

January 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on January 10, 2024, at 7:01PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Bill Astry, Cindy Flaherty, Cathy Cruver and Danna DuBois. Also present were Clerk Annette McChesney and Deputy Clerk Roxanne Astry. Absent was Superintendent of Public Works Sam Alaimo.

RESOLUTION # 1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve the minutes of December 27, 2023, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 2

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GUESTS:

John Sipos, 5 Pennington, Village Historian – He wanted to mention that Sam Alaimo and Biancca Riggle are doing a great job getting the roads and sidewalks cleared of snow very early in the morning

Nancy Wickmark, 39 Pettit, Planning Board member attended to witness appointment of Dave Rowley as the newest member of the Planning Board

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI REPORT – Not in attendance at 1st meeting

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT- No Report

- He did request an updated list of members of the Citizens for a Better Cassadaga if it's available as it has great contact information

CLERK MCCHESENEY'S REPORT

- She reported that DFT will be hooking up the new Fiber Optic internet that is available with the costs to the village remaining the same
- She also reported she has completed the annual highway work permits and is just waiting on insurance paperwork she requested
- She also reported that Beichner Waste Services sent a letter to notify the village of a price increase of 5% starting in February due to rising costs, this will increase the monthly dumpster fees by \$3.63 per site
- She also mentioned she had forwarded the email from Chautauqua County Visitors' Bureau regarding the Total Solar Eclipse to the Village Board as well as the Planning Board
- She also reported that the Federal Aviation Administration had sent notification that they are conducting an aeronautical study concerning

Wind Turbine Villenova Wind 4 details and comment instructions are available at <http://oeaaa.faa.gov> search by NY and ASN 2023-WTE-4914-OE

DEPUTY CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT

- She reported that she has forwarded paperwork requested by the NYSDEC for the Urban Community and Forestry Grant the Village was awarded. It will be approximately 4-6 weeks before they have the contract prepared to be signed
- She also reported that she along with Clerk McChesney and Trustees Cruver and Flaherty attended a virtual webinar with the Environmental Facilities Corporation to discuss the process in pursuing grants to complete the water system improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BATHHOUSE AT BEACH – No Update**
 - Trustee Flaherty inquired on using part of the bathhouse for changing after the polar plunge as they have in the past. Trustee Astry stated he could make one side usable
2. **COMMUNITY BANK CLOSING – The bank will be closing on January 19th. No further information is available at this time on a new tenant**

NEW BUSINESS: - NONE

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SAM ALAIMO REPORT – Given by Trustee Astry

- He reported that Sam and Bianca have been busy with snow removal and working on equipment
- Trustee Flaherty asked if he knew if Sam had traveled to Albany on Monday to look at a sander as part of a shared service with the Town of Arkwright, Trustee Astry stated he did not know
- He reported that Sam has received four quotes on a new diesel-powered lawn mover and would like to make some budget adjustments in order to make the purchase. The lowest quote is around \$12,600.00. The budget lines will be looked at, the quotes looked over, and the board will review again at the next meeting and try and make a decision. Equipment can be hard to obtain so they don't want to hold off
- Trustee DuBois inquired on the status of the water sample report that had been requested by Chautauqua County Department of Health at year end and it was confirmed it had been completed
- Discussion was had regarding adding an AED to the Community Room due to public gatherings being held with more than 75 attendees. Trustee DuBois is going to look into pricing and the board will look into any possible grants

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT

- He read a letter from the Fire Department stating they had received an anonymous donation to place spring type hydrant markers on all of the village fire hydrants. The department members will take care of the work
- He gave Cassadaga Volunteer Fire Departments' monthly Report for December 2023 as follows:
 - EMS Calls - 10
 - Fire Calls – 3
 - MVA Calls – 1
 - Alarm Activation - 1
 - Request for Gator - 0
 - Service Calls – 0
 - Stand by for CCSO - 0
 - Mutual Aid Given - 10
 - Mutual Aid Received – 1
 - Total Calls - 15
 - Total man Hours – 93
 - Total Calls for 2023 – 224
- Mayor Dorman inquired about Well # 5 and if it was operational at this time. Trustee Astry stated that he believed Sam was going to attempt to fire it up on Friday in order to take water sample readings and see if it could be left online, but he wasn't sure on the outcome

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT

- She reported that there are applications available for Chautauqua County Occupancy Tax Lakes and Waterways grant program as well as Chautauqua County Youth Team Sports Grant
- Upcoming Events:
 - Cassadaga Winter Festival February 3-4 flyer to follow after report
- She stated that she would need the check from the village for their share of the cost of the band for the Winter Festival at the next meeting in the amount of \$266.00 per prior Resolution # 188
- She asked Trustee Astry if he could supply the fire pits again for the Winter Festival, he agreed to
- She also requested that the beach be plowed as it has been in prior years to the water front if needed for the event
- She also reported that the new owners of 3 Lakes Café had requested she inquire about any food suggestions for their new restaurant so she could report back in a couple of weeks. Some suggestions were given by the board of healthy options, wraps, soups, sandwiches, good coffee, pastries, and gluten free options. Trustee Flaherty will also be asking members of the other various committees she is on for their input

Cassadaga Winter Festival

Feb. 3&4

SATURDAY

8AM Frozen 50K

Walk or run around the lake – anything from 5K to 50K. \$13 -\$25 pre-registration fee. All proceeds go to Chautauqua County Fire Police. Registration/check in begins 7am at Fire Hall or go to www.coachmarkwilson.com. Sponsored by Wilson Endurance Sports

11AM Snow Sculpture Contest

Get your team together and create a masterpiece!
You have 1and 1/2 hours to complete with judging at 12.30. At the beach. CASH Prizes!
Sponsored by Cassadaga Lakes Association

12NOON – 2PM Fun on the Beach

Fire pits, S'mores, Tether Ball and Street Hockey! Drawings!

Chili, hot chocolate provided by Park Church. *And an ICE SCULPTURE!!!*

Come see a pro make an ice sculpture! *Sponsored by the CBC*

1PM Ice SCREAM Polar Dip

Be brave and go for a dip! At the beach. \$20 entry fee.

Proceeds go towards the Cassadaga Beach Program.

Register day of or at www.coachmarkwilson.com. *Sponsored by the Red House.*

2PM Sundance Farm at the Library

Real live critters, story and craft! Fun and informative for kids and adults.

Sponsored by Cassadaga Library.

7 – 10PM PARTY McFLY

A mix of party music that will get you dancing at the Cassadaga Legion Post 1280.

Duper's Food!

Sponsored by CBC, Village of Cassadaga, Cassadaga Legion Post 1280

SUNDAY

1 – 3PM Sledding

At Cassadaga Country Club. Hot chocolate and cookies.

Sponsored by Cassadaga Country Club & Cassadaga Library

3PM - Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

Meet at Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park on Rt. 60 at 2:50 for a guided tour. Car pool if you can. Parking is limited. *Sponsored by Cassadaga Lakes Association and Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy.*



TRUSTEE CRUVER'S REPORT

- She wanted to confirm with Trustee Astry that Sam Alaimo has reached out to the engineer she had recommended regarding well # 5, Trustee Astry believes he has
- She also stated that after the conference call/webinar with the Environmental Facilities Corporations (EFC) last week the first thing the village needs to do is do their due diligence in selecting and hiring an engineering firm to get the process started in order to be able to apply for grants to finish replacing water lines on Main Street and Dale Drive, replace aging water meters, make permanent repairs to well# 5, and any other water infrastructure improvements found to be necessary by the engineering firm. She would like to use ARPA funds to hire the engineering firm. EFC emailed a vast amount of information for the board to go through, once they have been able to look over the information they can then proceed with contacting engineering firms and getting the process started
- TRUSTEE DUBOIS' REPORT
- She reported that the address plaque the department ordered for the front of the building is being worked on but is not yet complete
- She also noted that the Installation Banquet for the fire department is on January 20th @ 6pm, catered by Dupers, and invitations had been sent
- She also stated she is happy to see progress with the new 3 Lakes Café and their anticipated grand opening is Memorial Day Weekend
- She inquired about the status of the replacement dead-end sign for Miller Place that has been missing for some time. Trustee Astry was not sure of the status but believes it will be a "NO OUTLET" sign instead of a dead-end sign

RESOLUTION # 3

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve financial reports for December 31, 2023, and January 10, 2024 seconded by Trustee Cruver VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 12/31/2023	\$ 295,333.94
WATER FUND 12/31/2023	\$ 96,698.62
GENERAL FUND 01/10/2024	\$ 291,944.60
WATER FUND 01/10/2024	\$ 96,153.38
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$ 20,951.90
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$ 12,474.00
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$ 50,344.36
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$ 339,101.94

RESOLUTION # 4

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to approve bills & payroll as follows, seconded by Trustee Flaherty VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

PAYROLL General Fund, 01/05/2024	cks: 5994-5995	\$ 3,409.34
PAYROLL Water Fund, 01/05/2024	cks: 5994-5995	\$ 2,142.34
ABSTRACT January 10, 2024	General Cks: 10029-10044	\$ 11,692.62
ABSTRACT January 10, 2024	Water Cks: 10029-10044	\$ 6,457.76

RESOLUTION # 5

Being no further business, Trustee Flaherty moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Astry at 8:17 PM. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette McChesney
Clerk Treasurer