

February 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on February 10, 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 Attorney Joe Calimeri.

Pledge of Allegiance

**RESOLUTION # 12
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Astry second by Trustee Krupa to approve the minutes of January 27, 2021. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

**RESOLUTION # 13
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty, second by Trustee Krupa to approve the agenda after adding SEQR Review under New Business. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 14
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FROM JANUARY 27, 2021**

Hearing no further comments from either email or Zoom participants from Public Hearing on January 27, 2021 for presentation of the Comprehensive Plan Trustee Astry moved to close the Public Hearing, second by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GUESTS: Village Historian John Sipos and Susan Sipos. John Sipos commented that we had a wonderful weekend for the Winter Festival and thanked Trustee Flaherty for all her hard work and being the spark plug for Community activities. He also commented about the Comprehensive Plan where it stated that historical records were not safe. He assured the board that the Village's historical records are safe and sound. They are kept in the Town of Stockton building in a locked, heated, with fire and burglar alarms. He has his own personal historical records that he keeps secure.

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI'S REPORT:

- The Water Contract from Town of Pomfret is completed and Clerk Astry stated that signed copies were mailed to them.

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT:

Updates:

- New State mandatory requirement for Public Health Emergency Plan for public workers per Legislation S8617B/A10832, 9/7/2020
 - Deadline April 1, 2021
 - Roxanne and I began filling out the template 1/28/2021.

- Nothing further at this time

New Correspondence:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

CLERK TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:

- She reported that she had request to abate water penalty on Mary Thomson, 34 Pettit Place. She did not receive the water bill until 1/5/21. Clerk Astry stated there were a lot of problems with mail at that time and it is up to the board to make any adjustments to a water bill.
- Checking out options for credit card payments for taxes and water bills. She spoke with FORTE and they offer two pricing models; 1. Service Fee method with customer paying \$1.75 per e-check or 2.5% on credit cards, or 2. Absorbed method with municipality are absorbed. They send message when payment is received and monthly activity.

Our auditor recommended NY Property Tax Pay. They charge 3% for credit card payments to customer and \$4.75 per e-check. They charge \$25.00 monthly to village for village statements.

Friday to see what they have to offer. Trustee Wilson recommended maybe PayPal.

Williamson Law Book has "Quick Pay" but need to have their software.

PayPal charges municipalities for this service.

Attorney Calimeri was going to let us know of another option and will send information. No decision was made at this time.

- Reported that there will be a ZBA Hearing on February 25, 2021 to hears the request of Rodney Waite, 241 Dale Drive for an Area Variance to construct a small structure for residential use at location closer than 50' from shoreline. This is in violation of Section 615 Lakeshore Regulations, B. Conditions, 1. Setbacks.
- She reported that the new website for Cassadaga Lakes to promote Cassadaga has launched and encourages everyone to view it. It is a beautiful website designed by Blue Tomato owned by Kim Collins and assisted by Tonia Wilson, Susan Asquith and Clerk Astry. All time was donated and did not cost village anything. It has links to the Village website, Cassadaga Lakes website and CBS website. Sponsors also have links to their websites as well.

RESOLUTION # 15

ABATE WATER PENALTY

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Krupa to abate the water penalty of \$40.10 on the water bill for Mary Thomson, 34 Pettit Place for delay in mail. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

DEPUTY CLERK MAZZONE REPORT: Absent

NEW BUSINESS:

- **1. SEQR REVIEW-Attorney Calimeri conducted the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 2-Identification of Potential Project Impacts for our Comprehensive Plan. As Lead Agency for the SEQR it is required that the Board answers all questions. The Board answered yes or no to 18 questions if there would be an impact to the environment. The board answered No, or small impact may occur to all questions.**

RESOLUTION # 16

SEQR REVIEW

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa a Negative Declaration on the SEQR review that no negative impact on the environment. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

- **2. ADOPT 5 YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN- Chairman Nancy Wickmark Stated that she removed the draft watermark, changed date and Added zoning map with highlighted areas that village owns.**

RESOLUTION # 17

ADOPT COMPREHNSIVE PLAN

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to Adopt the Village of Cassadaga Comprehensive Five-Year Plan (2021-2025). VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

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

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT- No report

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT:

- **She reported on the Winter Festival was a success. We had 100 people at Fun at the Beach, 17 youth enjoyed hockey on the basketball court, chili and hot chocolate served by Park Church, 208 Chicken and Biscuit dinners sold at the American Legion, 16 attended the Nature Park and 65 kids attended the sledding party. It was great to have every Board member involved.**
- **She reported that new owner, Bob Vandavelde of 100 Frisbee asked about tree cutting by lake and was advised to contact the DEC.**
- **She passed out the Concert Series for Summer of 2021 and still needs sponsors.**
- **She would like to see Park Avenue as a "One Way Street". Discussion held and Trustee Astry said he would have Sam Alaimo contact the County for guidance as both ends of Park Avenue end up**

on a County Road and would need County approval. She will conduct a survey of Park Avenue residents.

TRUSTEE KRUPA'S REPORT:

- She thanked Trustee Flaherty for a wonderful Winter Festival.
- She stated the website is fantastic.
- She was wondering if board could do anything about Mill Street residents having mail delivery on Mill Street. It was stated that the US postal services can determine where mailboxes are placed.

TRUSTEE WILSON REPORT:

- He reported that the sponsored Wilson Endurance Sports Frozen 50K at Winter Festival was a huge success with 113 registered with 41 unique zip codes. They had 13 athletes finish the race. Proceeds of this event will be donated to the Cassadaga Fire Department and Fire Police with each receiving \$627.50.
- He gave fun facts of Wilson Endurance Sports. They have been running the Southern Tier Triathlon since 2017 with only 9 participants the first event. Even despite Covid in 2020 they had 115 individuals race in the series: 48 women & 67 men ranging in ages 14-82, 37 unique zip codes from NY state, 8 from Pa. Over 40 athletes trained weekly during the summer months. The Cassadaga Man was held for first time in 2020 with 130 participants from 91 unique zip codes from 7 different states (travel restrictions were followed with several deferred to 2021) 90% of attendees used overnight accommodations. They already have 92 registered for 2021. An informal Facebook was made in the beginning of 2020 asking how many miles our local friends walked/ran and rode bikes and to keep record. The results were 34 people responded with 30,558 miles walk/run and 41,880 bike miles.
- He stated that Wilson Endurance Sports will sponsor one of the Concert Series.

RESOLUTION # 17

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Wilson to approve the Financial Statement for January 31, 2021 and February 10, 2021. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 1/31/21	\$	191,779.52
WATER FUND 1/31/21	\$	120,869.83
GENERAL FUND 2/10/21	\$	223,215.92
WATER FUND 2/10/21	\$	127,325.44
RESERVE CVFD EQUIPMENT	\$	26,498.40
RESERVE DPW	\$	27,770.71
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$	50,197.83
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$	252,292.83

RESOLUTION # 18

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL

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

Payroll of Feb. 5, 2021 General Cks: 5622-5623	\$ 2,415.46
Payroll of Feb. 5, 2021 Water Cks: 5622-5623	\$ 2,164.60
Abstract of Feb. 10, 2021 General Cks: 9119-9128	\$ 3,366.48
Abstract of Feb. 10, 2021 Water Cks: 9119-9128	\$ 290.81

Clerk Astry stated that a Budget Meeting is going to follow, and guests are welcome to attend.

Being no further business, Trustee Krupa moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Flaherty at 8:06 PM. VOTE: VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

**Roxanne Astry
Clerk Treasurer**

