members of the Board and welcomed the new ones. Ms. Stockman, stated that she was will to help with the Complete Streets grant and was told that the Village has not received a start date as of yet. Suzanne Cecala, of the Castleton-on-Hudson Main Street Association, thanked the outgoing Board members and welcomed the new ones. Ms. Cecala stated that originally COHMSA was going to have a flyer in the Welcome Packet but that it was not included in the list of documents that were approved by the Board last meeting. The Board stated that no Welcome Packets have been handed out as of yet and that the Village attorney would review policy to see if organizations not affiliated with the Village would be able to include information to be distributed. Susan Megna, of the Planning Board, request a copy of the Complete Streets application. Matt Metzger, of the Castleton Fire Department, thanked Trustee Martin and Trustee Samarija for their time of the Board. Susan Donnelly, of COHSMA, stated that other non-Village organizations should be able to include information with the Welcome Packet. The Board stated that the Village is not excluding organizations but that the matter needs to be reviewed by the Village attorney. Steven Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, thanked Trustee Martin and Trustee Samarija for their time on the Board. Mr. Rivers stated that the next Boat Club lecture would be on April 15<sup>th</sup> and asked if there were any updates on river access. The Board stated that a committee has been formed to determine how to proceed and that the committee would be sharing their finding with the Board in April. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

**BUSINESS:**

**1. Delaware Engineering Project Expenses:** The Board tabled the agreement for project expenses with Delaware Engineering and that the matter should be resolved in the next week.

**2. PERMA Safety Coordinator Training:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee D'Aquanni seconded, motion carried to appoint Jayne Robinson to the position of safety coordinator for the Village, for a one-year term, and to have her attend the PERMA safety coordinator training on April 20<sup>th</sup>, with Trustee Martin abstaining and Trustee Samarija opposed.

**3. Refuse Contract Extension:** Trustee Samarija stated that County Waste is willing to extend the current refuse contract with the Village with the Village for an additional year. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis will follow up to determine the next steps necessary. The Board suggested that the head of the Eastern Rensselaer County Municipal Solid Waste Authority present to the Board at the second meeting in May.

**4. Village Tree Maintenance:** Trustee Martin stated that Foreman Lebrecht would like to use \$3,600.00 from the tree maintenance budget to trim tree on Main Street. Foreman Lebrecht is also looking to get quotes for two trees near Trinity Lutheran Church and a tree on Campbell Avenue.

**5. Budget Workshop:** Clerk-Treasurer Ellis went through each change from last year's adopted budget to this year's proposed budget. Clerk-Treasurer Ellis stated that he would have a breakdown of the reserve funds once he meets with the department heads and determines the break-out of the payment for the new backhoe. The next budget meeting workshop will take place at the second Board meeting in April.

**6. River Access Update:** The committee that is planning the Village's next steps towards river access will present their plan to the Board in April.

**7. APPROPRIATIONS:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to approve payment of the abstracts.

Abstract # 15 – Voucher # 496 in the amount of \$16,465.54

General Fund: \$3,613.92

Water Fund: \$5,629.55

Sewer Fund: \$7,222.07

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to open public comment. Carol Stockman, of the Planning Board, stated that if the Village were looking at buy a new truck for Department of Public Works the Village should ask for aid from one of the newly elected State politicians. Steven Rivers, of the Castleton Boat Club, asked for the contacted information for the committee that is meeting regarding river access. The Board welcomed Rebekah Timerman and Baileen Bai as the newly elected members of the Board of Trustees. Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Martin seconded, motion carried to close public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:55 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to enter executive session. At 9:15 pm, Mayor Keegan moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to exit executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:16 pm, Trustee Martin moved, Trustee Samarija seconded, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Padraic Ellis  
Village Clerk-Treasurer