

AUGUST 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on August 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included William Astry, Cindy Flaherty and Cathy Cruver. Also present were Clerk Annette McChesney and Deputy Clerk Roxanne Astry. Absent were Trustee Danna DuBois and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Alaimo.

RESOLUTION # 139

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve the minutes of August 9, 2023, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 140

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve the agenda with the following corrections – Add New Business 4. Transfer \$9,000.00 from Water Checking to Water Savings, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GUESTS:

John Sipos, Village Historian

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI REPORT-Not in Attendance 2nd meeting of the month

MAYOR DORMAN's REPORT-No Report

CLERK MCCHESENEY'S REPORT

- She reported that there is another Webinar for Q&A on Environment Facilities Corporation Grants on 8/25 11am-12pm she emailed link to Trustees
- She received an email from Southern Tier West regarding Upcoming Fall Zoning & Planning Refresher courses on 11/15 or 11/16, and forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Board Members
- She received a phone call from Mark Wilson asking permission for the aid station to be relocated this year during the Cassadaga Man on 9/2/2023 from Ames Common to the DPW parking lot for safer access for the participants and volunteers

RESOLUTION # 141

APPROVE RELOCATING TRIATHALON AID STATION

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve relocating the Aid Station for the Cassadaga Man Event on 9/2/2023 from Ames Common to the DPW Parking lot, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

DEPUTY CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT

- She reported that she and Clerk McChesney have been working on the State Annual Audit Report and hope to have it completed tomorrow after a conference call for some assistance with the brand new system

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. BATHHOUSE AT BEACH-ARPA**
 - Trustee Astry reported that he has volunteers and will work on getting things lined up sometime in September
- 2. LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2023 SECTION 644 SHORT TERM RENTAL**
 - Clerk McChesney reported that the 239 Planning/Referral Form as well as the (SEQR) State Environmental Quality Review and supporting documents had been emailed to the Chautauqua County Planning Board on 08/15/2023 for their review

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROVE MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING JULY 26, 2023**
- **EXTEND MORATORIUM SHORT TERM RENTALS**
- **FIREFIGHTER/AMBULANCE WORKER'S EXEMPTION**
 - Discussion was had regarding the Real property Tax Law 466-a authorizing the village to partially exempt up to 10% of the assessed value of the primary residence of a volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker should they choose to participate. However, this would not allow volunteers to claim the New York State Income Tax Credit of \$200.00, which was determined to be more of a savings to volunteers
- **TRANSFER 9,000.00 FROM WATER CHECKING TO WATER SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

RESOLUTION # 142

APPROVE MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING JULY 26, 2023

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve minutes from Public Hearing on July 26, 2023, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 143

EXTEND MORATORIUM SHORT TERM RENTALS LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2022

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to extend Moratorium Short Term Rentals Local Law 1 of 2022 by 90 days, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 144

FIREFIGHTER/AMBULANCE WORKER'S EXEMPTION

A motion was made by Trustee Astry not to endorse the Firefighter/Ambulance Worker's Exemption, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 145

TRANSFER MONEY FROM WATER CHECKING TO WATER SAVINGS

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to transfer \$ 9,000.00 from water checking to water savings account, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

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

- He reported that there was a possible water line leak at 69 S. Main Street called in by homeowner on 8/18/2023. On Monday 8/21/23 the line was dug up after having utilities marked and the curb box and meter were replaced by Cassadaga DPW and the line to house was replaced at homeowner's expense
- He reported that Sam Alaimo, Superintendent of Public Works, would like the Village Board to consider adding on a full time 3rd employee to work with him and Bianca Riggle to maintain the equipment, buildings, grounds, streets, and water departments. The trustees will each review the budget and expenditures and look into other avenues to see what can be done
- He reported that Well # 5 has been having pump issues again, Sam has been working on it and it has been running properly the last two days
- He also stated that weather permitting, paving will be performed on North Shore, LeRoy and Pennington the 2nd week in September
- Trustee Flaherty asked that the brush at Ames Common be picked up before the Labor Day Weekend Festivities

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT

- He gave Cassadaga Volunteer Fire Departments' monthly Report for July 2023 as follows:
 - EMS Calls - 10
 - Fire Calls – 3
 - MVA Calls – 5
 - Alarm Activation - 2
 - Request for Gator - 0
 - Service Calls – 5
 - Stand by for CCSO - 0
 - Mutual Aid Given - 16
 - Mutual Aid Received – 1
 - Total Calls - 25
 - Total man Hours – 82

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT

- She presented a request to use Ames Common for a Library Story Walk with Roger Torey Peterson Institute - more details to follow
- She reported that she sent in her final report for the 3% Bed tax Grant that the village was awarded, so the final payment can be made to the Village
- She also reported that The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation requested pictures of past projects in the community, so she sent in pictures of past projects funded by grants that the CBC and CLA had worked on and completed

- She reported the beach had 3,115 guests this season not including special events, this is down from last year possibly due to weather. There were 46 participants that went to Waldameer and had 46 kids attending swim lessons this season. She will have her final report for the 2023 Beach Season at the next meeting
- She inquired on the 50 AMP electric service she requested at last meeting in Ames Common, per Trustee Astry an electrician will need to take a look and provide a quote so it will not be something completed prior to Labor Day events this year
- She also reported that she spoke with Kathy Wickmark regarding her concern of areas on Frisbee Road. Trustee Flaherty then visually inspected roadways in the village and found some areas of possible concern along Frisbee, Pettit and Lakeview and believes the village should be proactive in locating any of these potential “drop-offs” and fixing them as needed
- She reported the last beach concert on 8/20 featuring Osburn Nash had approximately 350-400 people in attendance
- Upcoming Events:
 - August 29, 6-9pm Cruise Night American Legion Post 1280
 - September 2, 8am Cassadaga Man – Swim, Bike, Run
 - September 3,
 - 4:15pm Pirate Themed Boat Parade Lineup DEC Launch
 - 5-7pm Party McFly (Dance music from every decade) on the floating stage (Concert will be at the fire hall or legion if bad weather)
 - September 4,
 - 10am-4pm Craft/Vendor Show & Bubbas Food Wagon Ames Common
 - 11am Grand Parade on Maple Avenue - Bands, Marching Units, Fire Trucks & More
 - 12pm Ducky Derby Maple Avenue Bridge buy tickets online @ cassadagalakesassociation.com or call/text 716-410-067
 - 1:30pm Bicycle/Walk Dice Run register at the Beach

RESOLUTION # 146

APPROVE USE OF AMES COMMON FOR STORY WALK

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to authorize the use of Ames Common for a Library Story Walk with Roger Peter Torey Institute, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

TRUSTEE CRUVER’S REPORT

- She wanted to Thank Cindy and the Beach Personnel for a great season and noted the large attendance at the concert series
- She reported that she had a conversation with Matt Zarbo with Barton & LoGuidice Firm regarding Grants for Water Infrastructure Projects being discussed in the village, specifically Dale Drive and Main Street. Their firm would also include any additional improvements that could possibly be

needed such as water meters, well improvements, etc. to make the project more viable when submitted towards all applicable grants. There would be an initial cost but there typically are grants that can also be applied for to cover any initial expense. Matt did state that he was willing to come out and meet with Sam Alaimo to look over the entire water system and evaluate for no fee up front. Trustee Astry will ask Sam to supply a few dates that could work to show him around

TRUSTEE DUBOIS' REPORT- Absent

RESOLUTION # 147

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve financial reports for August 23, 2023, seconded by Trustee Cruver VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 8/23/2023	\$	406,693.91
WATER FUND 8/23/2023	\$	26,883.60
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$	20,934.57
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$	12,463.68
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$	50,323.54
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$	338,821.49

RESOLUTION # 148

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve bills & payroll as follows, seconded by Trustee Flaherty VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

PAYROLL General Fund, 8/15/2023	cks: 5948-5952	\$	9,293.70
PAYROLL Water Fund, 8/15/2023	cks: 5948-5952	\$	2,281.65
ABSTRACT August 23, 2023	General Cks: 9924-9930	\$	6,950.87
ABSTRACT August 23, 2023	Water Cks: 9924-9930	\$	1,224.03

Being no further business, Trustee Cruver moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Flaherty at 8:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette McChesney
Clerk Treasurer