

September 17, 2012

Board of Trustees

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Village of Celoron
Community Center

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Celoron, New York was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Keeney, Trustees Kogut, Mattison, Schrecengost and Young

Members Absent:

Others Present: Village Clerk-Treasurer Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC, Village Attorney John D. Vanstrom, Highway Superintendent Terry Schrecengost, 20 members of the public and Dennis Phillips of The Post Journal

Mayor Keeney called the meeting to order, asked the Clerk to call the roll and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Keeney thanked all those who had expressed concerns and offered their prayers during his recent illness. He said a special thank you to the Village staff and Board of Trustees for their efforts in moving several projects forward during his absence.

Mayor Keeney presented the following proclamation to Clerk-Treasurer Sanfilippo:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS On March 31, 2004, Shirley A. Sanfilippo fully demonstrated her professional competency as the first City Clerk in New York State (and the first Clerk in Chautauqua County) to obtain the Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation, and

WHEREAS Shirley A. Sanfilippo has expanded her personal and professional development with continuous educational opportunities, and

WHEREAS Shirley A. Sanfilippo attended the 57th NYCOM Fall Training School at Lake Placid, New York, from September 10-14, 2012, and

WHEREAS on September 11, 2012, the New York State Association of City and Village Clerks presented the unique 2012 Clerk of the Year Award to Shirley A. Sanfilippo in recognition of her extraordinary efforts and contributions to NYSACVC, and

WHEREAS on September 13, 2012, the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers awarded the distinguished Credentialed Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) designation to Shirley A. Sanfilippo for her successful completion of the stringent requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John M. Keeney, Mayor of the Village of Celoron, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and all Village of Celoron residents, do hereby congratulate and applaud the accomplishments of:

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SHIRLEY A. SANFILIPPO, MMC/CMFO

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Celoron to be affixed on this 17th day of September, 2012.

John M. Keeney
Mayor

Mayor Keeney read the following in recognition of a special man from the Village of Celoron:

Born in Jamestown, New York, James C. Matteson participated in school wrestling and was a Boy Scout. A natural athletic and leader, he was the star running back for Southwestern High School in Celoron, NY. He enlisted in the Army in 1998 and served in Bosnia, Egypt, Kosovo, and Germany before deploying to Iraq. Staff Sergeant Matteson was a 19D Scout in the vanguard of the drive to capture Fallujah. On November 11, 2004, under the cover of darkness, three of SSG Matteson's fellow scouts attacked an insurgent-held structure at a site called Objective Lion. Upon entering the building, all three scouts were hit by gunfire. SSG Matteson immediately threw a smoke grenade to provide concealment as he directed the evacuation of the scouts for medical treatment. He then provided suppressive fire allowing his men to launch a counter-attack on the building. The attack collapsed the structure, killing all the insurgents inside. SSG Matteson was killed the following morning in an ambush while leading his task force convoy. During the ambush, he dismounted his vehicle and proved direct suppressive fire against the enemy. This enabled his vehicles freedom of maneuver taking up advantageous firing positions. For his heroic actions he was awarded the Silver Star.

This building is dedicated in honor of SSG James C. Matteson. Dedicated on August 24, 2012 as Barracks for 1-81 Armor Battalion.

Applause from the audience.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pam Piazza, 219 N. Alleghany Avenue, commented on problems with traffic entering 10th Street, which is signed as a "Dead End". She asked about the placement of a "No Outlet" sign.

Mayor Keeney responded that the Village will look into it; however, any sign placed by the Village must meet New York State requirements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Young motioned, seconded by Trustee Mattison to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2012.

Carried: 5 ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – Trustee Kogut gave the report from the Code Enforcement Officer.

ANIMAL CONTROL – Deputy Mayor Schrecengost advised that the Rabies Clinic held on September 15, 2012 was a success. He thanked those who had helped with the clinic. He also updated the Board on the results of the recent court case regarding the seizure of a dog from Megan Tilyou. The Village has been experiencing problems with the Humane Society, which was advised by the Court of its decision. Attorney Vanstrom was directed to contact the Humane Society advising them that the Village would not take responsibility for any costs incurred after September 4, 2012 when the Court notification was received.

PARKS & RECREATION – Trustee Young – none

HIGHWAY AND EQUIPMENT – Trustee Mattison advised that Fall Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Highway Garage.

ZONING & PLANNING – Trustee Schrecengost – none

SANITATION – Trustee Mattison – none

BUSINESS – Trustee Kogut – none

CORRESPONDENCE – Clerk Sanfilippo reviewed the following correspondence:

1. News Release from NYCOM regarding increased pension costs.
2. Notification from Time Warner Cable of possible network changes.
3. News Release from NYS DEC regarding the opening day of lower fly fishing area on Salmon River.
4. Notification from Time Warner Cable regarding programming changes.
5. Invitation from Five Star Bank for reception.
6. News Release from NYS DEC regarding Columbus Day weekend youth deer hunt.

FINANCE – Entire Board/Clerk

Mayor Keeney asked for approval of Abstract #6 in the amount of \$42,913.50, Check #1591 thru 11605 dated August 14-31, 2012; Abstract #7 in the amount of \$24,110.49, Check #1606 thru 1536, dated September 1-17, 2012; and Trust & Agency Abstract #3 in the amount of \$19.98, dated September 17, 2012, Check #5018.

Trustee Mattison moved, seconded by Trustee Kogut to approve payment of the abstracts.

Carried: 5 ayes

AUDIT – Trustee Mattison – none

INSURANCE – Trustee Young – none

BUILDING – The Board discussed the renewal of the contract with DFT for alarm monitoring services. Clerk-Treasurer Sanfilippo advised that one other proposal had been received from ADT in the amount of \$1,293.27 per year for all three locations.

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Trustee Kogut moved, seconded by Trustee Mattison to approve the alarm contract renewal with DFT in the amount of \$342.00 per year.

Carried: 5 ayes

SPECIAL EVENTS – Trustee Mattison stated that the “Market in the Park” had ended. The Board reviewed the financial statement which showed the event had a net cost of \$54.45 to the Village.

RESOLUTIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Mayor Keeney moved, seconded by Trustee Kogut to go into Executive Session to discuss the proposed acquisition of real property.

Carried: 5 ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Began at 7:22 p.m.

No action was taken.

Mayor Keeney moved, seconded by Trustee Schrecengost to end the Executive Session.

Carried: 5 ayes

Ended at 7:40 p.m.

Trustee Mattison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mattison seconded the motion.

Carried: 5 ayes

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC/CMFO
Village Clerk-Treasurer