

**MAY 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on May 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM with Mayor LeeAnn Lazarony presiding. Trustees present included, Jeff Frick, Joshua Slaven, Mike Lehen and Amanda Kalfas. Also in attendance was Supt. of Public Works Tom Fetter and Attorney Mike Norris.

**RESOLUTION # 65  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Lehen, second by Trustee Slaven to approve the minutes of May 6, 2015. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 66  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Kalfas, second by Trustee Frick to approve the agenda after deleting Time Clock Policy. VOTE: AYES 4 NAYS 0.

**ATTORNEY MIKE NORRIS' REPORT: No Report**

**MAYOR LAZARONY'S REPORT:**

- She reported that she has been busy making phone calls to American Red Cross, YMCA'S and schools to find someone with a WSI or a class so our lifeguards could be certified to teach swimming lessons. She spoke with the Dunkirk High School Swimming instructor who is willing to hold a class for our lifeguards. This class is a cross between the American Red Cross and YWCA certification and this is what Dunkirk High School uses. She is also willing to attend our beach to make sure the lifeguards are doing in correctly and will be there for testing as well.
- Also in response to facebook posts regarding a bike path around the lake she stated that Dale Drive is a County road and that we should contact our County Legislature John Runkle who lives on Dale Drive for county to do something.
- She is very grateful for all the work that Job Corp has been doing at the ball fields and at the beach. They are working on dug outs and will be painting the pavilion.
- She stated that she received quotes for a meter so we would be able to sell bulk water. Further discussion will be at a future meeting,
- Reported that she and Trustee Frick drove around the village making list of properties in violation of zoning or local laws. We need to contact Land Banks that have taken over properties to notify them that lawns need to be mowed.
- The Walk Around the Lake is May 30<sup>th</sup> and asked Fire Police to be at check points.

- There will be a meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at Community Building to discuss the Route 60 reconstruction. Trustee Slaven and Lehnen said that they would attend.

**RESOLUTION # 67**

**APPROVE CHRISTY'S LAWN SERVICE**

Trustee Slaven moved, second by Trustee Frick to continue using Christy's Lawn Service at rate of \$40 an hour to mow lawns of derelict properties.

**VOTE: 4 AYES, NAYS.**

**CLERK-TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:**

- Reported that she also contacted American Red Cross for WSI course and the closest were in Ohio and Geneva New York and costs ranged from \$200 to \$480. She also gave break down on the costs of running the beach the last seven years and made copies available for anyone who wishes them. The average costs per year was \$26,014 and average percentage of our tax levy was 20%. The last few years we have had only 30-40 children sign up for lessons and actual class participation varied on a daily basis.
- She also stated that anytime anyone has a questions on village policy or finances she is happy to supply them with information.
- Would like permission to transfer funds from checking to Savings Accounts in General and Water Funds to Lake Shore Savings where we already have established accounts.
- Need to do Resolution in establishing what Reserve for Debt Funds can be used for.
- Need to do water rate increase as per our budget.
- Sinclairville Elementary School has requested the use of beach for Class Picnics.

**RESOLUTION # 68**

**TRANSFER FUNDS**

Mayor Lazarony moved, second by Trustee Slaven to allow Clerk-Treasurer to transfer \$75,000 from Water Checking to Water Savings at Lake Shore Savings and \$45,000 from General checking to General Savings at Lake Shore Savings. **VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS,**

**RESOLUTION # 69**

**ESTABLISH RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE**

Trustee Frick moved, second by Mayor Lazarony the following Resolution. **VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**WHEREAS, in 2011 our auditor instructed Village clerk to make a journal entry to show a separate account for Debt Service of our Capital Water Project for money collected in excess of our interest and principal on our BANS, and**

**WHEREAS, each year 2012, 2013 and 2014 a Journal Entry was made to show money available for our future debt on capital project in our water Fund Account F.0884, and**

**WHEREAS, at the close out of our Capital Water Project the balance of the Capital Checking and Capital Water Savings was moved to Reserve for Debt Service account F.0884, and**

**WHEREAS, in June 2014 the money was moved from our Water Fund to an interest bearing Reserve for Debt Service at Lake Shore Savings Passbook Savings account, and**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this fund for “Reserve for Debt Service” is for future payments on our Debt to USDA Rural Water for our loan and for future improvements or remediation on our Capital Water Project.**

**RESOLUTION # 70**

**WATER RATE INCREASE**

**Trustee Slaven moved, second by Mayor Lazarony the following resolution.**

**VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**WHEREAS, the cost of operating and maintenance of our water system has increased over the last several years, and**

**WHEREAS, the last increase of water usage was 2009 for all water customers, and**

**WHEREAS, the budget for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year reflected an increase of \$.25 per thousand gallons to pay for increases in electric, gas, chemicals and other Water Fund expenses,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, a water rate increase of \$.25 per 1000 gallons shall be effective June 1, 2015 for water usage and said increase shall be billed December 1, 2015 to reflect the last 6 months usage; and be it further resolved that Job Corp and Lily Dale shall have their increase of \$.25 per 1000 gallons beginning June 1, 2015 for usage and billed monthly per contract.**

**RESOLUTION # 71**

**APPROVE BEACH PICNICS FOR SINCLAIRVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Trustee Lehnen moved, second by Trustee Slaven to allow the Sinclairville Elementary School use of the beach for their picnics on the following dates; June 12<sup>th</sup> for Second Grade, June 18<sup>th</sup> for Fourth Grade, June 19<sup>th</sup> for Third Grade and June 22<sup>nd</sup> for Fifth Grade. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**RESOLUTION # 72**

**APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER PETER GEORGE**

**Trustee Slaven moves, second Trustee Lehen the appointment of Peter George to replace Charles Battaglia as Planning Board Member for term of 2012-2017. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TOM FETTER:**

- **Reported that they are getting everything cleaned up and ready for Memorial Day weekend.**

**TRUSTEE LEHNEN'S REPORT:**

- **Reported that he contacted Zoning Officer regarding chickens on Dale Drive.**

**TRUSTEE SLAVEN'S REPORT:**

- **He reported that because of the problem of chickens spreading the avian flu that he is going to hold off about changing zoning to allow farm animals in village.**
- **He wants to start the Community Garden behind the school soon. He is hoping that some of the produce could be donated to the local food pantry.**
- **Thanked the Job Corp for all the hard work that they have done at the ball fields and beach and asked community residents to reach out to them and thank them.**
- **The Cassadaga Library put up placards along the sidewalk that allows residents to read two different story books while walking.**

**TRUSTEE FRICK'S REPORT:**

- **He wanted to state after all the posts on facebook that nobody is blocking the door from residents attending our board meetings and welcome residents to attend and find out what is happening at our meetings.**
- **He will set up meeting for village employees to hear about Deferred compensation information.**

**TRUSTEE KALFAS REPORT:**

- **She reported that they will be doing interviews for beach next week and have received only 5 applications.**
- **She will be meeting with Roxanne on how office is run.**

**GUESTS: Cindy Flaherty at 55 Lakeview, Janelle Coulcher Hobbs at 46 Park Avenue, John Hobbs at 46 Park Avenue, CVCS Government Class students; John Mcniff, Brooke Sears, Heather Harris, Christopher Wichlacz 3381 Tarbox Road, Samantha Wysocki Hallett, 39 Maple and 7478 Putnam Road, Bill Astry at 178 Maple Avenue and Joan Josephson at 28 Burnham Place.**

**Cindy Flaherty said she was there to represent the Planning Board and they would like to see a fence around the playground at the beach so**

children can use it at any time. Since the school took out their playground there is nowhere for the kids to play. She has been in contact with Patty Yokum from County Youth Bureau about funding for fence and stated that there is money available for beach program. Clerk Astry stated that we quit applying 2 years ago because all we were getting was around \$230 and that in order to continue to receive this that we had to change our beach program to a recreation program and serve lunches.

Janelle Coulcher Hobbs and John Hobbs commented that they live across the street from the beach and also has seen decline in beach attendance. They suggested that the beach be closed when it rains to save funds by not paying staff to sit inside gate house with no kids there. They also suggested that we advertise to get more people to attend the beach because many area residents outside the village do not know we have a beach. The beach program is important for our area and we need to get people excited about it.

Samantha Wysocki Hallett said she wasn't here to complain but wanted to know what she could do to help make Cassadaga better. There is not much for young children to do in the area and is willing to help in anyway.

Attorney Mike Norris stated that municipalities are not allowed to solicit donations. The only way the state comptroller's office allows funding is through taxation. We can accept money from a 501(C)3 organization for a particular item.

Mayor Lazarony commented that it is sad and hurtful what comments are posted on facebook or other social media and hopes in the future that people would contact a board member if they have a question or concern.

#### **RESOLUTION # 73**

##### **APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Trustee Lehnen moved, second by Trustee Slaven to approve the Financial Statement for May 20, 2015. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	<b>\$181,143.23</b>
<b>WATER FUND:</b>	<b>\$231,597.29</b>
<b>RESERVE CVFD:</b>	<b>\$ 26,059.51</b>
<b>RESERVE DPW</b>	<b>\$ 25,353.13</b>
<b>RESERVE BLDG</b>	<b>\$ 30,345.03</b>
<b>RESERVE WATER REP.</b>	<b>\$ 9,010.02</b>
<b>RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$393,038.34</b>

#### **RESOLUTION # 74**

##### **APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Trustee Lehnen, second by Trustee Frick to pay bills as per the Abstract of May 20, 2015 and Payroll of May 22, 2015. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

<b>Abstract May 20, 2015 General cks.6928-6949</b>	<b>\$ 4,591.54</b>
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<b>Abstract May 20, 2015 Water cks.6928-6949</b>	<b>\$ 10,549.77</b>
<b>Payroll of May 22, 2015 General Fund ck. 4803</b>	<b>\$ 1,895.68</b>
<b>Payroll of May 22, 2015 Water direct deposit</b>	<b>\$ 1,798.08</b>

**Being no further business, Trustee Kalfas moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Slaven at 8:00 PM. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Roxanne Astry  
Clerk Treasurer**





