

September 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on September 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Trustees Bill Astry, Cindy Flaherty, and Rachyl Krupa. Also, in attendance were Attorney Joe Calimeri and Deputy Clerk Bonita Mazzone.

Pledge of Allegiance

RESOLUTION # 123

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Astry second by Trustee Krupa to approve the minutes of August 26, 2020. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

RESOLUTION # 124

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GUESTS: Historian John Sipos, 5 Pennington Road wanted to recognize Trustee Cindy Flaherty for being the “Sparkplug” for all the eventful summer activities held during the pandemic.

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI’S REPORT:

- **He reported that as he has not heard from Attorney Jeff Passafaro regarding the Town of Pomfret/Lily Dale Water contract.**

MAYOR DORMAN’S REPORT:

Updates:

- **None**

New Correspondence:

- **Melissa Rose tree issue:**
 - **Met with Melissa Rose 9/2/2020 to address concerns about a tree on Village property felt to be a hazard. This meeting was in response to a phone call from her on 8/31/2020.**
 - **Asked Melissa to put her complaint in a letter to the village board before the next board meeting (9/9/2020)**
 - **Invited Lori Brockelbank to also meet for her professional opinion on the health of the tree in question.**
 - **Lori concurred that the tree needs to be removed, especially since the upcoming weather and the weakened base of the tree puts the next-door neighbor’s house at high risk.**
 - **Called Sam Alaimo to see if he could get quotes so we could decide.**

- As of 9/9/2020 Village Board meeting, a letter had not been received, however a resolution was passed to deal with the issue based on a verbal complaint and the meeting with the complainant.
- **Trustee open position:**
 - Letter received from Sue Asquith who is interested
 - Letter from Mark Wilson who is interested.
 - How do we want to proceed from here? The Mayor will make the appointment at next meeting.
- Letter advertising Covid-19 Testing Services
- Letter from Lakeshore Employee Testing Services
- Copy of letter sent to John Griffith by Fire Chief Bob Frank regarding mutual aid calls.

CLERK TREASURER ASTRY REPORT:

- She reported that we received letter from Cassadaga Library for our budgeted funds to them.
- She reported that she has prepared a letter of protest to the NYS Unemployment for benefits of Amanda Fox. She has sent letters of protest previously stating that an elected official should not receive benefits when they no longer choose to run for public office. She has spoken to NYS Dept. of Labor and was advised to pay claims until a letter of acknowledgement has been determined.
- Discussion held previously whether to bill Amanda Fox for loss of master key that was not returned resulted in having to change all locks in the village. Should I send bill?
- She reported that a ZBA meeting will be held on October 19, 2020 to determine the temporary Special Use Permit given on May 20, 2019.
- 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION # 125

BILLING FOR COST OF NEW LOCKS

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa to bill Amanda Kalfas Fox for cost of replacing all locks and keys for loss of master key in the amount of \$ 1477.53. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

DEPUTY CLERK MAZZONE REPORT: No report

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SAM ALAIMO'S REPORT: Absent-Report given by Trustee Astry.

- They have continued work on drainage from Stockton Hill that drains behind Fredrickson Builders.
- Sam has received 3 bids for tree removal at 33 High Street. Kravit's Tree Removal bid \$ 900, Great Lake Tree Removal bid \$ 1900 and Meyer Tree Removal bid \$ 950. Sam is going to see if Kravit's will remove tree at 35 High Street also at total cost of \$1600.
- They have been working in Sinclairville doing Shared Services.

RESOLUTION # 126

TREE REMOVAL ON HIGH STREET

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Krupa to accept bid for tree removal 33 High Street from Kravit's Tree Removal at cost of \$ 900 and if price negotiation is accepted to also remove tree at 35 High Street at total cost of \$ 1,600. VOTE 3 AYES.

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT

- He installed window at gatehouse at beach per request.
- He looked at gazebo floor where board is rotted out. The rubber flooring can be disassembled and laid back down after boards are replaced. He can do this at cost not to exceed \$ 500.

RESOLUTION # 127

REPAIR FLOOR IN GAZEBO

Trustee Flaherty moved, second by Trustee Krupa to have Bill Astry repair floor at cost not to exceed \$ 500.00. VOTE: AYES; FLAHERTY, KRUPA AND MAYOR DORMAN. ABSTAIN; TRUSTEE ASTRY

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT:

- She reported that there has been an attendance of \$ 1,250 people at the Concert Summer Series.
- There has been 600 people in attendance/participants in the Triathlon series.
- Labor Day festivities went well
- Sam and Rob installed bench at beach in memory of Jim Holton.
- Upcoming events are:
Chicken BBQ Sept. 12th at Legion
Moonlight kayaking at 7 PM on Sept. 12th
KBR (kayaking, bicycle, run) on Sept. 19th
- She reported that better weed trimming at beach and Ames Common needs to be implemented. She has been doing it and should be done by DPW. Garbage cans also need to be emptied more often at Ames Common and Beach.
- She reported that next year the Cassadaga Lakes Association will do 3 weed cuttings to help with the abundance of weeds.
- Halloween was discussed and Attorney Calimeri stated that the Department of Health will be setting up guidelines to follow.

- **TRUSTEE KRUPA'S REPORT:**
- She asked if Trustee Astry talked to Sam Alaimo on the compost pile having volunteer's man it. He has not had a chance yet to talk about it. They will be doing branch and leaves on Sept. 14th.
- Thanked Trustee Astry for putting window in at gatehouse and Trustee Flaherty for great job at beach and summer activities.
- Discussion held on high grass in number of properties in village. Clerk Astry said she will talk to Zoning Officer Ensalaco to see if he has written letters.

RESOLUTION # 128

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustee Astry moved, second by Trustee Flaherty to approve the Financial Statement for August 31, 2020 and September 9, 2020. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND: Aug. 31	\$ 241,147.14
WATER FUND Sept. 9	\$ 56,144.08
GENERAL FUND Sept. 9	\$ 234,953.27
WATER FUND Sept. 9	\$ 54,005.86
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 # 129

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND PAYROLL

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

Payroll of Sept. 4, 2020 General Cks: 5570-5576	\$ 6,193.87
Payroll of Sept. 4, 2020 Water Cks: 5570-5576	\$ 2,138.22
Abstract of Sept. 9, 2020 General Cks: 8971-8985	\$ 2,196.97
Abstract of Sept. 9, 2020 Water cks: 8971-8985	\$ 2,631.50

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Krupa at 7:50 PM. VOTE: VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Astry
Clerk Treasurer

