

**November 29, 2023**

**The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on November 29, 2023, at 7:00 PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included William Astry, Cindy Flaherty, Cathy Cruver, and Danna DuBois. Also present was Deputy Clerk Roxanne Astry. Absent was Superintendent of Public Works Sam Alaimo and Clerk Treasurer Annette McChesney.**

**RESOLUTION # 183**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve the minutes of November 8, 2023, seconded by Trustee Dubois. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**RESOLUTION # 184**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Flaherty after correction. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**GUESTS:**

**John Sipos, 5 Pennington, Village Historian – He stated that he has been Village Historian for almost 20 years and Town of Stockton for 5 years. He reported that Stan Zembryski resigned from Town of Stockton Councilman after 40 years of service. Supervisor Dave Wilson appointed him to Councilman to finish Stan’s term. He wanted to make sure the Village Board did not have a problem with this and is willing to continue as Historian. No objections, only congratulations were offered.**

**Donna Thompson from Integrated Benefits Solution went over plans for the employee insurance coverage. The Village currently has the Independent Health Platinum coverage at a cost of \$683.70, however the new cost per month will go up to \$782.37. She recommends the Gold Plan at a cost of \$687.39, with higher deductible before only copays are paid. The Board held a discussion with questions and decided that in order to keep employees from leaving they decided to keep to the current plan. There also are plans at employees’ expense for dental and eye care if they so choose.**

**RESOLUTION # 185**

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

**Trustee Flaherty moved to keep the Platinum Plan at cost of \$782.37 per month with employee paying 10%, seconded by Trustee Dubois. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**Randy Graham from Mayville Tremaine went over options for the upcoming year on Liability Insurance. The carrier Trident Insurance that the Village has used for many years was sold and their premium went up 26%. He applied to 3 companies for quotes, and they were reviewed by the Board: Trident premium \$39,808, Houston Casualty Corp. (HCC/CFC) \$28,993 and NYMIR/CFC \$36/199. He**

reviewed the coverage with the board and HCC coverage was better at a lower price.

#### **RESOLUTION #186**

Trustee Cruver moved to accept quote from Houston Casualty Corp (HCC/CFC) at cost of \$28,993, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS,

**ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI REPORT- No Report**

**MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT- No Report**

**CLERK MCCHESENEY'S REPORT - Absent**

#### **DEPUTY CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT**

- She reported that Annette could not make the meeting because her daughter had surgery today.
- Chautauqua County Planning and Development sent a Public Notice on the application period Agriculture District Inclusion Period. This will be posted on our website. It was reviewed and we do not have an Agriculture district in the village.
- The water bills will be sent out this week.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **1. BATHHOUSE AT BEACH-ARPA**

- Trustee Astry reported that he needs loader to remove the blocks and debris. Weather permitting, he will try to get a work committee to help.

##### **2. COMMUNITY BANK CLOSING UPDATES**

- Mayor Dorman reported that he sent Petition signatures to Mr. Hal Wentworth, Sr. VP of Retail Marketing for Community Bank.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. HEALTH INSURANCE QUOTES- This was addressed earlier in the meeting.
2. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE QUOTES- This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

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

- He reported that the snowflakes were put up after last meeting.
- A Library sign was put up at corner per request of Librarian.
- He reported that Sam noticed on an auction site that there were 2 electronic speed signs being auctioned. New ones cost around \$7,500 each. He won the bid at a cost of \$400 each. It was noted that these were needed on our Comprehensive Plan.

#### **RESOLUTION #187**

**ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGNS**

Trustee Astry moved, seconded by Trustee Cruver to approve purchase of speed signs at cost of \$400 each. VOTE: 5 AYES.

**TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT-No report**

**TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT**

- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Light Up Cassadaga at Ames Common w/Santa in the Park from 3:30-5:00 PM, Tree Lighting Ceremony immediately following. The Valley Community Choir will be singing at 6PM at The Park United Methodist Church in Cassadaga. There will be a live nativity scene at Park Church and activities throughout the day at the Cassadaga Library and Ames Common**
  - **The Winter Festival will be February 3-4<sup>th</sup> 2024. Party McFly is the band at the Legion and their cost has gone up to \$800. She is requesting that Village pay 1/3 of cost with CBC and Legion as cost of \$266.**

**RESOLUTION # 188**

**SHARE COST OF BAND**

Trustee Flaherty moved, seconded by Trustee Astry to share cost of band for the Winter Festival at cost of \$266.00 VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**TRUSTEE CRUVER'S REPORT**

- **She will try to attend a Q&A session with County on possible grants.**
- **She will be having surgery and will not be at next meeting.**
- **She was in Clarence and noticed great Halloween decorations on poles and suggest maybe next year doing something.**

**TRUSTEE DUBOIS' REPORT**

- **She questioned if Sam is going to put up a Dead-End Street sign at Miller. Trustee Astry reported that it is on his list.**
- **She was wondering if we are doing anything for Economic development. Trustee Cruver stated that we applied for a grant for feasibility but did not receive it.**
- **Trustee Flaherty mentioned that Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation may be an option to apply for dog park. It would have to be submitted by a nonprofit.**
- **Update on Fire Departments 100-year celebration.**

**RESOLUTION # 189**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to approve financial reports for November 29, seconded by Trustee Flaherty VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**GENERAL FUND 11/29/2023     \$ 342,599.12**

WATER FUND 11/29/2023	\$	39,951.43
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$	20,945.13
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$	12,469.97
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$	50,336.22
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$	338,992.33

**RESOLUTION # 190**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve bills & payroll as follows, seconded by Trustee Flaherty VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

PAYROLL General Fund, 11/24/2023	cks: 5983-5985	\$	4,241.39
PAYROLL Water Fund, 11/24/2023	cks: 5983-5985	\$	2,138.60
ABSTRACT November 29, 2023	General Cks: 9993-10008	\$	7,958.89
ABSTRACT November 29, 2023	Water Cks: 9993-10008	\$	4,614.34

It was decided that we would have our Christmas Celebration and Organizational Meeting on December 27, 2023.

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Flaherty at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Astry  
Deputy Clerk