

April 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on April 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Trustees Bill Astry, Cindy Flaherty, Rachyl Krupa and Mark Wilson. Also in attendance was Supt. Of Public Works Sam Alaimo and Attorney Joe Calimeri. Absent; Deputy Clerk Mazzone.

Pledge of Allegiance

**RESOLUTION # 45
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Astry second by Trustee Krupa to approve the minutes of March 24, 2021. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

**RESOLUTION # 46
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Krupa, second by Trustee Astry to approve the agenda. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GUESTS:

Chuck Grisanti representing the Valley League asked permission to use ballfields. There will be no concession stand because of guidelines from CDC. They will be allowing spectators as long as they spread out and wear masks. He inquired if the Village has grass scraper to clear the ball diamonds. Mayor Dorman told him to ask Chris Dorman and he will help. Sign up for baseball is next Tuesday. Ballfield forms were given to him to fill out and return to Clerk.

Bob York, 49 Park Avenue asked if there is anything the Village can do about a big limb hanging in his yard that he is afraid of falling and causing damage. Attorney Calimeri suggested that he sends certified letter to owner asking him to remove it.

**RESOLUTION # 47
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION**

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa to hold Public Hearing beginning at 7:12 PM for purpose of adopting budget, second by Trustee Krupa. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Clerk Astry distributed Impact Statement (see attached) and explained budget. The budget for 2021-2022 has rate increase of \$.06 per \$1000 assessed value, with total taxes to be collected \$134,353.71 an increase of \$ 2,048.81.

**RESOLUTION # 48
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Wilson to Close Public Hearing at 7:18PM. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS,

RESOLUTION # 49

ADOPT BUDGET 2021-2022

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Wilson to adopt the 2021-2022 budget at tax rate of \$ \$3.71 per thousand, with total tax of \$134,353.71, an increase of \$2,048.81 from last year. Vote: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI'S REPORT:

- Discussion held about leasing/selling 5 feet X 42 feet of South Parking Lot to JoJo's Asian Café. If we sell it, would it stop someone buying rest of property to put small business? Our zoning laws have changed and setbacks on the corner would prevent anyone being able to construct a business. Discussion held on Lease versus selling property. Trustee Flaherty stated that they want to purchase it, not lease as soon as possible. Liability, price and potential problems discussed. It was decided that we would pro rate property according to assessed value. The pro rate is \$280.00 for a 5' X 42' parcel. Attorney Calimeri stated that it would take about 60 days until sale went through and recommended that we do lease contract while sale is pending.

RESOLUTION # 50

SALE OF PORTION OF SOUTH MAIN PARKING LOT

After board consideration of liability, potential problems, and benefit to public, Trustee Flaherty moved to lease with pending sale of a 5' X 42' parcel of South Main parking lot to Yeung Kei Ping (aka, Edison Lin, JoJo Asian Café) at cost of \$280.00, plus legal fees, all closing costs, a security deposit to be determined and insurance, second by Trustee Wilson. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT:

Updates:

- JoJo's Proposal
 - Discussed mural timing with Edison and found out the date for the mural is not dependent on sale of the strip of property. That is a longer term part of his project.
 - Edison indicated he does not currently have an attorney and would like to keep the transaction as simple as possible.
- "Clearing House" has been notified that Robby no longer is employed by Village of Cassadaga and they have updated their records
- I have sent a text on 4/13/21 to Robby DeGolier to return his Village charge card to the village. Have not ad a return text at this time.

New Correspondence:

- **“Salute to those who protect and serve” e-mail from Dunkirk Observer along with advertising spots to show appreciation during National Police Week and National Emergency Medical Services Week**
 - Will run in a special section May 15th
 - Deadline for submission is May 10th
 - Group photos of CVFD ?????
 - Advertisement????
 - Shared with Bill A.
 - See resolution introduced for advertisement in V/B minutes.
- **Boat launch update**
 - I forwarded Peter George’s update to Lisa Vanstrom at George Borrello’s office and she is working on putting political pressure on the state to get the funding for DEC now that the budget has been passed.
 - If the project takes a week to complete, that leaves one week to secure funding and still meet the May 1st deadline proposed by DEC.
 - I will share any updates on VBOT text
 - 4/15/21 phone call from Lisa Vanstrom that Governor’s Regional Liaison Lorie(sp.) Cornell has told her today that “funds are in the process of being released” but with no affirmed date at this time.

RESOLUTION # 51

AD FOR OBSERVER

Trustee Astry moved to put a half page ad for \$150 to thank Police and Emergency Medical Services, second by Trustee Wilson. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. **ADOPT BUDGET 2021-2022**
 2. **APPROVE CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMIT**
 3. **APPROVE UTILITY WORKER**
 4. **APPROVE LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE PERSON**
 5. **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF SUSAN ASQUITH-
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**
 6. **APPROVE WATER RELEVY ON TAXES**

CLERK TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:

- She stated the Constitutional Tax Limit needs to be approved. We have only exhausted 15.50% of our Constitutional Tax limit of \$ 596,121.

- National Grid has sent us invoice for \$2,658.66 for LED streetlights that is included in today's abstract. They will be issuing us corrected bills from the April 2020 to April 2021 bills.
- She reported that John Sipos came to office and asked me to report that the American Legion will be cancelling the Memorial Day Parade.
- Reported that the Chautauqua County Dept. of Insurance exit liability for the self-insurance Workers Compensation exit liability is \$12,442.
- The Boy Scouts will be doing food drive April 17th at Ames Common from 10AM to 1:30PM.
- Reported that she had training from Forte, the credit card company we will be using.
- Asked Attorney Calimeri to explain if our Fire Department can have closed meeting if they are incorporated. He will get back to us.
- Received NYCOM notice that Local Governments can Opt-Out Authorization of allowing retail dispensaries or on-site establishment of cannabis sales.
- Prepared Relevy of past due water bills for tax roll. Attorney Calimeri stated that this is not allowed this year because of Covid.
- Read letter of Resignation from Susan Asquith from Planning Board. Clerk Astry stated that she spent many hours working on the Comprehensive Plan and was following what was in the plan that board approved. Mayor Dorman felt stated that it was a 5-year plan and felt we were moving too fast.
- Reported that she received quote from Springbrook to convert software to the Cloud at \$82,085. I told them it was way out of our budget.

RESOLUTION # 52

APPROVE CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMIT

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to approve the Constitutional Tax Limit prepared by Clerk Treasurer Astry, at total \$596,121. VOTE; 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF SUSAN ASQUITH

Trustee Krupa moved to accept the resignation of Susan Asquith with regrets effective March 31, 2021 second by Trustee Krupa. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

DEPUTY CLERK MAZZONE REPORT: Absent

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SAM ALAIMO'S REPORT:

- Wondering what was decided on Spring Clean Up.

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT:

- He reported that they received 2 applications for Utility Worker and one of them did not have CDL license requirement. Richard Miller is

well qualified, laid back, understands the job and has mechanical experience, welding, road maintenance, dump truck operator and loader operator. He was happy to be considered. He will need to give a 2 week notice to employer. The interview was conducted by himself, Mayor Dorman and Sam Alaimo.

- They received one application for Landscaping maintenance person for Seasonal Labor Worker. They interviewed Wyatt McAllister and duties were explained to him. This will be a seasonal position for mowing, leaf and brush pickup, trash pickup and custodial and maintenance.

RESOLUTION # 53

HIRE UTILITY WORKER

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa to hire Richard Miller at rate of \$17.50 per hour, eligible for enrollment for health insurance after 30 days, retirement and a 1-year probation. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 54

HIRE LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SEASONAL PART TIME PERSON

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa to hire Wyatt McAllister as part time Landscaping Maintenance person at rate of \$ 15.00 per hour. VOTE: 3 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN-WILSON.

RESOLUTION # 55

ADD DESCRIPTION OF SEASONAL LABOR WORKER IN EMPLOYER HANDBOOK

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa to add Seasonal Labor Worker to Employee Handbook. General Statement of Duties: Performs routine manual work, semiskilled maintenance, and laboring tasks, operate light moving equipment. Examples of work: Lawn mowing, leaf raking and pick up, brush pickup, trash pickup from trash cans, perform a variety of maintenance and custodial duties as directed, assists in repairing streets, rakes, tamps and shovels asphalt and stone. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT:

- Asked Sam to put trash cans at Ames Common.
- Reported that there was vandalism at beach over the past weekend. Sandbags were tampered with, broke window at gazebo and broke door handle and dents in door from cement block on gazebo, boat tipped over. She did not notify police but put sign up if there is an incident again that the beach will not be opened outside regular beach program hours. The door had to be replaced and window repaired.
- Asked Sam when streets will be swept. He stated at this time he is only one working.
- Reported that right now only 2 lifeguards are returning. Clerk will post on Facebook and website.

- Reported that the Fire Department voted not to allow Village to use Parking Lot for Village wide clean up so the dumpster will be placed at DPW, 288 Maple Avenue. It will be always supervised from 9AM to 3PM on April 24th. Volunteers will be Trustee Flaherty from 9-11, resident Bob York from 11-1PM and 1-3 PM by Trustee Wilson.
- Discussion held on having portable toilet outside beach gates. It was decided to leave it up to Trustee Flaherty as it is coming out of her budget.
- She has asked for inmates to help clean up beach.
- Reported that Beth Burlingame does not want to chair the Labor Day Parade. We will have to find someone else willing.
- Park Avenue discussed and decided to put an extra speed bump in to slow traffic.

TRUSTEE KRUPA'S REPORT:

- She started raking the beach today,

TRUSTEE WILSON REPORT:

- He reported that the Beer Mile for the fundraiser for Fire Department is going well.

RESOLUTION # 56

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa to approve the Financial Statement for March 31, 2021 and April 14, 2021. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND	3/31/21	\$	201,190.77
WATER FUND	3/31/21	\$	133,776.81
GENERAL FUND	4/14/21	\$	204,929.13
WATER FUND	4/14/21	\$	131,990.18
RESERVE CVFD EQUIPMENT		\$	26,506.96
RESERVE DPW EQUIP.		\$	27,779.68
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS		\$	50,206.22
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE		\$	252,374.45

RESOLUTION # 57

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Trustee Krupa, second by Trustee Astry to pay the following: VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Payroll of April 2, 2021 General Cks: 5640-5641	\$	2,131.68
Payroll of April 2, 2021 Water Cks: 5640-5641	\$	1,786.63
Payroll of April 16, 2021 General Cks: 5642-5644	\$	1,800.86
Payroll of April 16, 2021 Water Cks: 5642-5644	\$	1,489.60
Abstract of April 14, 2021 General Cks: 9163-9179	\$	9,268.57
Abstract of April 14, 2021 Water Cks: 9163-9179	\$	10,578.09

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Wilson at 9:05 PM. VOTE: VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Astry, Clerk Treasurer