

**August 28, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on August 28, 2024, at 7:00PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Cindy Flaherty, Danna DuBois, and Cathy Cruver. Also present was Clerk Annette McChesney. Absent were Trustee Bill Astry, Deputy Clerk Roxanne Astry, Attorney Joe Calimeri, and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Alaimo.

**RESOLUTION # 128**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve the minutes of August 14, 2024, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 129**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee DuBois. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**GUESTS & COMMENTS:**

John Sipos, Historian, Pennington Road, Braeden Carmen, Observer, Rudy Abersold, Putnam Road, Deborah Metzger, Maple Avenue

Rudy Abersold – he inquired as to why there were so many paychecks listed on the financial statement, the lifeguards were included in the last payroll

John Sipos – He gave a brief history of the fire department and brought in the following:

Cassadaga became incorporated in 1921 so that a fire department could be formed, and village taxes were then levied to pay for the fire department. The first fire truck was a 1913 hand built fire truck, and in August 1925, 99 years ago, a 1000-gallon pumper fire truck was purchased. The fire department grew with the help of many volunteers. During large fires, the wives of the firemen would make sandwiches and hot coffee for the firemen. People from the community, even though not members of the fire department would also help make food for the firemen. During World War II, the fire department almost fell apart, and after the war, became a strong department in the village. Firemen's wives in addition to making sandwiches and coffee, would wash blankets and sheets which were used on the ambulance. The ladies fire auxiliary was formed then and became a part of the fire department in about 1950. The fire auxiliary continues to this date, and is very much appreciated for their support.

In the photograph of Gordon Wilcox driving the old fire truck from High Street to Maple Avenue in a parade, the identity of Miss Cassadaga seems to be unknown at this time. The building in the background is the former drug store/laundromat, which burned in October 1990. So the photograph is prior to that date. In Chautauqua County, towns would select their own "Miss Beauty Queen," and then during the Firemen's Gala Days held in Stockton, Miss Chautauqua County was selected. Records of names may be some place, but not in any of my historical files.

**ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI REPORT-Not in attendance at first meeting of the month**

## **MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT**

### **Updates:**

- Lunch meeting with George Borrello has a new date and it is now planned for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. No Change.
- Sam and Bianca have placed a speed limit monitor on Frisbee Rd. and it is functioning as planned. Thanks to Sam for saving the Village a lot of money when making this purchase of two monitors. Second monitor is a work in progress and location will be determined.

### **New Correspondence:**

- Letter of support from Nancy R. Johnson, Jamestown in support of the Wilson's Triathlon.
- Letter in opposition to the proposed solar farm from Louis G. Laurito, Apollo Beach FL. He is the property owner West of Stanton Todd's property (I'm assuming it's the property near the top of the hill LH side Bacheller Hill). Letter was forwarded to Dave Wilson, Town of Stockton Supervisor.
- Letter of introduction from Eric A. Meka, Regional Director – Region 5 NYSDOT (716-847-3238).

**CLERK MCCHESENEY'S REPORT-No Report**

**DEPUTY CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT-Absent**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **BATHHOUSE AT BEACH-See New business for electrical upgrade National Grid**
2. **FUTURE WATER PROJECT UPDATES**
  - Clerk McChesney reported that Matt Zarbo, Engineer, had sent an email that she forwarded to the trustees regarding the water project score, which was lower than anticipated at 75, this could jeopardize the 0% interest rate. No official word on anything further until the end of the year. Trustee Flaherty and Cruver questioned what the interest rate could be and will investigate this more.
3. **HYDRANT PROTECTION/CEMENTS BLOCKS 16 S. MAIN ST.**
  - Trustee Cruver brought in another quote to install four bollards around the fire hydrant from St. George in the amount of \$5,600.00. Fox Fence had come in at 4,326.92 so Trustee Cruver recommended going with the lower bid as they both appeared to be comparable and made a motion to such. Discussion was had on where the money would come from, streets budget or ARPA. Trustee Flaherty was concerned about setting a precedent when it comes to the village right of ways and the removal of the blocks in the first place, which should not have been allowed. Trustee Cruver and Trustee DuBois felt that this all should have been dealt with during the permitting process and there were several steps long the way that should have been handled differently, but they both would like to get this taken care of once and for all.

## **RESOLUTION # 130**

### **APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION OF BOLLARDS**

A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to approve the quote from Fox Fence to install the four bollards around the fire hydrant at 16 S. Main Street in the amount of \$ 4326.92, seconded by Trustee DuBois. VOTE: 3 AYES, with Trustee Flaherty being 1 NAY.

#### **4. PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

- Clerk McChesney stated that she had completed her portion for new housing and demolition, and Nancy Wickmark is working on her portion on zoning for housing.

#### **5. FIRE DEPARTMENT MAN DOOR REPLACEMENT**

- Trustee DuBois questioned who was coordinating with the fire department. She was unaware of anyone contacting her or the chief to set this up. Clerk McChesney did state that she had spoken briefly with the fire chief, and he stated that if they had even an hours' notice or so they could probably get a member to the hall so the concrete work could be done and then secure the building afterwards.

#### **6. NY FORWARD COMMITTEE**

- Nancy Wickmark contacted Clerk McChesney to schedule the use of the community room. She and other members will be meeting with Drew Rodgers, Chautauqua County Engineer, on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am to discuss the safety portion of the grant, which will pinpoint multiple areas that need attention in and around the village roadways. There will also be a safety committee meeting on 9/5 @ 7pm @ the Cassadaga Library and a Core team meeting on 9/9 @ 7pm @ the Cassadaga Library.

#### **7. AG DISTRICT 8 REVIEW**

## **RESOLUTION # 131**

### **APPROVAL OF AG DISTRICT 8 CURRENT BOUNDARIES**

A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to support the current Ag District 8 boundaries in the Village of Cassadaga, seconded by Trustee DuBois. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

#### **8. HIGH STREET ROAD CONDITIONS**

- Mayor Dorman spoke with DPW Sam Alaimo, he is working on getting a 20 yard load of blacktop to make the necessary repairs to Frisbee, Lakeview, and High Street areas. However, the sunken portion at the end of the driveway at 41 High Street may need dug up and the drainage pipe section replaced.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. NATIONAL GRID 37 PARK AVENUE UPGRADES BEACH**

- Trustee Flaherty reported that she had spoken with Trustee Astry regarding the proposal emailed from national Grid for relocation and upgrading electrical service at the beach. This is something that has to be done in order to complete the upgrades being made.

#### **RESOLUTION # 132**

##### **APPROVE PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE & RELOCATE ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve the upgrade & relocation of electrical service at the beach in the amount of \$ 1,994.54 from ARPA funds, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: SAM ALAIMO REPORT – Absent**

**TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT - Absent**

#### **TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT**

- She read the final beach report submitted by Tammie Wichlacz. The total beach guests count for 2024 was 3,024, this was 9 more than last year. The end of year beach picnic went well, the beach crew lost to the village people in the pickleball tournament. Cindy and Tammie are discussing moving the picnic from 5:30 to noon, which is right after swim lessons, so the fall sport's kids can attend. Also, all the lifeguards are planning on returning next year, they all love working with Tammie. Trustee Flaherty reiterated that Tammie does such a great job with the beach program every year!
- She reported that the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association will be using the beach on 09/07. She encourages anyone who has a chance to check out the canoes on the lake, they are fascinating
- She reported she has the 3% bed tax grant application ready to be submitted for a welcome mural at a cost of \$5,600.00, this is a matching grant the villages' portion would be \$2,800.00, this portion could come from some of the beach, ball fields, beautification and Ames Common budgets

**RESOLUTION # 133**

**APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS FOR 3% BED TAX GRANT APPLICATION**

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve matching funds in the amount of \$2,800.00, seconded by Trustee DuBois. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

**TRUSTEE CRUVER'S REPORT**

- She has been looking into regulations on purchase orders and would like to add a purchase order request to the employee handbook for anything above \$1,500.00, and will look more into this in the future, she believes this would help with transparency of village spending
- She would also like to investigate upgrading the computer system at budget time

**TRUSTEE DUBOIS' REPORT**

- She reported that the fire department received a \$178,000 FEMA grant, they will be purchasing 19 sets of gear, 9 air packs, and RIT pack trackers, which are locating devices for firefighters
- She reported that the fire department is ready and eager for the 100 Year Anniversary celebrations taking place all weekend in the village, the county is placing signs when entering the village stating event in progress to warn motorists
- She also noted that the fire department's rescue boat is still anchored at the beach dock, and asked that the DPW coordinate with the fire chief when they are ready to remove the dock so the department can remove their boat
- She also reported that she has been working with the safety committee portion of the NY Forward grant

**RESOLUTION # 134**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to approve financial report for August 28, 2024, seconded by Trustee Flaherty VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 8/28/2024	\$	395,931.14
WATER FUND 8/28/2024	\$	59,452.97
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$	20,976.53
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$	12,488.66
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$	50,373.94
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$	363,447.38

**RESOLUTION # 135**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL**

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

PAYROLL General Fund, 8/30/24	cks: 6073-6081	\$	10,521.33
PAYROLL Water Fund, 8/30/24	cks: 6073-6081	\$	1,594.11

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<b>General Cks: 10209-10221</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,715.90</b>
<b>Water Cks: 10209-10221</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,648.49</b>

**RESOLUTION # 136**

**Being no further business, Trustee DuBois moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Cruver at 8:41 PM. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Annette McChesney**  
**Clerk Treasurer**

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