

**September 25, 2024**

**The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on September 25, 2024, at 7:00PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Bill Astry, Cathy Cruver, and Cindy Flaherty. Also present were Attorney Joe Calimeri, Clerk Annette McChesney and Deputy Clerk Roxanne Astry. Absent were Trustee Danna DuBois, and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Alaimo.**

**RESOLUTION # 147**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve the minutes of September 11, 2024, with the following corrections: Trustee Cindy Flaherty was absent, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**RESOLUTION # 148**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.**

**GUESTS & COMMENTS:**

**John Sipos, Historian, Pennington Road, Deb Metzger, Maple Avenue, Judith Garncarek, Dale Drive, Rudy Abersold, Putnam Road, Nancy Wickmark, Pettit Place, Jeff Frick, Maple Avenue**

**John Sipos – He wanted to thank the board of trustees for doing a great job. He knows you can't please everyone but he's happy with what's been happening in the village. He's pleased with the placement of the speed sign on Dale Drive, but it was noted that at night when the car lights reflect off the speed limit sign the 3 looks like an 8.**

**Rudy Abersold – He recently attended a NY Forward Safety Committee meeting and was concerned that road repairs have not yet been made to known safety issues along the shoulders of Frisbee and Lakeview**

**Jeff Frick – he was concerned after reading minutes from prior meetings about the village moving forward with new projects like museums and bathrooms at the ballfields, etc when they are already behind on current ongoing projects such as the storage building on Maple Avenue. He was also concerned with the burden to taxpayers for these projects as well**

**Deb Metzger – she brought in a collection of large rocks that had been placed along the road next to her property today while she was gone, approximately 3'x 22' and was very concerned that there was no need for them to be used when pea gravel had been used in the past. She was very concerned with how they will affect her mowing and all the landscaping she's done. She wanted the board to take immediate action to have it removed. Trustee Flaherty had seen the work on her way to the meeting and thought it looked good and stated that the pea gravel washes away so that's why it wasn't used.**

Per trustee Flaherty, the village right of way is actually 10' so the DPW is doing their best to fix the shoulders and not impede too far into properties along Lakeview.

**ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI REPORT - No Report**

**MAYOR DORMAN – No Report**

**CLERK MCCHESENEY'S REPORT**

- She reported that she has emailed a couple training dates for Planning and Zoning Board members, there a a couple signed up so far but if any other members would like to attend, please let her know asap
- She also reported that she should be able to complete the State Comptroller's audit tomorrow, now that she has the fixed asset list back
- She brought in a material invoice for gravel for road repairs and wanted to make sure the board approved the purchase prior to putting it on the abstract for the meeting, she also wanted to confirm going forward with purchases for road materials that they are not being subject to needing prior approval above \$ 1,500.00, these materials are part of the streets budget
- She wanted to make sure the board had received the emails she forwarded for the FEMA flood draft and the Zoom meeting with George Borello, they all had

**RESOLUTION # 149**

**APPROVAL INVOICE PAYMENT FOR ROAD MATERIAL**

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve paying the invoice from HH Rauh Paving in the amount of \$3,548.83, seconded by Trustee Cruver. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

**DEPUTY CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT**

- She reported that she attended a NY Forward committee meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> and has a meeting tomorrow with the Senior Housing committee to meet with a developer to look at properties around the village and get some ideas

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. BATHHOUSE AT BEACH**

- Trustee Astry reported that the new National Grid power pole has been ordered, and the bathhouse is moving along

**2. FUTURE WATER PROJECT UPDATES**

- Clerk McChesney reported that the Request for Qualifications for an engineer for the future water project still needs to be completed, she is working on a date with the committee, there's still plenty of time

**3. HYDRANT PROTECTION/CEMENTS BLOCKS 16 S. MAIN ST.**

- Mayor Dorman reported that he had spoken with Sam and the tentative date of completion was last Friday, but it looks like it may have had to be rescheduled, unsure of the reason at this time

#### **4. PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

- Clerk McChesney and Nancy Wickmark reported that all of the information has been input in the data spreadsheets, Nancy is just waiting for Dan Delcamp, Zoning Officer, to review final draft of zoning information

#### **5. FIRE DEPARTMENT MAN DOOR REPLACEMENT**

- Trustee Astry stated that they are just waiting for the contractor to get it on their schedule so he can coordinate with them, Trustee Cruver inquired on instead contacting a member of the department to assist in getting this done, Trustee Astry was unsure of who to contact at this time

#### **6. NY FORWARD COMMITTEE**

- Nancy Wickmark, Chair, reported that they are in the process of pulling together all of the data from the individual committees to submit the grant application, They have reviewed and will continue to work on feasibility studies, costs sheets, future operational costs, etc. If the village is awarded the NY Forward grant, there will be a lot of work that goes into development, operation, implementation, sustainability of projects and so on

#### **7. HIGH STREET ROAD CONDITIONS**

- Trustee Astry reported that the end of the driveway has been repaired at 41 High Street, if it doesn't maintain then may have to consider digging up that section and replacing the drain, he feels it should last

#### **8. FRISBEE & LAKEVIEW ROAD CONDITIONS**

- Trustee Astry reported, as previously discussed, the DPW is working on the shoulders currently

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. HALLOWEEN HOURS**

- Trustee Flaherty confirmed that Trick or treating will be on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup> 5-7pm as it is every year, there will also be a Costume parade, with prizes, at the firehall immediately following
- Clerk McChesney reported that she spoke with AJ Witkowski, owner of Wit's Convenience (VP Racing Fuel) they will also be hosting a Trunk or Treat event during trick or treating hours and will also have a kid friendly haunted house in the back building, more details to follow soon

#### **SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: SAM ALAIMO REPORT-Given by Trustee Astry**

- He reported that Sam and Bianca spent about 2-1/2 hours removing a large tree branch that fell across Maple Avenue, it also damaged a headstone, he did make the Cemetery Association aware
- He also reported that the DPW has received loads of sand, salt, and gravel with the use of neighboring townships dump trucks under shared services' to haul the material, with no trucking charge

- Sam and Bianca have been mowing as well
- There was another backup recently in the community room restrooms, Sam has requested quotes from multiple plumbing contractors to either sleeve the pipes, which would entail a few cuts in the floor and lining the insides of the pipes, or replacing them, which would entail a lot of floor demolition to get to the pipes

### TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT

- He reported that he and John Nietupski looked into running electricity to the ballfields, it doesn't appear to be a \$85,000.00 major undertaking as previously thought, just a trench and wire, he will get an estimate together to bring to the board

### TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT – She gave the final beach report as follows:

Beach Report 2024- Beach attendees during regular beach hours - **3024**

(2023 – 3115) (2022 – 3624) (2021 - 2978) (2020 – 3153) (2019 -3298)

- Event attendance *estimated* total – **1980** (not counting Wilson Endurance Sports events)
  - CAP Run - 70
  - Strawberry Social – 200
  - The Untouchables (moved to fire hall) - 150
  - OsbornNash - 350
  - Worship on the Beach - 200
  - Rustic Ramblers - 250
  - Midnight Recovery - 200
  - Uncle Ben's Remedy - 250
  - Furious George (moved to Legion) - 200
  - Community Picnic - 50
  - Moonlight Paddle – 60
  - Plus Triathlons (3), trainings, Kids Triathlon, KBR Triathlon, Cassadaga Man – 750 participants plus spectators and volunteers – approximately 950 total.

**Estimate - 6000 people at the beach this summer!**

- Swim lessons – 62
- Vandalism/incidents – 0
- Injuries - 0
- rescues – 0
- Recreation – The Wrap 3 times, Sinclairville Rec. 2 times

THANK YOU:

- Bill Astry – ongoing work on the bath house and other emergencies.
- CBC - preservative to Floating Stage.
- DPW – grounds upkeep.

- Annette & Rox – continued assistance.
- Tammie Wichlasz and family – great job as beach director and much more.
- Lifeguards & Rec. Attendants – great job!
- Village residents - donations of over \$400 in cans.
- Red House – donation from Polar Dip that went to the Waldameer Trip.

**TRUSTEE CRUVER’S REPORT**

- She reported that she is still working on a project and planning process to see how it can help with the communication aspect on ongoing projects, but she’s not prepared to present on it yet

**TRUSTEE DUBOIS’ REPORT - Absent**

**RESOLUTION # 150**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve financial report for September 25, 2024, seconded by Trustee Astry VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 9/25/2024	\$	368,989.35
WATER FUND 9/25/2024	\$	61,746.20
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$	20,979.97
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$	12,490.71
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$	50,378.07
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$	363,506.97

**RESOLUTION # 151**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to approve bills & payroll as follows, seconded by Trustee Flaherty VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

PAYROLL General Fund, 9/27/24	cks: 6088-6095	\$	8,653.71
PAYROLL Water Fund, 9/27/24	cks: 6088-6095	\$	1,683.75
ABSTRACT September 25, 2024	General Cks: 10233-10242	\$	5,177.40
ABSTRACT September 25, 2024	Water Cks: 10233-10242	\$	3,255.55

**RESOLUTION # 152**

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Cruver at 7:46 PM. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette McChesney  
Clerk Treasurer