

## VILLAGE OF CASSADAGA HISTORY

The first record of meeting of the Village Trustees was January 9, 1921.

These first meetings took place at the house (previously Kropat's Furniture store and now Medicor office Building) of C.G. Skiff who was their president.

There had been two bad fires in Cassadaga which had threatened many homes; one was Leland Knotts' box factory and the other was the barn and livery stable of Marion Dalrymple. These fires aroused the villagers for the need of adequate fire fighting equipment. This need and a means of raising money to buy the equipment led to the incorporation of the Village.

The Village Board was composed of four Trustees and a presiding officer known as the President; in July 1927 this title was changed to Mayor. The Trustees and presiding officer of the Board were elected to two year terms of office; the term starting on April 1 and ending March 31. The terms were extended to four year terms beginning March 2000. Beginning in 2019 the Village Elections were turned over to Chautauqua County to coincide with General Elections in November. New Officers take over in December of election year.

In 1928, the village water system was started. Major upgrades to the system began 2009 and completed in 2014. The upgrades included a new well, water tank, water treatment plant, booster station on High Street, water line replacements on Bard Road, High Street, Putnam Road, Maple Ave., and North Shore Park.

The following is a list of the presiding officers of the Village Board and their term of office.

C.G. Skiff – President	1921-1924	
Dr. McBeath – President	1924	resigned June 30, 1924
Albin Fredrickson – President	1924-1927	
Arthur P. Woods- President/Mayor	1927-1931	
W.P. O'Neil – Mayor	1931-1932	died October 1932
L. Bennett Smith – Mayor	1932-1940	
George Peck – Mayor	1940-1947	
Hugh Hall – Mayor	1947-1949	
Elmer Fox – Mayor	1949-1953	
Raymond G. Haines – Mayor	1953-1955	
Elmer Fox – Mayor	1955-1957	
Robert P. Page – Mayor	1957-1961	
Hugh Hall – Mayor	1961-1963	
Arnold Loucks – Mayor	1963-1964	
Clarence Merow – Mayor	1964-1969	also served as Trustee
Paul Salhoff – Mayor	1969-1973	

## Continued-Mayor

John M. Washington – Mayor	1973-1977	also served as Trustee
Kenneth E. Richardson – Mayor	1977-1979	also served as Trustee
Daniel L. Crandall – Mayor	1979-1989	
Robert G. Lancaster – Mayor	1989-1995	
Keith Kelley – Mayor	1995-1999	also served as Trustee
Michael Ferry – Mayor	1999-2005	also served as Trustee
Mary Jo Carlson – Mayor	2005-2009	also served as Trustee
Lee Ann Lazarony – Mayor	2009-2017	also served as Trustee
Mary Jo Carlson Bauer-Mayor	2017-2019	Resigned-May 2019
William Astry	2019	Appointed to fill vacancy
William Dorman	2019-	Elected Nov. 2019

The following is a list of the Trustees who served on the Village Board and their term of office.

Perle E. Richardson	1921-1923	
J.E. Pierpont	1921-1925	
Bernie C. Lewis	1921-1929	
Frank Miller	1921-1925	
C. H. Ames	1923-1925	
Merlin A. Briggs	1925-1927	1928-1932
Douglas Greenlund	1925-1928	1932-1938
Arthur P. Woods	1925-1927	also served as Mayor
Corydon Turner	1927-1929	
Willis A. Pond	1929-1947	
Delmar Fredrickson	1927-1933	1949-1953
Cecil Stanford	1929-1930	
L. Bennett Smith	1930-1932	also served as Mayor
G. D. Batterson	1932-1933	
Walter C. West	1933-1940	
George C. Peck	1933-1939	also served as Mayor
Archie Sprague	1938-1939	
Charles Ames	1939-1941	
James Wilcox	1939-1944	1946-1950
John Payne	1940-1945	
Hugh Hall	1941-1946	also served as Mayor
Ernest Freeburg	1944-1946	
Lavern Holtz	1945-1946	
John Washington	1946-1952	also served as Mayor
Harry McNeight	1947-1948	
Richard Mattoon	1947-1949	
Alfred W. Randall	1948-1949	
Clarence L. Abram	1949-1953	

W. Record Barris	1950-1956	
Joseph Henry	1952-1956	
Gerald L. Todd	1953-1955	
Gilbert Piersons	1953-1955	
Gillette Morgan	1955-1957	
Arvid H. Johnson	1955-1960	
Robert Straight	1956-1963	
William L. Runkle	1956-1960	
Lyman Wilcox Sr.	1957-1963	
Arnold Loucks	1960-1963	also served as Mayor
William Mikula	1960-1966	
John R. Fredrickson	1960-1961	
Maurice Richardson	1961-1963	
Clarence G. Merow	1963-1964	1977-87 also served as Mayor
Sheldon Abersold	1963-1967	
Paul Salhoff	1963-1969	also served as Mayor
William Blizzard	1964-1969	
Edward Goll Jr.	1966-1972	
Albert Olmstead	1967-1973	
Nels R. Johnson	1969-1973	
Kenneth E. Richardson	1969-1977	also served as Mayor
Joyce Josephson	1972-1976	
David England	1973-1977	
Irene A. Straight	1973-1975	1/1/76-4/1/76
Albert Bulger	1974-1/1/76	
Hugh Straight	1976-1/1/87	
George Kaltenbach	1976-1984	
Wallace F. Bulger	1977-1979	
Almet L. Josephson	1979-1981	
Lawrence Wilcox	1981-1/5/83	
Daniel Goede	1/18/83-1987	
Stanley Zembryski	1984-1990	
Max A. Cross	1987-1997	
Keith J. Kelley	1987-1995	also served as Mayor
Albert K. Holcomb	1987-1990	
Marie Martin	1990-2000	
Ward Washington	1990-1993	
John Pattison	1993-1998	
Pam Kaltenbach	1995-2001	
Thomas Zanghi	1997-1999	
Michael Ferry	1998-1999	also served as Mayor
Kevin Tyler	1999-2001	
Clinton Crandall	1999-2001	appointed 1999
Mary Jo Carlson	2000-2005	also served as Mayor
Sean Seibert	2001-2003	
Nancy Nord	2001-2005	

Raymond G. Haines	2001-2009	
Rodney Waite	2003-2013	
Lee Ann Lazarony	2005-2009	appointed, also served as Mayor
Jeff Frick	2005-2017	appointed/elected
Rudy Abersold	2009-2011	resigned
Michael Lehn	2009-2016	resigned
Ronald Dechard	2011-2015	
Valerie Culverwell	2011-2014	resigned
Joshua Slaven	2014-2015	appointed/resigned
Amanda Kalfas	2015-2019	
Bill Astry	2016-	appointed/elected-Mayor
Amber Hilliker	2016-2017	appointed
Cynthia Flaherty	2017-	
Theresa Seibert	2017-2020	Resigned
William Dorman	2019	appointed
Rachyl Krupa	2019-	
Mark Wilson	2019-	appointed

Villages Clerk is an appointed position, usually beginning new year in April

Webb Bulger	1921-1932	died
Walter C. West	1932-1952	resigned, also April-May 1957
John M. Washington	1952-1957	resigned
Geroge C. Scheffer	1957-1961	died
Norma Scheffer	1961-1962	(Dec-Feb) resigned
Warren Chase	1962-1963	(March-May) resigned
Grace Wilcox	1963-1967	April-Feb) (died)
Louise A. Page	1967-1990	April-May resigned
Roxanne C. Astry	1990-	June-