

February 28, 2024

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

RESOLUTION # 22

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve the minutes of February 14, 2024, with the following corrections under Guests: correction-Ice Scream Dip not Ice Cream Dip, under Clerk McChesney's Report" Insert "ZBA" between next and Public Hearing, Insert "not" between should and be, Under Trustee DuBois' report: correction-Solar Eclipse event is April 8th not March 8th, second by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 23

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GUESTS:

Sean & Teri Seibert, 180 Dale Drive-they attended to learn about the water project and wondered if replacing water meters would be part of the project-it was confirmed that new water meters would be part of the project

Deborah Metzger 134 Maple Avenue – She stated she was in attendance to learn about the water project. She also stated that she had seen permanent speed signs in the Village of Fairport and was inquiring if the village could purchase and install permanent speed signs on Maple Avenue as she is very concerned with the excessive speeding that occurs with all of the walkers in the area of the lake and the increased amount of time it takes to slow down when vehicles are travelling above the posted 30 MPH limit

Braden Carmen, Observer, Matt Zarbo & Andrew Meyerhofer E&B Squared, Judith Garncareck, 182 Dale Drive, Denise Afton & Bob Torrey, 19 Pennington, John Sipos, 5 Pennington, Village Historian-He stated that Dale Drive has its very own speed control via the ducks that cross in the area of his home. He also commented that tomorrow, February 29th is a leap year, and it was not created so that un-married woman would take a leap and propose. Leap years are recognized because it takes the Earth 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds to orbit the sun, according to NASA — and while that is rounded down to the 365 days we recognize as a typical year, those nearly six extra hours don't disappear. Instead, leap years are added to account for the difference.

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI REPORT – No Report

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT

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Updates:

- Oct. 27th, we received Notice of Violations from NYS Dept. of Labor for 3 items. The first two were remediated and verified by a return visit. The 3rd one required that we implement a procedure for Lockout/Tagout and isolate all equipment that has stored energy. The deadline was for January 31st, but we asked for an extension because of the work involved and received a deadline of February 29th.
- With the help of Sam, Bianca and Annette we were able to complete a written procedure and eight supporting forms today.
- It was submitted today for their review and approval. Therefore, we met the deadline.
- It was read by Richard Dugan @ 1:50pm 2/28/2024
- There is still work to be done to implement the actual locks and tags and this will be an ongoing process as we acquire additional or replacement equipment.
- It is unknown whether there will be a return verification visit by the auditor.

New Correspondence:

- None

CLERK MCCHESENEY'S REPORT

- She reported that she had contacted the Village of Fairport regarding the speed signs and was informed that they are subject to FOIL so they would have to be maintained and have logs kept, etc which can be very time consuming and expensive
- She reported that she also had a resident request signs be installed to remind dog owners to clean up their dog waste, discussion was had as far as it being hard to enforce. There is a leash law on the books and a reminder will be posted on the website
- She also reported that she has received multiple phone calls regarding the mud across the sidewalk in front of 202 Maple Avenue, per the board a courtesy call seems to be the best route to request the sidewalk remain clear of debris as best as possible

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DEPUTY CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT

- She reported that she, Bob Reuther, and Mayor Dorman met with Mark Goshgarian with Spectrum News on Friday, February 16th, and gave him a tour of tree plantings around the village that were done by the tree committee and also answered questions for a story he is writing regarding the tree grant the village received
- She also reported that she and Trustee Flaherty attended a zoom meeting regarding NY Forward Grant and will be looking at doing an informational meeting with public input

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. BATHHOUSE AT BEACH –** Trustee Astry reported that he and Sam Alaimo emptied the cement blocks out of the beach bathhouse and came up with a plan to remove the rest of the block and also to not have to cut out the whole floor anymore, so progress is being made. Trustee Flaherty asked if students were still needed, and he stated not at this point

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MATT ZARBO INFORMATION ON FUTURE WATER PROJECT PROCESS

Matt Zarbo and his business partner Andrew Meyerhofer gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the steps that are needed in order to apply for a grant. He reported that he had met with Sam Alaimo a few weeks ago and walked through the water infrastructure needs of the village. His company would handle the engineering, design, planning, bidding construction, and funding assistance if hired. Matt and Andrew have been involved in successfully applying for and receiving over \$75 million dollars in grants. He outlined the general needs as follows: water source upgrades or improvements, water main replacement on Dale Drive and Main Street, water meter replacements for all residence, and a new telemetry system to read the meters accurately and efficiently. The target grant programs would be NYSEFC/BIL/WIAA, CDBG, USDA RD, and Congressional Earmarks. He will be sending over the initial document requirements so that the village clerk can review and begin the preliminary paperwork once its been decided. No matter what grant is applied for the village will need the initial engineering report, environmental reviews, design documents, possibly an income survey, and a RFQ which is a Request for Qualifications from engineering firms. Attorney Joe Calimeri commented later in the meeting that he found the most successful way to do these water project grants would be to create a committee consisting of two board members and then Sam Alaimo that way it can be worked on more often without the need to have a public forum every time.

RESOLUTION # 24

APPROVAL TO HIRE E&B SQUARED FOR INITIAL ENGINEERING REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to hire E&B Squared to proceed with the initial water project engineering report needed to apply for grant funding NTE \$20,000.00, second by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

2. 72 LAKEVIEW AVENUE VBOT VOTE ON FURTHER ACTION

Discussion was had between the village board and attorney on what is the next action that needs to be taken on 72 Lakeview Avenue. Multiple violation notices have been sent by the Code Enforcement officer with no response. The roof is caving in, there are dangerous trees that could fall, and the property has been in major disrepair for a number of years. The board can choose to keep sending letters or go to court. Will the homeowner appear, be

fined, will the fines be paid. Its hard to predict the expense to the taxpayers. There are options to proceed through the Zombie Law, but that could be extremely costly. The board agreed they would like to proceed with the next step.

RESOLUTION # 25

APPROVAL TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION ON 72 LAKEVIEW AVENUE

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to take further action on 72 Lakeview Avenue by having Attorney Joe Calimeri file a violation of code in Town of Stockton Court, second by Trustee Astry. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SAM ALAIMO REPORT – No Report

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT – No Report

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT

- She wanted to mention that the village is very thankful for those that volunteer and would never intentionally put anyone in danger. Volunteerism is very important in a small village like Cassadaga and we have numerous people who donate their time
- She called the Small Business Development Center regarding the small business event being held on April 10th @ 4PM at Valley Outdoors offered the use of the Community Room or Library in the future
- She spoke more on the Zoom meeting with the revitalization expert that her and Rox Astry were on. They would like to have a public input meeting on March 18th @ 7PM in the community room. They would like members of the community to bring their ideas about projects and improvements they would like to see done around the village
- She has also noticed that with the nicer weather piles of yard debris have begun piling up. It is too soon in the season to start a stick and brush pickup. The truck is going to have the chips box installed on the back of it and the eta is unknown. Cindy wanted to mention that the Ellery Landfill will take yard debris for a small fee

TRUSTEE CRUVER'S REPORT

- She mentioned that a resident had contacted her about the condition of the road at the end of their driveway on High Street. Sam Alaimo said he would take a look at it but he believes a heavy truck may have crushed a pipe and it could require more extensive repairs than just patching over

TRUSTEE DUBOIS' REPORT

- She wanted to thank Sam Alaimo for installing the no outlet sign on Miller Place
- She reported that Chautauqua County has purchased bulk Solar Eclipse Glasses and she is going to pickup around 1,000 for the community

- She also reported that the fire department is live with Chautauqua County EMS to begin billing insurance companies
- She inquired if the village had an odor ordinance as she has received complaints from residents regarding the smell of marijuana. It was noted that there is no local law and it is not illegal so there isn't any action the board can take
- She reported that Sam Alaimo has all of the fire hydrant markers and the fire department has a volunteer that will install them once the weather stays nice
- She also stated that the fire department is working on a grant to purchase equipment to clean their gear. It has been found that firefighters and their families have a higher level of cancer due to carcinogens that are left on their gear and carried in their vehicles etc

RESOLUTION # 26

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve financial reports for February 14, second by Trustee Flaherty VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 02/28/2024	\$	284,617.11
WATER FUND 02/28/2024	\$	104,136.01
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$	20,955.68
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$	12,476.25
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$	50,348.90
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$	339,163.11

RESOLUTION # 27

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

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

PAYROLL General Fund, 03/01/2024	cks: 6006-6007	\$	3,517.41
PAYROLL Water Fund, 03/01/2024	cks: 6006-6007	\$	2,156.56
ABSTRACT February 28, 2024	General Cks: 10063-10071	\$	4,130.42
ABSTRACT February 28, 2024	Water Cks: 10063-10071	\$	2,389.30

RESOLUTION # 28

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Cruver at 9:15 PM Budget workshop to follow. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette McChesney
Clerk Treasurer