

**April 9, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on April 9, 2025, at 7:00PM, with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Bill Astry, Danna DuBois, Cathy Cruver and Cindy Flaherty. Also present were Clerk Annette McChesney and Deputy Clerk Roxanne Astry. Absent were Attorney Joe Calimeri and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Alaimo.

**RESOLUTION # 48**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve the minutes of March 26, 2025, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 49**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**GUESTS & COMMENTS:**

Rudy Abersold, Putnam Road, Mike & Laura Blake, Park Avenue, Judy Garncareck, Dale Drive, John Sipos - Historian, Pennington Road

Mike Blake – he wanted to stop back and revisit the water issue in front of his house at the end of his driveway. He had attended a prior meeting and brought up the issue. It's hard to snow blow his driveway and it becomes an ice rink due to the water having nowhere to go. Trustee Astry noted that gravel was put in to try and alleviate this issue, but the road is actually 8" higher than their yard due to resurfacing over the years. Per homeowner the gravel has not made a difference. Discussion was had on if a catch basin could be installed or any drainage piping to alleviate this issue. Trustee Astry will look into it, but he's not sure if anything can feasibly be done.

Rudy Abersold – He came to share a story. Back in 1944 there was a young man who lived on Tarbox Road drafted into the Navy, he served bootcamp in Seneca Lake, Geneva, NY, where he did submarine training in areas off limits to civilians. He married his mother in 1999, and he recently turned 99 years old, and Rudy believes he is the oldest surviving WWII veteran living in Cassadaga, NY, Robert Kennelley.

**John Sipos – Cassadaga Historian Report**

Today, April 9th is the 160th anniversary of the end of the Civil War in the United States. This war had the most US casualties of any war that the United States was involved with, more than 624,000. The casualties were from battles and disease. Historians of later time are putting the number of casualties to 755,000. A sad loss of life.

Saturday May 3rd is the annual Chautauqua County Workers Memorial to be held at 11 a.m. in Frewsburg at the Erlandson Park. The memorial, which is one of 6 held in New York State, is to remember those workers who went to work and never returned home due to an accident or other problem. Susan and I will represent the village of Cassadaga.

The Chautauqua County History Fair is on Saturday August 23rd from 10:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Fluvanna Church. There is no admission charge. I

will have a display of some of the many Cassadaga items of history. Everyone is welcome. See poster below.

A poster for the Chautauqua County History Expo. The background is a textured, aged parchment-like color. At the top, the words "CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY" are in a white, sans-serif font inside a dark, rounded rectangular box. Below this, the words "HISTORY EXPO" are written in a large, stylized, brown serif font. To the left of the "E" in "EXPO" is a silhouette of three evergreen trees. Below the title, the date and time "SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2025 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM" are written in a black, serif font. The location "at the Fluvanna Community Church 3363 Fluvanna Ave., Jamestown, NY 14701" is written in a black, serif font. Below the location, the text "FREE and open to the public" is written in a black, italicized serif font. At the bottom, a dark, rounded rectangular box contains the text "Museums • Libraries • Local Historians Historical, Lineage, and Genealogical Societies Books for Sale • Food Trucks • Speaker Sessions" in a white, sans-serif font. Below the box, the website "www.CHQHistoryExpo.com" is written in a black, serif font.

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**ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI REPORT – Not present at first meeting of the month**

**MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT – No Initial Report**

- After Trustee DuBois's report the Mayor inquired on the status of hiring the yearly seasonal worker, Trustee Flaherty has sent an application to possibly fill this position to Chautauqua Works. Discussion was had on other avenues of posting classified these days. Clerk McChesney will post it on the website and also send it to the local high school guidance office, around town etc after she hears back from Chautauqua Works

## **CLERK MCCHESENEY'S REPORT**

- She reported that she completed and sent in the beach permit application
- She had two companies come look into possibly installing air conditioning in the clerk's office, the 3<sup>rd</sup> company is due tomorrow, estimates will be provided
- The Annual Water Withdrawal Report was completed on March 27th. Sam brought her in all of the numbers she needed to complete it
- Water Shut off notices were sent out on 04/02/2025
- The insurance phone call on 4/1 went well, her and Sam Alaimo were able to answer most of the questions posed, it did take almost two hours all together. The insurance underwriter will be emailing suggestions for the village to take additional measures to limit our liability exposure
- She is working on the ARPA report to get it sent in by 4/30
- She has had some calls on a stick pick up schedule – Trustee Astry will get with Sam Alaimo

## **DEPUTY CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT – No Report**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. BATHHOUSE AT BEACH**

- Trustee Astry reported that he has done some work on the bathhouse, but the weather has not been warm enough yet, but he has a plan to work with Job Corps students to get it completed
- **WATER PROJECT - INCOME SURVEY LETTER**
- The board read through the income survey letter that was prepared by G&G Municipal Consulting and made some minor changes prior to approval. This letter will be sent out to all residents, homeowners and tenants included, and the responses are crucial to assisting the village with applying for additional grant funding for the water infrastructure project that has already been approved by the board.

## **RESOLUTION # 50**

### **APPROVAL OF INCOME SURVEY LETTER**

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve the Income Survey Letter, as revised, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

### **2. FRISBEE & LAKEVIEW ROAD CONDITIONS – No Updates**

### **3. CASSADAGA LAKES ASSOCIATION (CLA) - No Updates**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, and  
**WHEREAS** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and **WHEREAS** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

**WHEREAS** trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, and

**WHEREAS** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and

**WHEREAS** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

**WHEREAS** trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, William Dorman, Mayor of the Village of Cassadaga, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025 as the official day and the Village will celebrate April 26, 2025 and October 18, 2025, as ARBOR DAYS for the Village of Cassadaga, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations. DATED THIS 9th day of April 2025.**



...April 26<sup>th</sup> – A **BIG** Day

2 p.m. at the

Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park

Join Us - DIG IN & SPRUCE UP!!!

..a helpful task for any age 

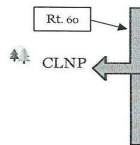
➤ Arbor Day Tree Planting

➤ Spring Trail Clean-up

➤ Refreshments

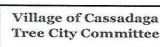
Directions to the Park

From the North - 1<sup>st</sup> Right after Camp Gross  
From the South - 1<sup>st</sup> Left after Shurfine



Bring your tools if you have them:

shovels,  
clippers,  
pruners,  
saws, loppers



## 2. COMPLAINT ROAD SIGNS

- A complaint was filed with the village clerk by Rudy Abersold stating that Village residents including himself have previously asked for faded signs to be replaced for Putnam Road as well as Cassadaga heading east entering the village back in June of '24, and they have not been replaced. The “No Camping,

**No Overnight Parking” sign has also been on the ground for over a month leading into the ballfield entrance. Per Trustee Astry these are on Sam’s to do list as soon as he has the time**

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

- **He reported that Sam and Biancca have been busy locating water lines for National Fuel, it’s been a challenge**
- **Sam and Biancca also had to locate a water shut off and water line going up the hill and ran into problems with that, they were eventually able to find the shut off and also replaced the broken meter at that location**
- **They have been working on repairing the street sweeper**
- **Sam and Biancca both attended water school today**

**TRUSTEE ASTRY’S REPORT**

- **He reported that the beaver trapper has caught some large beavers**
- **He also touched on the bathhouse again and reiterated that they have a plan just as soon as the weather improves, Trustee Flaherty mentioned the first event at the beach this year is May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**TRUSTEE FLAHERTY’S REPORT**

- **She completed the Cassadaga Community Event Calendar but has a few minor revisions already, copies have been sent to the Observer, Post Journal and Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, it will be posted on the village website**
- **Community Cleanup event scheduled for 4/26 from 9-1, she has the dumpster already ordered, see poster below**
- **She has received two applications for lifeguards, she expects more shortly**
- **She would like to purchase crack filler for the basketball/pickleball courts if there is still enough money in the 2024-2025 beach budget, it’s around \$225/gallon, Clerk McChesney confirmed there is money in the beach budget for that still**
- **Citizens for a Better Cassadaga will be meeting 4/10 at 7PM at the Cassadaga Library**

# CLEAN UP CASSADAGA DAY

**April 26**  
**9am – 1pm**



*Bring your junk to the village  
barn on 288 Maple Ave. and  
get rid of it for FREE!*

*Pick up trash around your neighborhood!*

One pickup load per resident.

No household garbage or demo waste.

No appliances, electronics, mattresses or tires.

*Take these items to the County Landfill for a small fee.*



**No Hazardous Waste**(paint, oil, batteries, etc.)

*Chautauqua County Hazardous waste disposal days:*

June 14, 9am-2pm – 50 Patterson St., Mayville

Sept. 13, 9am-2pm – 454 N. Work St., Falconer

## TRUSTEE CRUVER'S REPORT

- She would still like to see a list showing the village's current inventory of equipment, showing age, condition, cost to replace, etc so that the board can budget in the future for when these will need to be replaced

## TRUSTEE DUBOIS' REPORT

- She reported that the fire department completed a non-fire matic inventory list and supplied it to the village, they are working on the larger equipment list to show age, costs to replace etc.
- She would also like to see a list of the village equipment inventory and requested that it be added to old business until it's received. Clerk McChesney

can print the list that the insurance company provides yearly but Sam may still need to add any other small equipment, and the other details requested

- She has also received messages looking for a stick pick up schedule
- She wanted to inquire about the street sweeper progress, that was covered under Sam Alaimo's report
- She reported that B.J. Monacelli had picked up the AED from the village office, for the start of baseball season, the pads should be good until 2026
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Chicken BBQ of the season at the firehall is 5/18 noon until sold out

#### **RESOLUTION # 51**

##### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve the financial reports for March 31, 2025, and April 9, 2025, seconded by Trustee DuBois. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 03/31/2025	\$	301,904.91
WATER FUND 03/31/2025	\$	145,278.70
GENERAL FUND 04/09/2025	\$	302,277.34
WATER FUND 04/09/2025	\$	144,132.23
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$	28,704.60
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$	12,505.28
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$	50,407.44
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$	363,930.79

#### **RESOLUTION # 52**

##### **APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL**

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

PAYROLL General Fund, 04/11/2025	cks: 6154-6156	\$	3,978.65
PAYROLL Water Fund, 04/11/2025	cks: 6154-6156	\$	1,631.85
ABSTRACT April 9, 2025	General Cks: 10371-10380	\$	3,690.13
ABSTRACT April 9, 2025	Water Cks: 10371-10380	\$	1,250.00

#### **RESOLUTION # 53**

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Flaherty at 8:06 PM. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette McChesney, Clerk Treasurer