

March 24, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on March 24, 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 Supt. Of Public Works Sam Alaimo. Absent; Deputy Clerk Mazzone.

Pledge of Allegiance

**RESOLUTION # 31
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Krupa second by Trustee Wilson to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

**RESOLUTION # 32
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

GUESTS:

Gail Dash, 8 Miller Place. She had questions regarding small businesses and home-based businesses. Are they going to be regulated in regard to noise factor, traffic flow and do they have to have DBA? Mayor Dorman asked her to put suggestions and questions in writing so we can follow up. She also suggested that fire hydrants keep clear of snow on Miller.

John Sipos, 5 Pennington asked what CLNP stands for. It stands for Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park.

Mike and Laura Blake, 54 Park Avenue stated that they are not 100% opposed to making Park Avenue a one-way street, but not for it either. A trailer would be difficult to back into their driveway. They would prefer the one-way to go from Dale Drive to Maple Avenue because it would be too difficult to pull out onto Dale Drive and during winter all snow would be pushed into all driveways if it went from Maple to Dale Drive. They suggested summer months only. They have never seen Fire trucks in 20 years uses Park Avenue. The speed bumps help to slow traffic down in summer.

Janet Ferry, 48 Park Avenue stated that it would be difficult for Amish buggies to pull onto Main from Dale Drive.

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI'S REPORT: No report

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT:

Updates:

- **JoJo's Proposal**
 - Cindy volunteered to discuss design options with Edison that might be better without creating a permanent concrete pad.
 - See Trustee Flaherty's update.

New Correspondence:

- "Clearing House" has sent me a consent form for Sam that I will get him to sign if he hasn't already done one for this year. This will only need to be kept in his personnel file.
 - I will notify them that Robby no longer is employed by Village of Cassadaga.
- I completed an "exit interview" with Robby and have a report for his personnel file. I will send to Village Clerk to be filed in his personnel records in a separate e-mail.
- Letter received today from resident Paula Pattison opposing designation of Park Avenue as a one-way street.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Accept Resignation-Degolier

2) Approve Noco rates

3) Set Public Hearing on Budget

CLERK TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:

- She stated that we will need to accept resignation of Robert Degolier.
- Explained the rates for Noco electric and natural gas. Electric; Previous 12-month average variable rate-\$0.034/kwh and fixed rate offer-\$0.0494/kwh. Natural Gas; previous 12-month average variable rate-\$0.367/ccf and fixed rate offer - \$0.445/ccf. She reported that we have always chosen the variable rate and maybe 1 month a year it goes above fixed.
- Recommended that we set Public Hearing for Budget at next meeting April 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM.
- Read Fire Dept. report: EMS-14, MVA-4, Fire Alarm-3, Fire-2, M/A given-18 times. Total manhours-113.9
- Reported that Kim Collins withdrew her Use Variance for 49 Lakeview to rent recreational equipment.
- Reported that received reports from State Comptroller's Office on fiscal stress score of 15.0 with no designation and environmental stress score of 20.0 with no designation.
- Distributed Code Enforcement Officer building permits for 2020 report showing 38 permits issued.
- We will set tax rate at the end of the meeting for our budget after further discussion.

RESOLUTION # 33

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ROBERT DEGOLIER

Trustee Astry moved to accept the resignation of Robert DeGolier with regrets effective April 2, 2021 second by Trustee Krupa. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 34

APPROVE NOCO RATES

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Wilson to approve variable rates for Natural Gas and Electric for Noco. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

RESOLUTION # 35

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET HEARING

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Astry to set Budget Public Hearing on April 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

DEPUTY CLERK MAZZONE REPORT: Absent

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SAM ALAIMO'S REPORT:

- Distributed schedule for Spring Clean Up. Will post it on Facebook, website and post around village and use slick text weekend before.
- He contacted National Grid about street light billing because we were not being billed for LED lights. Fran Porpiglia will be sending email to village. We need to be pay a surcharge and we sill be getting a credit. Clerk Astry stated that she never received an invoice.
- Discussion held on Utility Worker position. He stated that pay rate is crucial, so we don't keep losing our workers for more pay elsewhere. It is important that they have a CDL Class B license before we hire.
- Reported test requirement for PFOA are now required and are costly at \$1,975 per test.

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT- No report

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT:

- Discussion held on selling 5 feet by 42 feet of South parking lot to JoJo Café next to their building. Survey was passed around for review. We need to talk with our attorney before any decision is made. It was stated that they will be having a mural painted on side of building and would like to have a bench and 2 outside dining tables in summer.
- Discussion held on septic system at beach, no further action at this time.
- Reported that 3 kayaks were donated for beach and would like to allow kids use them during beach hours.
- We need new grills at beach and basketball net. Also contacted Black Gold on gouges on basketball court.
- The Community Picnic will be on August 20, 2021 at beach.

- Would like to hold a Cassadaga Clean Up on April 24th with village furnishing 30-yard dumpster.
- She reported that we have received many comments and letters about making Park Avenue a One-Way street. Discussion held on best way to make Park Avenue safe without making it a one-way street. Possible pull up to fence, take fence down, add more speed bumps. Wilson Endurance Sports will have athletes park cars on Mill Street parking lot.
- Banners discussed that committee wants to put up on Main Street. They would like to hang them above flags. Historian John Sipos commented that they can't fly above an American flag. It was decided that they want to wait on banners at this time.

RESOLUTION # 36

VILLAGE WIDE CLEAN UP

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Wilson to hold a Village Wide Clean Up with village paying for 30-yard dumpster at cost of \$322.50, with it being placed at parking lot on Mill Street if Fire Department agrees and have it supervised from 9AM to 3PM on April 24, 2021. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

TRUSTEE KRUPA'S REPORT:

- She has planted 46 morning glories seeds packets for baskets for Park Avenue.
- She wondered if Beach gate could be opened so kids can play on playground. It was decided that it would be OK.

TRUSTEE WILSON REPORT:

- He reported that the Beer Mile for the fundraiser for Fire Department is going well. He is taking orders on t-shirts for anyone interested.

RESOLUTION # 37

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to approve the Financial Statement for March 24, 2021. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND	\$	205,741.19
WATER FUND	\$	132,721.02
RESERVE CVFD EQUIPMENT	\$	26,502.46
RESERVE DPW	\$	27,774.97
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$	50,201.68
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$	252,331.59

RESOLUTION # 38

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL

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

Payroll of March 19, 2021 General Cks: 5635-5637 \$ 2,917.58

Payroll of March 19, 2021 Water Cks: 5635-5637	\$ 2,148.45
Abstract of March 24, 2021 General Cks: 9152-9162	\$ 6,864.41
Abstract of March 24, 2021 Water Cks: 9152-9162	\$ 4,174.68

RESOLUTION # 39

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Astry to Go Into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 9:00 PM. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUITON # 40

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to Come Out of Executive Session at 9:25 PM. VOTE: AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 41

UTILITY WORKER

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Wilson to hire a Utility Worker at rate of \$17.50 per hour with CDL License, eligible for enrollment for health insurance after 30 days, retirement and a 1-Year probation period. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Budget was worked on to set tax rate.

RESOLUTION # 42

SET TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Astry to set Village Tax rate for 2021-2022 at \$ 3.71 per 1000 assessed value, for total to be raised \$134,353.71, an increase of \$2,048.81 from last year. Water rates will continue at \$4.50 per 1000 gallons and \$95.00 debt service billed bi-annual. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 43

HIRE SEASONAL WORKER

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Wilson to hire a Seasonal Worker with a flexible work week at \$15.00 per hour. 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 44

SET RATES FOR BEACH STAFF

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Krupa to set rates for beach staff: Beach Director at \$14.25 per hour and lifeguards at \$13.25 per hour. 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Krupa at 10:05 PM. VOTE: VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Astry, Clerk Treasurer