

April 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on April 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Trustees Bill Astry, Cynthia Flaherty, and Rachyl Krupa. Absent: Deputy Clerk Bonita Mazzone, Trustee Theresa Seibert, Supt. of Public Works Sam Alaimo.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING HELD at 7:00 - No participants

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa to close Public Hearing at 7:00 PM for lack of participants. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 44

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Astry second by Trustee Krupa to approve the minutes of March 25, 2020. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

RESOLUTION # 45

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty, second by Trustee Krupa to approve the agenda after adding Approval of Constitutional Tax Limit under New Business.. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GUESTS: None

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI'S REPORT-Absent

- **Board reviewed the Town of Pomfret/Lily Dale Water contract that he had made revisions to after committee meeting was held and recommendations by Sam Alaimo. Discussion held and wanted to make sure we know of new customers hooked up to system.**

RESOLUITON # 46

APPROVE TOWN OF POMFRET/LILY DALE WATER CONCTRACT

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to approve the changes of the Town of Pomfret/Lily Dale Water Contract with addition of adding assurance that we are notified of additional water customers for EDU billing. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT:

Item #1 (Update)

- **Local laws review – 3/12/2020 meeting made progress, took on further assignments. Next meeting TBD due to Coronavirus delays.**

- Unable to have proposed amendments or repeals ready for tonight's public hearing.

Item #2 (Update) Office Upgrade Cost Estimates

- Office Max in Lakewood is closing... any opportunities there?

Item #3 (Update)

- Post Office personnel made me aware of a van that has been abandoned (estimate 2 months) in the parking lot of Ames Common, License # 26318LV.
- Sheriff's office was contacted and van has been removed-Thanks to Bill Astry

Item #4 (Correspondence Update)

- Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule questionnaire being completed by Wendy, will contact Joseph Bindas when appropriate to complete questionnaire.
- Update at meeting: questionnaire completed via telecon with Mr. Bindas. Thanks Wendy.

Item #5 (FEMA Correspondence)

- We would have to review to see if we are eligible for FEMA funding due to purchases we were forced to make, overtime we incurred or other costs due to the Covid-19 virus.
- We should also consider whether we should register because there is a window of opportunity to participate in the briefings between April 6-April 17th which must be taken in the event we needed FEMA funds later on.
- I didn't distribute this e-mail, but I can if you think we should participate.
- It requires a primary and an alternate contact if we pursue it.
- Update: Rox will review to determine and recommend if we should apply.

Item #6 (Resident water issue)

- Cliff Smith reported little to no water pressure on 4/6/2020
- Referred to Sam
- Sam reported one of the two pumps at the water tower not operating properly.
- I called Sam & the issue is resolved, but pump may need rebuilding or replacement long term.

Item #7 (Baseball field bases missing)

- Per Laurie Grisanti
- Sam checking an additional storage location
- Issue resolved.

- Also, advised Laurie that forms need to be completed to get permission for use of the baseball field(s)

CLERK-TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:

- She reported that our NOCO Agreement for natural gas and electric are due for renewal. Drafts of our usage were circulated to board members for review and shows that variable rate is still best option.
- The Constitutional Tax Limit was prepared for approval. Our Tax Limit Exhausted is only 11.93% and Constitutional Tax Margin is \$607,622 which means this is how much taxes could be. Our budget for 2020-2021 has tax levy of \$ 132,305.
- Our Budget is ready for approval.

RESOLUTION # 47

APPROVE NOCO AGREEMENT

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Krupa to approve the Noco Agreement with variable rate for both natural gas and electric utilities.

VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

RESOLUTION # 48

APPROVE CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMIT

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to approve the Constitutional Tax Limit for 2020-2021 prepared by Clerk Treasurer Astry of \$607,622 with tax levy of \$ 132,305 for 2020-2021 budget. **VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

RESOLUTION # 49

APPROVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa for Budget 2020-2021 with Tax Levy of \$132,305 and tax rate of \$ 3.65 per thousand assessed value. This includes a \$. 50 water rate increase beginning June 1, 2020 and billed December 1, 2020. (Budget attached) **VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 50

APPOINT NEW PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SUSAN ASQUITH

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to approve the appointment of Susan Asquith to the Planning Board to fill vacancy of Winston Woodard for term 2020-2025. **VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

DEPUTY CLERK MAZZONE REPORT: Absent

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SAM ALAIMO'S REPORT: Absent

- Trustee Astry reported that because of Covid-19 Sam is working in office and garage and taking care of water.
- Sam was on conference call with County Executive and went over ruling made by Governor to reduce the number of workers.

Superintendents will decide essential business in Town or Village. Employees will be paid either way so they will not lose anything. All community parks, beaches and basketball courts should be closed.

- He reported that Utility worker Rob DeGolier worked on Monday cleaning storm drains on High Street.

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT

- He reported that he received stamped drawings and building permit for the Maple Avenue storage building to do renovations.

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT:

- She reported that she applied to Chautauqua Works for Recreation Attendants.
- She reported the dates for the beach will be from June 27th through August 23rd with Picnic on August 21st. This could change with the COVID-19.

TRUSTEE SEIBERT'S REPORT: Absent

TRUSTEE KRUPA'S REPORT:

- She reported that residents are asking when leaves and brush will be picked up. Discussion held and this would not be considered essential at this time.

RESOLUTION # 51

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa to approve the Financial Statement for March 31, 2020 and most current April 8, 2020. VOTE: 3

AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 211,699.58
WATER FUND	\$ 181,567.90
RESERVE CVFD EQUIPMENT	\$ 20,355.95
RESERVE DPW	\$ 27,672.02
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$ 41,157.36
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$ 218,110.66

RESOLUTION # 52

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty, second by Trustee Krupa to pay the following; VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Payroll of April 1, 2020 General Cks: 5506	\$ 2,198.06
Payroll of April 1, 2020 Water Cks: 506	\$ 2,055.96
Abstract of April 8, 2020 General Cks: 8817-8826	\$ 3,118.29
Abstract of April 8, 2020 Water Cks: 8817-8826	\$ 1,576.94

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Krupa at 8:05 PM. VOTE: VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

**Roxanne Astry
Clerk Treasurer**

