

APRIL 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on April 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Mark Wilson, Rachyl Krupa and Bill Astry. Absent: Trustee Cindy Flaherty. Also in attendance was Supt. Of Public works Sam Alaimo and Bonita Mazzone.

Pledge Of Allegiance

**RESOLUTION # 35
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Krupa, second by Trustee Wilson to approve the minutes of March 23, 2022. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 36
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee astry to approve the agenda second by Trustee Krupa. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GUESTS:

John Sipos. 5 Pennington states that the DPW did a wonderful job cleaning up after the winter snow plowing.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON BUDGET. No comments from public. Clerk Treasurer Astry distributed the Impact Statement on budget to all in attendance and stated the total tax revenue is \$137,092.24 and increase of \$2,738.25 and \$.02 tax increase to \$3.73 per thousand. The water fund balance has water rate increase of \$.75 per thousand gallons.

**RESOLUTION # 37
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Hearing no comments from Public, Trustee Astry moved to close the Public Meeting at 7:10 PM, seconded by Trustee Wilson. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT:

Updates:

- **No updates**

New Correspondence:

- Rebecca Wurster Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corp. asked to meet with the village to get input on "complete streets" as there is a paving project planned for Maple Ave. this summer. ("milling & resurface")
 - Roxanne, Mark, Peter George and I met with Rebecca and Matt Bourke-Sr. Planner on Tuesday.

- Provided our input on sidewalk and crosswalk issues and needs.
- Edison asked me if there are any projects for the parking lot involving coating or repairs.
 - He has completed the cement work next to his building and there is a depression in the pavement where water collects. He would like to repair/raise the pavement in that area and put parking markings on it at his expense if we are not planning on any repairs.
- Mike Kelly sent message on “Messenger” Saturday that the stones need to be raked off the grass that was under the snow. Needs to be hand raked.
- Dan Pacos e-mail regarding non-metered water being used in Lily Dale to hook up residences- (See Sam’s report.)

CLERK TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:

- Reported that she has completed the Constitutional Tax Limit that needs to be approved by Board. The Constitutional Tax limit can be up to \$617,707.
- The Budget needs to be voted on.
- The water rates need to be voted on.
- She reported that she has a total of 19 water customers that have past due water bills totaling \$14,497.35 that can be relieved onto taxes. Some of these customers have not paid a water bill in 2 years. Last year because of COVID laws we were not able to put on taxes. These customers receive billings and past due billings with no response. Our Local Law on water does state that water can be shut off after receiving a letter and not paid within 10 days. If we put on taxes, we may not receive money on some of these customers until April 2023 if they do not pay their taxes.
- She reported that the NYS Comptroller’s office shows no designation for the Village of Cassadaga for Fiscal stress or Environmental stress.
- We received a 25-year certificate from NYS Rural Water.
- The Observer is asking us to advertise our events in the Wine Trail book that is distributed to 1000 people and also advertised in Observer and Westfield Republican. It will give links to our website, facebook page. We can advertise for \$85.00 for ¼ page ad.
- Reported that she completed the ARPA report due by end of month, but it had a glitch stating that she was not administrator. Email was sent to fix.
- Received request to put sports betting on our website. Board declined to do this.
- Reported and distributed flyers on So. Tier municipal training to board for June 9th.

RESOLUTION # 38

APPROVE CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMIT

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the prepared Constitutional Tax Limit of \$ 617,707, seconded by Trustee Astry. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 39
APPROVE BUDGET**

Trustee Krupa moved to approve the budget for 2022-2023 with a total tax to be billed of \$137,092.24 and increase of \$2,738.25 and \$.02 tax increase to \$3.73 per thousand. Total General Revenue \$418,617.24, total General Appropriations \$548,015.49, Total Water Revenue of 287,880.00 and Total Water Appropriations of \$325,467.33. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 40
WATER RATE INCREASE**

Trustee Astry moved, seconded by Trustee Krupa to increase the water rates to water customers beginning on usage June 2022 to \$5.25 per thousand gallons (\$.75 increase) VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 41
WATER SHUT OFF NOTICES**

Trustee Astry moved to send Water Shut Off Notices by certified mail to residents who have not paid water bills that were due June 30, 2021, and December 30, 2021 or prior to pay within 10 days or water will be turned off, seconded by Trustee Wilson. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPROVE BUDGET
2. APPROVE WATER RATE INCREASE
3. APPROVE CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMIT
4. APPROVE WATER RELEVY

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORK REPORT:

- He reported that NYS Rural Water did a leak detection on April 5th. They did find a leak between curb box and water meter at Burnham Place at Dennis Fowler's. The water line is 200 feet from the curb to meter and it will have to be replaced by Fowler. There is a lot of gravel in that area, so the leak was not detected by standing water.
- Some Lily Dale residents are already getting water through the new water lines and house hook ups. However, the water is not running through the master meter because the new master meter has not been installed. It has been discussed with Town of Pomfret and readings will be taken at these houses and water will be accounted for and billed.
- He reported that sticks and leaves will be picked up on April 25th and schedule is posted.

TRUSTEE ASTRY REPORT:

- He reported that he received price on having floors replaced in bathrooms, hallway by bathrooms, lobby entryway with vinyl tile and carpet in village office at total cost of \$4,230 by Tom Jessie.

- He also stated that if floors are being done it would be a good time to replace toilets.

RESOLUTION # 42

APPROVE FLOORING IN COMMUNITY BUILDING

Trustee Astry moved to replace floors in bathrooms, hallway, lobby entryway and carpet in office at total cost of \$4,230 by Tom Jessie, second by Trustee Wilson.

VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY’S REPORT- Absent-Report emailed

1. Beach fencing was put up. Maple Ave. Academy students will come help rake last week of April. Thank you, Rachyl, for raking.
2. Sue Asquith does not want to commit to chairing the Labor Day Parade. She is willing to assist. We need a chair ASAP.
3. Clean Up Cassadaga is set for April 30th. Please keep in mind we need people to monitor from 9AM – 3PM.
4. Thank you, Sam and Evan for getting garbage cans and Adirondack chairs out. The Adirondack benches belong in front of both insurance offices. Please put them there when you have a chance. Thank you.
5. Property with trailer across the street from the beach is going up for auction. The beach could really use more parking. Is this a possibility or a pipedream?

TRUSTEE KRUPA’S REPORT

- She has been raking the beach.
- She has noticed people pulling up on sidewalk in front of post office and wondering if No Parking can be put back up.

TRUSTEE WILSON’S REPORT- No report

RESOLUTION # 43

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Krupa moved, seconded by Trustee Wilson to approve the financial reports for March 31, 2022 and April 13, 2022. **VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

GENERAL FUND 3/31/2022	\$ 257,246.93
WATER FUND 3/31/2022	\$ 103,881.44
GENERAL FUND 4/13/2022	\$ 256,409.92
WATER FUND 4/13/2022	\$ 103,091.19
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$ 26,560.00
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$ 27,835.28
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$ 50,256.45

RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE \$ 282,441.15

RESOLUTION # 44

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Trustee Astry, seconded by Trustee Wilson to approve the bills and payroll as follows: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

PAYROLL General Fund, April 15, 2022, cks: 5776-5778	\$	2,605.81
PAYROLL Water Fund, April 15, 2022, cks: 5776-5778	\$	2,302.54
ABSTRACT of April 13, 2022, General Cks: 9491-9513	\$	7,103.16
ABSTRACT of April 13, 2022, Water Cks: 9491-9513	\$	5,971.84

Being no further business, Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn at 8:34 PM, seconded by Trustee Astry. VOTE 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Roxanne Astry
Clerk Treasurer**