

January 11, 2023

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on January 11, 2023, to hear comments from the public on proposed Local Law 1 of 2023, it is the intent of the Local Law to allow the Village of Cassadaga to expand the residency requirements of appointed officials as authorized pursuant to Village Law Section 3-300. Mayor Dorman called the hearing to order at 6:30PM. Trustees present included Bill Astry, Mark Wilson and Cathy Cruver. Absent: Trustee Cindy Flaherty. Also in attendance were Attorney Joe Calimeri and Deputy Clerk Annette McChesney.

Guests included John Sipos, 5 Pennington Place, and Nancy Wickmark, 39 Pettit Place.

RESOLUTION #1

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee Astry moved to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Cathy Cruver. AYES: 3 AYES. 0 NAYS.

The following Local Law as proposed:

Expansion of Residency Requirements for appointed Village officials

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Cassadaga to expand the residency requirements of appointed officials as authorized pursuant to Village Law Section 3-300.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to Section 10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and Village Law Section 3-300(2) which authorizes the enactment of a local law by the Village Board of Trustees to expand the residency requirements of appointed officials within villages in the State of New York.

Section 3. Expansion of Residency Requirements

The Village Board in and for the Village of Cassadaga, County of Chautauqua, hereby enacts this local law to authorize the expansion of the residency requirements for the office of appointed officials within the Village so that such appointed person or persons may reside within the Townships of Stockton, Pomfret, Arkwright, and Charlotte.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State

Comments made: Trustee Astry stated that he heard a concern from Ryan Burlingame that all appointed officials could be nonresident of village. Discussion held among Trustees. Trustee Cruver questioned whether we could put preference on a village resident. Trustee Astry stated that an outside resident does not have any skin in the game or pay village taxes. Attorney Calimeri stated that it is common for small municipalities to open residency requirements because of shortage of qualified residents or lack of interest. It was consensus that we would hope that elected officials would appoint residents first and only appoint residents that are looking out for the best interest of the community.

No comments were made from the public.

RESOLUTION # 2

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee Astry moved, seconded by Trustee Wilson to close the public hearing at 7:00PM. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Trustee astry moved to adjourn at 7:00PM, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

**Roxanne Astry
Clerk Treasurer**