

**May 27, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on May 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Trustees Bill Astry, Cindy Flaherty and Rachyl Krupa. Absent: Deputy Clerk Bonita Mazzone, Trustee Theresa Seibert, and Supt. of Public Works Sam Alaimo.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**RESOLUTION # 65**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Astry second by Trustee Krupa to approve the minutes of May 13, 2020. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

**RESOLUTION # 66**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**GUESTS**-John Sipos, Village Historian asked the board if the Village wide Lawn sales are still allowed. The Board did not see any reason why not.

**ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI'S REPORT**-Absent

- Has not heard from Attorney for Pomfret about Town of Pomfret Water Agreement.

**MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT:**

**Updates:**

**Item #1 Boat Parade**, I thought it was a great success and made front page news!!! Very creative Cindy, thanks for all you do.

**Item #2 (Update)**

- Local laws review – Next meeting TBD due to Covid-19 delays.

**Item #3 (Update-(Chautauqua Hilltop Organic & Eden Valley Organics Letters)**

- Letter was issued to Eden Organics on May 15<sup>th</sup> by me did not receive a response.
- Ryan Burlingame confirmed manure has been spread on 5/26 and was chicken manure (picture with feathers). This was adjacent to his driveway on a day that was 80 degrees.
- There has been no further information from the village attorney on additional options

**New Correspondence:**

**Item # 4 (Dunkirk Observer)**

- Observer Article “County Government Boards Praised, Criticized for Openness.”
- Giving the Cassadaga Village Board an ‘F’ was based on the premise that “Meetings now are being done remotely”.
- This premise is false because remote meetings are not mandatory, but optional if we meet the requirement of social distancing, which we have. In addition, we have not implied restriction of public attendance in any way that I am aware of.
- Therefore, the conclusions of the study done by the New York Coalition for Open Government are false. This was confirmed by the Village Attorney Joe Calimeri in an e-mail on 5/26.
- I am in the process of composing a letter to the Dunkirk observer and the NYCOG to point this out and ask them to retract the results or do the study over.
- What is the boards opinion? Agreed.

**Item # 4**

- Letter from “Time for Homes” pass around if anyone has an interest in connecting with this organization.

**CLERK TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:**

- Reported that the tax roll and taxes have been picked up and need resolution on issuing Tax Warrant.
- Reported that she did a Zoom Meeting with clerks in County today and PJ Wendel spoke.
- Attended webinar on Comprehensive Plan today. Very informative and committee has been having Zoom meetings weekly. All members were able to attend the webinar. We are very lucky to have such dedicated individuals on the Planning Board working on this because at webinar consulting fees start at \$20,000 if we were to have this done by outsiders.
- New fobs for doors were installed and passed out to board members.
- Reported that the So. Tier Triathlon for June 3<sup>rd</sup> has been cancelled.
- Was wondering if we shouldn’t postpone Public Hearing for ZBA to later date with limited attendees prohibited.

**RESOLUTION # 67**

**ISSUE TAX WARRANT**

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to issue Tax Warrant in the amount of \$132,304.90, Unpaid Water of \$8106.90 Total of 140,411.80.

**VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**RESOLUTION # 68**

**RESCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TO REMOVE ZBA MEMBER**

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Astry to Reschedule Public Hearing to remove Matt Cassatt from the ZBA because he no longer resides

in the Village or responded to 3 previous requests for letter of resignation on July 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**DEPUTY CLERK MAZZONE REPORT: Absent**

**SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SAM ALAIMO'S REPORT: Absent**

- Trustee Astry reported that they have been working on the Storage Building on Maple Ave.
- Rob has been picking up leaves and brush and will be putting out schedule in water bills. They will not be picking up pine trees larger than a Christmas tree. Also suggested that we put it on webpage and facebook.

**TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT**

- He has been getting quotes for new man door going into fire hall because it is all rusted out. He recommends removing the step and lowering the door. He has 1 quote and will get another one. He figures that Sam and Rob could help to cut costs on installation.
- Zoning fees were reviewed on his recommendations but he wants to go over them with Wendy; Building Code Enforcement Officer to see her recommendations.

**TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT:**

- The CBC had 13 volunteers plant flowers at Ames Common and Ryan Burlingame and Mark Wilson got picnic tables out at beach.
- The beach gate has been open during the day and signs up on playground at your risk.
- She is working on a schedule for the beach so it can be opened and still keep it safe on social distancing. She has received 3 lifeguard applications.
- The first concert in June has been cancelled and the first Concert will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> with Big Tone.
- The Art Council awarded \$ 500 for concerts.
- The CLA is planning a Boat Parade at night on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Lakes End marina would like to donate docks to Village, CLA and Watershed Conservancy. She will see if they are worth saving.

**TRUSTEE SEIBERT'S REPORT: Absent**

**TRUSTEE KRUPA'S REPORT:**

- She stated that we need to get top soil for Ames Common before flowers are planted next year.

**RESOLUTION # 69**

**APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Trustee Krupa moved, second by Trustee Astry to approve the Financial Statement for May 27, 2020. Also noted was that a prepaid check was made for payment for truck for Fire Dept. for \$20,000. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 219,969.92
WATER FUND	\$ 160,981.69
RESERVE CVFD EQUIPMENT	\$ 20,365.54
RESERVE DPW	\$ 27,686.76
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$ 50,160.26
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$ 247,076.89

**RESOLUTION # 70**

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Trustee Krupa, second by Trustee Astry to pay the following: VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Payroll of May 29, 2020 General Cks: 5516-5518	\$ 3,219.44
Payroll of May 29, 2020 Water Cks: Direct Dep.	\$ 2,272.30
Abstract of May 27, 2020 General Cks: 8864-8881	\$ 15,015.16
Abstract of May 27, 2020 Water Cks: 8864-8881	\$ 9,968.58

Being no further business, Trustee Flaherty moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Krupa at 8:05 PM. VOTE: VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Astry  
Clerk Treasurer





