

**March 20, 2013**

**The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on March 20, 2013 with Mayor LeeAnn Lazarony presiding. Trustees present were Rodney Waite, Ron Dechard, Mike Lehnen, and Valerie Culverwell.**

**RESOLUTION #40  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion made by Trustee Dechard, second by Trustee Lehnen to approve the minutes of March 6, 2013 minutes. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**RESOLUTION #41  
ACCEPT AGENDA**

**A Motion was made by Trustee Waite, second by Trustee Culverwell to approve the agenda. VOTE: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.**

**GUESTS: Village Historian John Sipos and wife Susan, Cassadaga Valley Government student Katelyn Dechard, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Waite and Darryl Waite of Park Avenue.**

**STEARNS & WHEELER REPORT; (report given by Mayor)**

- **The bids were advertised on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Bid documents distributed to the following contractors: Contract 5: H&K, D&H, Nichter Construction, STC. Contract 6: BECC, Ahlstrom Schaeffer, Contract 7: Nichols, Long & Moore.**
- **Pre-bid meeting held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, attendees: Ahlstrom Schaeffer, STC, H&K, Lake Shore Paving and BECC.**
- **Addendum 1 issued to set Pre-bid meeting date and changed liquidated damages to \$2000/day.**
- **Addendum 2 will be issued Thursday and will include clarifications and new control methodology which will be similar to current control using pressure at the new treatment building and 7-day timers at the existing wells.**
- **Brian Doyle will attend the bid opening on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**ATTORNEY MIKE NORRIS' REPORT: Absent**

**CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT:**

- **She gave review of the budget. The total assessment for Village is \$31,692,480 which is \$11,422 less than prior year. Our Equalization Rate is at 100%. Our proposed tax rate is \$3.85 per thousand; \$.25 less than prior year. Total to be raised by taxes is \$122,016.05; \$7,969.95 less than prior year.**
- **The Property Tax Cap form was submitted to the Comptroller's office showing no increase.**
- **The Constitutional Tax limit form was prepared showing that we are way under the Constitutional Tax margin of \$610,589.**

- Election Results were disclosed.
- She stated that she is sorry to see Trustee Rodney Waite leave the board and that she has enjoyed working with him on many projects and issues in the past 10 years. She admires and will miss two things the most, his grace and class in dealing with the public and the board when others have not been so nice and polite.

#### **RESOLUTION #42**

##### **SET BUDGET HEARING**

Trustee Culverwell moved, second by Trustee Dechard to set the Budget Hearing for Wednesday April 3, 2013 at 7:30 PM. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

#### **RESOLUTION #43**

##### **SET TAX RATE**

Trustee Dechard moved, second by Trustee Culverwell to set the tax rate for 2013-2014 at \$3.85 per thousand. This is a decrease of \$.25 from previous year with taxes to be raised is \$122,016.05. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

#### **RESOLUTION #44**

##### **APPROVE CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMIT**

Trustee Culverwell moved, second by Trustee Dechard to approve the Constitutional Tax Limit of \$610,589. This represents a five year average full valuation and what could be raised by taxes. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

#### **RESOLUTION #45**

##### **APPROVE ELECTION RESULTS**

Trustee Waite moved, second by Trustee Culverwell to approve the Election Results of March 19, 2013. Total number of voters was 36, for office of Mayor; LeeAnn Lazarony received 34, Rodney Waite received 1 write in ballot. For two Trustee positions; Michael Lehnen received 29, Jeffrey Frick received 34. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; Tom Fetter - Absent**

#### **TRUSTEE WAITE'S REPORT:**

- He has passed on information regarding LED lighting for streets. It would save 60-70% on cost but initially it is a big investment. NYSERTA sometimes have grants for this. He also would like board to consider a windmill on top of High Street to help with electric cost if a grant becomes available.
- He thanked the board and has enjoyed serving the last 10 years. He feels a lot has been accomplished and will not take personal credit because the board works as a team. The water project became a reality because the boards did not keep pushing it down the road for future boards to handle.

**HISTORIAN REPORT: John Sipos**

- He turned in his yearly report to the board and has enjoyed working on many projects. He congratulated Trustee Waite on serving 10 years on the board.
- He has served 7 years as Historian and has spoken many different places the past year and has put up displays for Class of 1962, Memorial Day Celebration and will have one for Labor Day Celebration.
- He presented the board with a framed picture taken by his wife Susan of the swans on Cassadaga Lake to be displayed in the Village Office.
- He is going to be working on the committee for Labor Day Celebration. The parade will be on August 31<sup>st</sup> and Ducky Derby will be the same day.

**TRUSTEE DECHARD'S REPORT:**

- He congratulated Rodney Waite on his retirement from the board.

**TRUSTEE LEHNEN'S REPORT:**

- He reported that the Fire Department will be replacing roof over the BBQ pits.
- He reported that Fox Fencing will volunteer his time with help from Fire Department in putting up fence along village property line at the Community/Fire Hall building. The total cost for materials will be \$1,542.83.
- Posts for the Welcome Signs will cost \$129.60.
- He would like record kept on how much time is spent on plowing cemetery and library.
- Would like to see more detail on time sheets being filled out.
- Need to have ad run again for sailboat.
- He was wondering about Scrap Policy. Trustee Culverwell will take pictures of scrap and will see that it is taken care of.

**RESOLUTION #46**

**APPROVE COST OF FENCE**

Mayor Lazarony moved, second by Trustee Culverwell to approve \$1,542.83 for cost of fence. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**TRUSTEE CULVERWELL'S REPORT:**

- She congratulated Trustee Waite on his retirement from the board and will be missed. She also congratulated the Mayor and Trustees Lehnem and Frick on election.
- Website needs to be updated.

**RESOLUTION #47**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Trustee Culverwell moved second by Trustee Lehnem to approve the Financial Statement of March 20, 2013. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**GENERAL FUND: \$ 170,111.43**  
**WATER FUND: \$ 405,947.32**  
**CAPITAL FUND: \$ 390,783.67**  
**RESERVE CVFD \$ 5,861.62**  
**RESERVE DPW \$ 5,141.52**  
**RESERVE BLDG \$ 20,000.00**

**RESOLUTION # 48**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**A motion was made by Trustee Culverwell moved second by Trustee Lehnen to pay bills as per Abstract of March 20, 2013 and Payroll of March 15, 2013. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**General Abstract March 20, 2013 cks. 6078-6097 \$ 5,847.57**  
**Water Abstract March 20, 2013 cks 6078-6098 \$ 1,623.22**  
**Capital Water Abstract Mar. 20, 2013 ck 223-225 \$ 20,337.86**  
**Payroll March 15, 2013 General Fund ck.4570-4574 \$ 5,646.46**  
**Payroll March 15, 2013 Water Fund direct dep. \$ 1,515.37**

**MAYOR LAZARONY'S REPORT**

- She has enjoyed that last 4 years as Mayor and stated it has been a learning experience. The board has different ideas and everyone is not afraid to express them.**
- She will miss Deputy Mayor Rodney Waite and stated that he has kept the board grounded and appreciated everything he brought to the board. She congratulated him on his 10 years of service by presenting him with a Distinguished Service Award for his dedicated service to the Village of Cassadaga for years 2003-2013.**

**John Sipos stated that Tom Fetter and Garrett Torrey have done a wonderful job keeping roads cleaned and fire hydrants opened and complimented both of them.**

**Being no further business Trustee Waite moved, second by Trustee Dechard to adjourn at 7:43 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Roxanne Astry, Clerk Treasurer**



