

June 26, 2024

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on June 26, 2024, at 7:00PM with Mayor William Dorman presiding. Trustees present included Bill Astry, Cindy Flaherty, Danna DuBois and Cathy Cruver. Also present were Clerk Annette McChesney and Deputy Clerk Roxanne Astry. Absent were Superintendent of Public Works Sam Alaimo and Attorney Joe Calimeri.

RESOLUTION # 95

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve the minutes of June 12, 2024, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 96

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Cruver to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee DuBois. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GUESTS & COMMENTS:

Patti Meckes spoke on behalf of the (CAWTILE) Citizens Against Wind Turbines in Lake Erie. Their members are contacting municipalities via email as well as in person and encouraging them to put in place a resolution to keep wind turbines out of Lake Erie. She spoke of the process of installing wind turbines in Lake Erie and the possible disturbance to wildlife that could occur. She also spoke of the inefficiencies of wind turbines that they feel may actually increase energy costs. Their information can be found online at cawtile.com

Susan Sipos, Pennington and John Sipos, Village Historian, spoke of the history of the 4th of July and the Declaration of Independence being issues by 13 colonies. He brought a copy of it as well and gave a brief history on the timeline of the colonies signing it, which began with the first on July 2nd and the last signature actually occurred on August 2nd. There were 200 copies made with only 26 remaining. A woman, Mary Katharine Goddard, who worked as a printer was the only female signature on it.

Kayleigh Furth and Owen Hooper, Carson Energy, Christopher Wichlacz, Tarbox Road, Nancy Wickmark, Pettit Place, Lauren Sharp, CCDPD

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI REPORT – Absent

- He emailed some questions which Mayor Dorman read:
 - He was looking for any update on 72 Lakeview and inquiring if the board wanted to move forward with a violation hearing, the board discussed, and it is believed the property recently sold so they will hold off taking action at this time
 - He also asked for any updates on the cement blocks at 16 S. Main, this will be discussed under old business

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT

- He read a letter he received from Sheila Kroon, that was missed at the last meeting, in regard to spending on another water improvement project and why the past project was not sufficient. Trustee Cruver recommended a letter be sent in response to explain that the last project was never completed and what the future project entails

Updates:

None

New Correspondence:

- NYS Senator George Borrello's office has extended an invitation for me to meet with him for lunch at the Three Lakes Café on July 23rd at noon. I plan on being there.
- The invitation extends as well to any of the board members or village officials able to be present and if so, I will give Kara Stimson a tentative list in advance.
- Attendance by members of the board is encouraged and is consistent with previous events of this nature whenever we are invited to show support of local businesses.

CLERK MCCHESENEY'S REPORT

- She reported that the tax and water bill payments are being processed, any bills paid on Tuesday, July 2nd will be processed on time as the village does not have office hours on Monday
- She reported that she and Rox will start working on the yearly state audit next month

DEPUTY CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT

- She reported that she recently attended a NY Forward committee meeting, a History Museum committee meeting, and will be attending a Senior Housing Committee meeting coming up

OLD BUSINESS

1. BATHHOUSE AT BEACH

- Trustee Astry brought a quote to upgrade and replace all electric service at the beach including new pole 200A service by gatehouse from new pole underground to: bathhouse 100A, outdoor disconnect w/ 8 spots-tie into existing circuits, 15A circuit to existing light in sand area, 20A circuit to new outlet w/in-use cover on pole in sand area, 2 new led pole lights, new outlets w/ in-use covers at new pole & old service pole, Wire bathhouse 110 water heater, 2 hand dyers and lights, upgrade power by stage for a total of \$17,235.00 with ARPA funds to be used, Trustee Astry did not receive any calls in return from any other electrical contractors he reached out to for quotes
- Plumbing updates-Trustee Astry stated that he, Sam and Biancca are working on finishing the outdoor plumbing, Trustee Flaherty asked on eta for completion and Trustee Astry thought 2-4 weeks. Chris Wichlacz questioned accurate timelines of projects never being completed such as the men's

restroom at the community building and the replacement of the man door for the firehall

RESOLUTION # 97

APPROVE ELECTRICAL WORK AT BEACH

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to proceed with electrical work as quoted at beach in the amount of \$17,235.00 using ARPA funds, seconded by Trustee Astry.

VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

2. FUTURE WATER PROJECT UPDATES

- Clerk McChesney reported that she just put in another legal notice for bond resolution as requested by engineers, no other updates at this time

3. CEMENTS BLOCKS 16 S. MAIN ST.

- Trustee DuBois brought in a quote from Fox Fence in the amount of \$4,326.92, for the bollards to be installed around the fire hydrant, discussion was had by Trustee Flaherty regarding the cement blocks being utilized once again in conjunction with the bollards, but Trustee Cruver and DuBois recommend removing them all together as they won't be necessary once the bollards are in place. Mayor Dorman had concerns with the bollard placement possibly affecting the future water line replacement on Main Street and recommended asking the engineer working on this project to review the bollard placement and give any recommendations, Trustee Cruver will reach out to Matt Zarbo to discuss. Nancy Wickmark bought up concerns with taxpayers having to pay for a different solution to the cement blocks because they weren't liked by the owner, Trustee DuBois concurred with her concerns to the taxpayers, Trustee Cruver made and then withdrew her motion to accept the quote pending a conversation with the engineer.

4. PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Clerk McChesney reported that she and Nancy Wickmark had put together a Letter of Intent, Mayor Dorman reviewed and signed and it was emailed today, the next steps will follow

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT MAN DOOR REPALCEMENT

- Trustee Astry reported that the door is around 2-3 weeks out still

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CARSON POWER PROPOSED SOALR DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION** given by Kayleigh Furth and Owen Hooper, handouts included, Trustee Flaherty and Cruver questioned if the solar panels would be visble from Frisbee Road and Bacheller Hill, Kayleigh stated they will be leaving 180' of trees so its very unlikely. The solar array itself would be located in the Town of Stockton, the 7 poles and secondary access driveway would be located in the village off of Frisbee. Trustee DuBois asked about battery storage onsite, but the Stockton Fire Department had already voiced concerns over response in case of a fire so

it was not included in the plans. Storm water runoff concerns were raised by Mayor Dorman and the rest of the board. Per state guidelines, the water that leaves after a development must be better than the water that was there initially. Susan Sipos brought up concerns over cutting down the trees and completely changing the landscape of the area and the beauty of the area for years to come. She also raised concerns of wildlife displacement. Trustee Astry brought up the anti-glare coating and concerns of pollution with run off. Life span and disposal was also discussed and possible decommissioning responsibilities in the future. All of these concerns, per Carson Energy representatives, are addressed in extensive studies, planning, and development prior to work starting, and are presented throughout the planning stages. Lauren Sharp with CCDPD asked questions regarding lines crossing Frisbee Road, which they will not, truck turn around at the site, which there will be, and where the main access road would be, which would be on Bacheller Hill with secondary on Frisbee Road

CASSADAGA SOLAR PROJECT

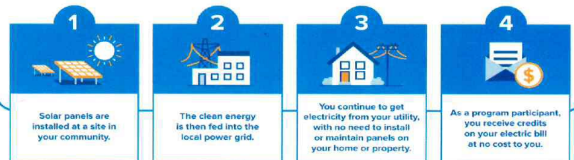


WHO WE ARE

- Established solar and storage developer with over 300 MW of projects in development across the country
- Committed to helping New York achieve 100% renewable electricity production by 2040

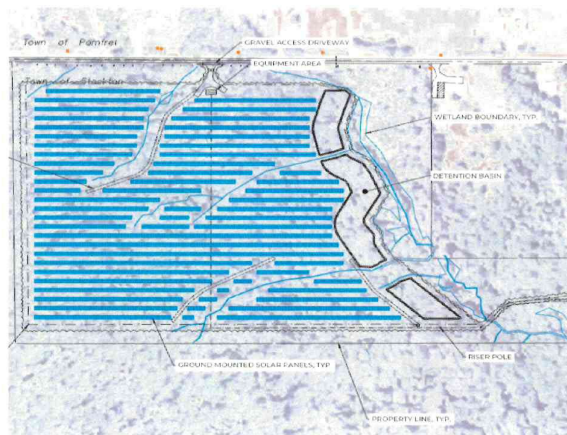
WHAT IS COMMUNITY SOLAR?

How Community Solar Works



PROJECT INFORMATION

- 5 MW Community Solar array
- Will produce energy locally for residents of the Town of Stockton & Village of Cassadaga
- Local community members will be offered priority access to subscribe
- Energy cost savings up to 10%
- Produces energy for approximately 800 homes annually
- The generated electricity will displace the emissions of 6,500 metric tons of CO2 or 750,000 gallons of gasoline annually



Questions?

please visit
carson-power.com



CONTACT & INFO



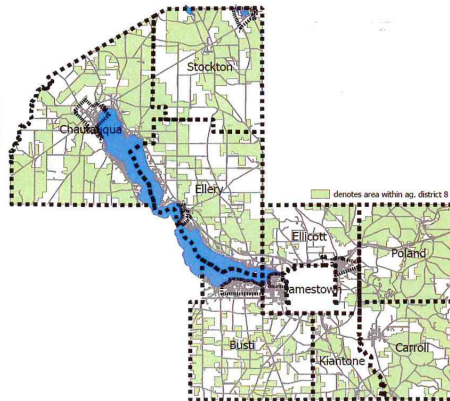
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2. **LAUREN SHARP CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REVIEW –** Handouts included, it's time for the 8 year review process for Ag district 8 which includes the Village of Cassadaga, there is currently no land enrolled in the ag district in the village. The village can take the time to review and recommend parcels to add or make no changes at all, will need a resolution, she will send draft. Trustee Flaherty asked about what the benefit is, and Lauren stated it is more a protection to the farmers against noise ordinances, fence setbacks etc. from local laws that allow farmers to gain exemptions, Trustee DuBois asked about the land in the village currently being farmed if its not in the ag district, the board also brought up concerns over manure being spread and the smells however these issues are protected by the county under the right to farm law. Trustee Flaherty asked about runoff concerns, but the DEC will typically not take action unless there is foaming activity meaning highly visible issues ongoing

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

AG. DISTRICT 8

8-YEAR REVIEW



AUGUST 1ST – 30TH

Towns of Busti, Carroll, Chautauqua, Ellery, Ellicott, Kiantone, Poland, & Stockton
City of Jamestown



Landowners may submit requests to ***add*** parcels of predominantly viable agricultural land or ***remove*** parcel(s).

More Info: bit.ly/CHQagdistrict



SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: SAM ALAIMO REPORT – Given by Trustee Astry

- He reported that the ballfields have signs that say pack out what you pack in but they are finding the garbage cans constantly overflowing and bags of dog waste thrown all around, Trustee Astry asked Clerk McChesney to send out a slick text to remind those pet owners to pick up the bags and dispose of properly
- He reported that Sam is going to get two more signs to remind pet owners to clean up after and dispose of the waste properly, one for the back ballfield and one for the beach
- He also reported Sam is going to get a padlock for the beach dumpster as people are filling it with their personal garbage daily, Trustee Cruver asked how often the garbage cans have to be dumped but Trustee Astry wasn't 100% sure, Trustee DuBois suggested that the seasonal employee can assist with emptying garbage cans since there's only a handful in the whole village, If there's no can or the can is full people are throwing their garbage on the ground, as she witnessed and cleaned up a couple weeks ago by the beach

TRUSTEE ASTRY'S REPORT- No Report

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT

- She reported that she will be contacting the Department of Health in the morning to go over the current status of the bathhouse and make sure the beach season can start on time
- She also reported that Cougar University wants to use the beach on 7/18/24 from 9-10:30am prior to swim lessons for around 35 kids, all the board was okay with that
- She reported the new owners Abbey and Jake of 3 Lakes Café had asked about having the parking lot by their business striped, so they have handicap parking and other parking designated, Trustee Astry stated that is already in the works
- She reported that Trustee Astry hung the plaques under the AED thanking the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation for the grant, and a few representatives came out today and took pictures
- She also reported that the US Department of Agriculture was in the village today working on goose remediation and will be back tomorrow
- Upcoming Events:
 - Lew Mead Memorial Youth Fishing Tournament June 29 @ 7-11:30am. DEC Boat Launch, Dale Drive
 - Beach Program begins June 29 @ noon, Lifeguards on duty 12-6pm
 - Beach trip to Nature Park July 3 @ 11:45am, Meet at Cassadaga Fire Hall
 - STTC Triathlon July 3 @ 5:45pm, Cassadaga Beach
 - Osbourne Nash (folk, pop) July 7 @ 5-7pm. Cassadaga Beach floating stage

TRUSTEE CRUVER'S REPORT

- She asked about road sign replacement schedule, Trustee Astry reported they are doing them as they can when they have time

- She had questions regarding garbage can placement and the cement blocks uptown, but both were previously discussed

TRUSTEE DUBOIS' REPORT

- She reported that she and Trustee Flaherty have been discussing the AED that has been used for the beach, a new battery was tested from another unit, but it is too old and will need to be replaced. For this year, the ballfield AED will be used for the beach as well until a replacement can be purchased, hopefully with a grant, Chris Wichlacz did offer the use of his AED if the last ball game of the season conflicts with the beach schedule
- She reported that the fire department is updating their member application and then it can be posted on the village website as well
- She also wanted to follow up on the cement blocks uptown, and she also questioned the discretionary spending of purchasing them in the first place, the procurement policy needs to be reviewed

RESOLUTION # 98

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve financial reports for June 26, 2024, seconded by Trustee Cruver VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 6/26/2024	\$ 379,822.27
WATER FUND 06/26/2024	\$ 147,967.55
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$ 20,969.54
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$ 12,484.50
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$ 50,365.55
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$ 363,327.96

RESOLUTION # 99

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to approve bills & payroll as follows, seconded by Trustee DuBois VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

PAYROLL General Fund, 06/21/2024	cks: 6037-6039	\$ 4,877.17
PAYROLL Water Fund, 06/21/2024	cks: 6037-6039	\$ 1,651.96
ABSTRACT June 26, 2024	General Cks: 10155-10171	\$ 14,740.91
ABSTRACT June 26, 2024	Water Cks: 10155-10171	\$ 3,744.14

RESOLUTION # 100

Being no further business, Trustee Astry moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Cruver at 8:51 PM. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette McChesney
Clerk Treasurer