

MARCH 23, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on March 23, 2022, at 7:00 PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Mark Wilson, Cindy Flaherty Bill Astry. Absent: Trustee Rachyl Krupa. Also in attendance were Supt. Of Public Works Sam Alaimo and Attorney Joe Calimeri.

Pledge Of Allegiance

**RESOLUTION # 27
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Astry, second by Trustee Flaherty to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 28
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to approve the agenda second by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GUESTS:

Historian John Sipos reported that he is beginning his 18th year as Village Historian. He brought 2 notebooks full of activities for the past year. Chris Cooke, 80 Maple Ave., and Todd Anderson, 80 Maple Ave. attended meeting to answer any questions in Chris Cooke Architecture site plans for 25 S. Main Street.

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT:

Updates:

- **Thanks to Bill for conducting the last meeting while I had an important meeting with my neurological surgeon in Buffalo.**
 - I have made the decision to have “spinal fusion surgery” to correct the “root cause” of an ongoing sciatica pain management process.
 - Scheduled for April 25th so I will likely need you to fill in for a couple of weeks following the surgery depending on results.
 - Hopefully get rid of the cane or walking stick.

New Correspondence:

- National Fuel letter regarding pipeline construction schedule and rules. (Sam)
- Handout copies “Attitude Determines Attitude”
 - Just something I wanted to share.
 - I have carried around with me for many years to look at if I’m thinking I’m having a bad day.

CLERK TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:

- **Read Chief Newark's report for February: EMS Calls-12, Fire Calls-1, MVA Calls-1, Service Calls-3, Stand by for CCSO-1, Mutual Aid Given-13, Total Calls: 17, total Manhours-60.21.**
- **Reported that she completed the annual Water Withdrawal Report for DEC. We are withdrawing much more water than we are selling. Water discussion held on usage versus water pumped. Sam Alaimo stated that much of the loss has to do with outdated water meters and we should concentrate on replacing them. The water loss could also be lines leaking and water not surfacing. It was decided to have Rural Water come and do a leak detection on our system.**
- **She stated that the Budget is ready for approval, and we will set the tax rate and water rate at the end of the meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. APPROVE CHRIS COOKE SITE PLAN**
- 2. SET BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Chris Cooke's site plan was distributed to the board for their review. Attorney Joe Calimeri stated that a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEQRA) Part 1 has to be submitted first and then sent to the County Planning Board and NYS DOT for their comments. They have 30 days to respond and at the April 27th meeting the board can declare a negative declaration and complete Part 2.

RESOLUTION # 29

APPROVE LEAD AGENCY AND QUALIFY FOR UNLISTED ACTION

After receiving Part 1-Project Information on Short Environmental Assessment Form from Chris Cooke, Trustee Astry moved, seconded by Trustee Flaherty to approve the Village of Cassadaga Board Lead Agency and qualify project for unlisted action. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 30

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDJET

Trustee Wilson moved, seconded by Trustee Astry to set the Public Hearing on April 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM to hear comments from the public. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORK REPORT:

- **He reported that sticks and leaves will be picked up at end of April, he will have the schedule shortly to be distributed to customers.**
- **He reported that the electric lines at Well 4 caught on fire last week. He had the electric lines buried underground to alleviate this happening again.**
- **Discussion held on drainage at beach. Dave Spann from the County wants us to build a berm at entrance and have water filtrate though gravel to the**

lake. He does not like the idea of putting storm drain in and have water go directly into the lake.

TRUSTEE ASTRY REPORT:

- A new roof was discussed for Well #4 and he estimates a new roof costing around \$5,800.

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT

- Reported that Amazon cost for aerator for beach and extension cords cost \$1,884 which is the lowest price she has found.
- Security Cameras need to be installed at beach.
- She reported that Lakeview residents were very happy with the spring clean up of yards this year as it was the easiest ever. Not using a wing during plowing helped a lot.
- Clean Up Cassadaga on April 30th and passed out flyers.
- She distributed the tentative Community Calendar for review and additions.

TRUSTEE KRUPA'S REPORT-ABSENT

TRUSTEE WILSON'S REPORT

- He reported all the summer events are looking great.

RESOLUTION # 31

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Flaherty moved, seconded by Trustee Astry to approve the financial reports for March 23, 2022. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 3/23/2022	\$ 262,270.69
WATER FUND 3/23/2022	\$ 106,434.52
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$ 26,555.49
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$ 27,830.55
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$ 50,252.18
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$ 282,393.18

RESOLUTION # 32

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Flaherty to approve the bills and payroll as follows: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

PAYROLL General Fund, March 18, 2022, cks: 5764-5771	\$ 7,088.02
PAYROLL Water Fund, March 18, 2022, cks: 5764-5771	\$ 2,286.48
ABSTRACT of March 23, 2022, General Cks: 9479-9490	\$ 5,033.62
ABSTRACT of March 23, 2022, Water Cks: 9479-9490	\$ 3,544.61

Clerk Astry reviewed the budget with the Board and explained the General Budget has proposed appropriations of 528,015.59 and Proposed Revenue of \$281,525.00. The difference of \$246,490.49 comes from taxes and fund balance.

Our tax limit calculations by Comptroller's office are \$137,430. Last year's tax rate was \$ 3.71 per thousand of assessed property. This year's total assessment is \$36,753,952. Setting the tax rate at \$3.73 calculates to tax of \$ 137,092.24 and using \$109,398.25 of fund balance. She stated that if we add \$10,000 each for Reserve for DPW equipment and CVFD Reserve for equipment we would still be OK. We would increase the appropriated fund to \$129,398.25.

Clerk Astry reviewed the Water budget with the board. We have a total proposed appropriations of \$325,467 and revenue of \$ 279,030. Our water budget has been showing a deficit the last few years and we are slowly depleting our fund balance. Our water rates should cover the water budget. The debt service fee covers our annual bond payment. Even after splitting some of the mutual expenses in general fund 60% for general and 40% for water it still is not enough. If we raise rates by \$.50 it will only increase revenue by \$11,500. Discussion held on comparable water rates and cost of all factors going up in our water budget.

RESOLUTION # 33

SET TAX RATE

Trustee Flaherty moved, seconded by Trustee Wilson to increase appropriations by \$20,000 for the Reserve accounts and set tax rate to \$3.73 with total taxes to be raised \$ 137,092.24. VOTE: 3 AYES 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 34

SET WATER RATES

Trustee Astry moved to raise water rates to \$5.25 per thousand gallons (increase of \$.75), seconded by Trustee Wilson. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Astry
Clerk Treasurer