

September 23, 2020

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on September 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM with Deputy Mayor Bill Astry presiding. Trustees present included Trustees Cindy Flaherty, and Rachyl Krupa. Also, in attendance were Supt. Of Public Works Sam Alaimo and Deputy Clerk Bonita Mazzone. Absent: Mayor William Dorman.

Pledge of Allegiance

**RESOLUTION # 130
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty second by Trustee Krupa to approve the minutes of September 9, 2020. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

**RESOLUTION # 131
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

GUESTS:

Tonia and Mark Wilson submitted their Year End Report 2020 on the activities held in Cassadaga by Wilson Endurance Sports. They also presented a check for \$150 for bathrooms at beach.

Historian John Sipos, 5 Pennington Road gave brief report that he found information that the Fire Department was established in 1893 and pieces of land with owner's names were listed where they would fight fires.

Fire Chief Bob Frank thanked the Village Board for their support and gave monthly report for August: EMS Calls-30, MVA Calls-3, Fire Calls-2, Service Calls-3 and Mutual Aid given 29 times with total man hours for month-171.5. He also stated that he would like the old rescue truck declared surplus and have it put out to auction and proceeds to be put in the CVFD Fire Eq. Reserve Fund. Sam Alaimo stated he could put it on Auctions International and should put minimum bid on it.

**RESOLUTION # 132
DECLARE M-TRUCK AS SURPLUS**

Trustee Krupa moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to declare the 1996 Ford M-Truck as surplus and put it on Auctions International. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

**RESOLUTION # 133
APPROVE FUNDS FOR CVFD RESERVE**

Trustee Krupa moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to put funds received from sale of 1996 M-Truck into the Reserve for Cassadaga Fire Department equipment. VOTE: 4 AYES.

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI'S REPORT:

- He forwarded email from Town of Pomfret for Water contract.

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT: Absent

- By the request of Mayor Dorman in his absence Deputy Mayor Astry appointed Mark Wilson as Village Trustee for the unexpired term left vacant from Theresa Seibert's resignation until next village election November 2021. Mark Wilson was sworn in by Clerk Treasurer Roxanne Astry.

CLERK TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:

- Arbor Day Celebration is planned for October 3rd starting at the beach at 9:00 AM with a Walk/Run sponsored by Wilson Endurance, 10:00 Ceremony and planting of tree in Memory of Emmaline Wilcox, 11:00 tour and walk of Cassadaga Nature Park. She reported that Nate Morey from NYS D.E.C will be in attendance and recognize Cassadaga as a Tree City USA member.
- ZBA Meeting October 19, 2020 to hear Special Use Permit for permanent status for Red House, 91 Frisbee Road.
- She reported that we received request from Town of Pomfret Attorney on revisions to proposed water contract. They propose that we bill them quarterly instead of monthly to coincide with them billing their water customers on a quarterly basis. She explained this would be difficult as their quarters would not coincide with our Fiscal Year beginning in June and ending in May and we are on an accrual basis. This would also interfere with our cash flow for the village to wait for payment from their customers. Another change is that they want to change the \$190.00 debt service to impose charges to solely to the cost of improvements that service the assembly. Previous to our Capital Water project customers outside the village limits were charged 50% more than inside village limits. In consideration of our Capital Project the Village Board voted at the time of new billing rates and debt service it was decided to treat all customers equally including Lily Dale and Job Corp. Further discussion will be held with our attorney.

DEPUTY CLERK MAZZONE REPORT:

- She reported that she invited County Legislature Mark Odell and Senator George Borrello to Arbor Day Celebration.

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SAM ALAIMO'S REPORT:

- He voiced his concerns of allowing volunteers to man the compost pile. When he was hired the compost pile was out of control. The village tried for years to clean it up and failed and he made it go away. It ended up being a dump site and not a compost pile with

- people dropping off tree trunks, metals, cans, plastics, etc. He persuaded Tri James to remove over 300 loads for free and St. George ground up what was left at a cost. The village decided to fence in the area and purchase a wood-chipper and leaf vacuum so we did not recreate the mess we had. His concern is that if it is opened for residents to drop off themselves, they could include concrete, rocks, plastic, roof shingles like he has found when they pick up limbs, branches, leaves and grass clippings. He explained that there are just 2 of them in the DPW and they have many other projects and duties to do besides pick up leaves and branches and do the best they can. Many times, after they pick up branches and limbs residents put more out later that day or the next day.
- They have continued work on drainage from Stockton Hill that drains behind Fredrickson Builders. Some of the pipes were packed full of sand and debris so water would not flow.
 - Sam reported that Kravit's Tree Removal will remove the 2 trees on High Street at cost of \$1600. Waiting to hear on determination about trees in Right of Way.

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT-No Report

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT:

- She wrote up possible plans on how Halloween could be conducted in the village. It was decided to wait and see what other area towns are doing before we make determination.
- She is wondering what can be done on all the signs that have been put up in Ames Common without permission. She was instructed to remove them and give to Sam to store.
- She reported that the beach has been terribly busy with many people using it. Pickle Ball has been a huge success and basketball court has been used a lot. There will be designated times for pickle ball and basketball so there is no conflict. Times will be posted on the court.
- She thanked Bill for repairs at Gazebo and having Thorp Electric look into putting lights up for colored bulbs.
- She checked on cost of new steps at basketball court and it would cost \$2500 so they will plan on next year. Would also like to see another light at court.
- She asked Sam about where the new snowflakes will go, he responded they will be all on Main Street.
- She would like to see a microphone used at our meeting so everyone can hear better. She will investigate cost.
- She would like to investigate cost of text alert system for Cassadaga.

TRUSTEE KRUPA'S REPORT:

- She stated that she would be willing to help with mowing and trimming at Ames Common. Discussion held about hiring summer help next year.

TRUSTEE WILSON REPORT:

- He likes the idea of lighting at the basketball court and would like to see bathrooms kept unlocked while beach is opened. Discussion held and it was decided to see what cost of portable johns would be so our bathrooms would not be vandalized.

RESOLUTION # 134

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Krupa to approve the Financial Statement for September 23, 2020. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 225,536.19
WATER FUND	\$ 52,011.76
RESERVE CVFD EQUIPMENT	\$ 20,400.48
RESERVE DPW	\$ 27,735.23
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$ 50,177.12
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$ 251,970.38

RESOLUTION # 135

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL

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

Payroll of Sept. 18, 2020 General Cks: 5578-5587	\$ 7,045.83
Payroll of Sept. 18, 2020 Water Cks: 5578-5587	\$ 2,203.00
Abstract of Sept. 23, 2020 General Cks: 8987-9004	\$ 6,624.28
Abstract of Sept. 23, 2020 Water cks: 8987-9004	\$ 2,520.80

Being no further business, Trustee Flaherty moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Krupa at 8:36 PM. VOTE: VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Astry
Clerk Treasurer

