

September 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Village of Cassadaga was held on September 10, 2025, at 7:00PM, with Deputy Mayor Bill Astry presiding. Trustees present included Cindy Flaherty and Danna DuBois. Also present were Clerk Annette McChesney and Deputy Clerk Roxanne Astry. Absent were Mayor Bill Dorman, Trustee Cathy Cruver, Attorney Joe Calimeri, and Superintendent of Public Works Sam Alaimo.

RESOLUTION # 136

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve the minutes of August 27, 2025, seconded by Trustee DuBois. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

RESOLUTION # 137

APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH REVISIONS

Per Trustee DuBois Tim Cobb will not be in attendance at the meeting this evening, please remove from Agenda, A motion was made by Trustee DuBois to approve the agenda with revisions, seconded by Trustee Flaherty. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GUESTS: John Sipos-Village Historian, Matt Zarbo-Square Engineering for Water Project, Randy Carlson-Burnham

Village Historian John Sipos – Just west of the Cemetery used to be known as Burnhams but it was dissolved in December of 1942. At the Annual Chautauqua County Antique Equipment show this past summer he found a postmark for Burnhams dated October 17, 1898, for .02 cents, it was delivered at 9am on October 18th. Cemeteries used to be located at the edge of town but it's now actually in the middle of the Village. Also, he received a letter from the fire department for their annual fund drive and then later in the evening received a phone call from an individual who identified himself as Steve Sargent with the fire department, and he was looking for donations over the phone, he asked if this was legitimate, and it was confirmed that NO, the department does not solicit donations over the phones, just with their annual fund drive letters.

Matt Zarbo gave the board updates on the water project. See below, there was discussion on the current methane removal system and possible upgrades needed to deal with the iron issues vs. drilling a new well. The new well drill site was okay, but they may look into private land as well, they will keep the board posted. Trustee Flaherty questioned why the water taste had changed so much over the years, it was probably almost 25 years ago when the County Health Department mandated all water systems be treated with chlorine, the village had a waiver at one time, but they have not been permitted for many years. Upon project completion, the yearly debt service could be around \$380.00 per user depending on the grants received and the interest vs low interest long term financing, per Matt this would still be substantially less than most surrounding areas that average around \$1200-\$1400 per year per user. He also noted the outstanding invoices that Square Engineering has of costs incurred to date and would like the village to look into either paying out of their reserve account or getting the short-term financing, the short-term financing however could affect the interest rate on the total amount of long-term financing approved down the road. It was

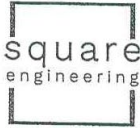
decided that a workshop should be held prior to next month's meeting to discuss it further once he has clearer dates available on closing for the EFC grant etc.

RESOLUTION # 138

APPROVAL TO HOLD WATER PROJECT WORKSHOP PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee DuBois to hold a water project workshop starting at 6pm, prior to the next meeting on September 24th, seconded by Trustee Flaherty.

VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.



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Village of Cassadaga Water Project Update September 10, 2025

1. Progress Update

a. Survey

- i. Field work has begun
- ii. Office mapping underway

b. Soil Borings

- i. Borings for water main and new treatment building completed.
- ii. Testing indicated some corrosive soils in the area (for ductile iron pipe). Will likely utilize PVC in areas or for the whole project.
- iii. Awaiting geotechnical report for new treatment building

c. Groundwater Investigations

- i. Test well drilled in early August
- ii. Preliminary water quality testing indicated acceptable quality, but higher iron and manganese. This would likely require sequestration. Existing building is already equipped for this. We plan to complete further testing to verify.
- iii. Early indications are that this should be a new viable well location for 100+ GPM.

d. Design

- i. Plans have been progressed based on aerial photography and publicly available data.
- ii. Awaiting survey to progress design further and meet with Sam in the field.

e. Grant Funding

- i. Current - \$5M EFC Grant and 0%/Subsidized Loan Package
- ii. Eligible for more EFC 0% interest loan – Will find out toward the end of the year
- iii. Applied for \$2M in CDBG grant funding – Will find out toward the end of the year

2. Next Steps

- a. Progress design
- b. Further groundwater testing
- c. Set up meeting with Same once survey is received

3. Critical Items

- a. Close on Short Term Financing – This is critical
 - i. Coordination with Municipal Solutions

ATTORNEY JOE CALIMERI REPORT – Absent

MAYOR DORMAN'S REPORT – Absent

CLERK MCCHESENEY'S REPORT

- She sent out past due notices for Village taxes and water bills on 9/2/2025
- She will be having a zoom meeting with the Information Systems Auditors, as part of the Cybersecurity Audit, next week with either Mayor Dorman or Deputy Mayor Bill Astry depending on the day and time and who is able to attend
- Dan Delcamp, the Village Code Enforcement Officer is taking three days of training classes and would like the village to split the cost with the Village of Mayville where he also works, he does have money available in his fund line, Clerk McChesney just wanted to make sure the board was okay with paying the \$187.50, which they were
- She emailed the board as well as printed a copy of the yearly report received from Wilson Endurance Sports, this will be included under Trustee Flaherty's report with the end of year beach report as well
- She emailed the board as well as printed a copy of the correspondence received from Senator George Borello's office regarding Senate Bill S.8481, this will be discussed under Trustee Astry's report, Senator Borello will also be holding a Town Hall Meeting on September 24th from 6-7pm at the Robert H Jackson Center, 305 E Fourth St, Jamestown
- She also gave Trustee Flaherty information she received to advertise in the Best of the Best Competition put on by the Observer for best live music venue at the beach, she will look into it and see if the CBC has funds available to participate

DEPUTY CLERK ASTRY'S REPORT

- She reported that she attended the NY Forward Grant Committee meeting this past Monday, they discussed the potential future projects that could take place in the Town of Pomfret, Committee Chair Nancy Wickmark was attending their board meeting this evening to update them on the potential streetscape project, sidewalks, senior housing etc, the owner's of Shurfine may know a developer already for the senior housing if it moves forward
- She met with the Tree Committee recently to go over updates on the Tree Keeper program and the tree inventory grant, Lori Brockelbank will be attending the next meeting to give an update

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BATHHOUSE AT BEACH – Per Trustee Astry No Report**
2. **WATER PROJECT – See updates above under guests, Matt Zarbo with Square Engineering**
3. **FRISBEE & LAKEVIEW ROAD UPDATES –**
 - Trustee Astry reported that paving is set to take place tentatively the week of the 22nd on Frisbee Road
4. **CASSADAGA LAKES ASSOCIATION (CLA) UPDATES – No Updates**

5. LIST OF ALL VILLAGE EQUIPMENT W/ AGE & CONDITION-No Report
6. NY FORWARD/GRANT COMMITTEE UDATES-See Deputy Clerk Rox Astry's Report
7. ZONING REWRITE REVIEW
 - Attorney Joe Calimeri is reviewing
8. 72 Lakeview Avenue
 - Clerk McChesney states that the Code Enforcement Officer informed her that he has been doing some research on this property and possible steps that can be taken and then he will reach out to the attorney

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

- He reported the Sam and Biancca worked on Frisbee and Alden patching potholes, they also cleared trees hanging over Alden Road as well, Trustee Flaherty asked if they were going to clean up debris left from trimming/cutting on Frisbee Road, Trustee Astry will look into

TRUSTEE ASTRY REPORT-He read the email received from Senator George Borello's office: Bill S.8481 link: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S8481>

Good Afternoon,

Senator Borrello respectfully requests your support for Senate Bill S.8481, introduced by Senator Gallivan.

This legislation would authorize local governments to opt out of mandates and benchmarks established under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), including universal electrification requirements, by filing a resolution with the Department of Environmental Conservation. A copy of the bill is attached for your review.

Across New York State, communities are facing steep increases in utility costs and housing construction expenses due to electrification mandates. These include restrictive building codes that prohibit natural gas, vehicle sales quotas that eliminate traditional models, and infrastructure benchmarks for EV charging that are often impractical and financially burdensome.

S.8481 affirms the principle of home rule by allowing local governments to make energy decisions that reflect the unique needs of their residents and businesses. Senator Borrello respectfully urges you to consider submitting a letter of support for this important measure.

Discussion was also had on sourcing the above resolution for the next meeting as well

RESOLUTION # 139

APPROVAL TO SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Astry to send a letter of support for Senate Bill S.8481, seconded by Trustee DuBois. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

TRUSTEE FLAHERTY'S REPORT

- She has noticed so many home and property improvements happening around the village, she loves to see this
- She cancelled the dumpster at the beach, Clerk McChesney cancelled the phone
- She gave the annual beach report as follows, and Wilson Endurance Sports yearly report as well:

Beach Report 2025- Beach attendees during regular beach hours - 3718

(2024-3024) (2023 – 3115) (2022 – 3624) (2021 - 2978) (2020 – 3153) (2019 -3298)

- Event attendance *estimated* total – **1762** (not counting Wilson Endurance Sports events)
 - CAP Run – 100
 - Strawberry Social – 150
 - Pedro & the Smooth Cats - 200
 - Honky Tonk Heroes (moved to Fire Hall) - 150
 - Worship on the Beach – cancelled due to rain
 - Ion Sky - 250
 - Rustic Ramblers - 300
 - Midnight Recovery - 250
 - Smilo and the Ghost – 300
 - Dice Run – 20
 - Wooden Canoe Heritage Association - 12
 - Moonlight Paddle – 30
- Plus Triathlons (3), Kids Triathlon, KBR Triathlon, Cassadaga Man – 433 participants plus spectators and volunteers – approximately 833 total.

Estimate - 6313+ people at the beach this summer!

- Swim lessons – 89
- Vandalism/incidents – 0
- Injuries - 0
- rescues – 1
- Recreation – The Wrap – 2 visits, Sinclairville Rec. – 1 visit

THANK YOU:

- Bill Astry – bath house and other emergencies.
- CBC - preservative for 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 \$ in cans.
- Friends of Dennis Collins – donations to beach program, of a memorial bench and little library
- Area residents who made donations to the beach program (monetary and cans)

Wilson Endurance Sports hosted 5 triathlon events and one running event in Cassadaga in 2025.

The **STTC Summer Tri Series**, completing its ninth season, on Wednesday nights, one each in June, July, and August. This season we saw an influx of participants making the four hour round trip from the Rochester area. This series continues to attract several first time triathletes at each event.

The **Cassadaga Kids Triathlon**, Saturday, August 9th, welcomed 80 kiddos and their families to the beach.

CassadagaMan, held on Labor Day Weekend, enjoyed its sixth year. While numbers were down this year, seemingly across the board at triathlon events of this distance and intensity, we still had a great showing and welcomed participants from 11 states and Canada.

The **Frozen 50K** is part of the Cassadaga Winter Festival. This year 99 participants finished distances anywhere from a 5K to a 50K. A total of \$2,200.00 was raised for the Chautauqua County Fire Police.

This year our total number of finishers reached 433. They brought with them approximately 400 spectators. Many of them stayed overnight in the many AirBnBs within the village and traveled from all over New York State, AR, CA, FL, GA, IN, MA, NJ, OH, OR, PA, TX, VA and Canada.

Funds raised this year in addition to the \$2200 for the Chaut. Co. Fire Police were \$200 for the Cassadaga Lakes Association and \$300 for the Chautauqua County Child Advocacy Program.

We appreciate the permission to again use the area next to the Johnny Fessenden Ball Fields for parking for all events and this continues to be a great solution.

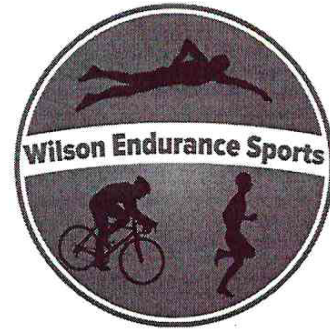
Our 2026 events are already attracting many registrants and the schedule that you approved back in July is below.

Wilson Endurance Sports looks forward to celebrating our tenth season of events in Cassadaga for 2026.

Respectfully submitted September 6, 2025

Mark & Tonia Wilson

Wilson Endurance Sports



Wilson Endurance Sports 2026 schedule of events

Saturday, February 7 - Frozen 50K

Wednesday, June 3 - STTC Summer Tri Series #1

Wednesday, July 8 - STTC Summer Tri Series #2

Wednesday, August 5 - STTC Summer Tri Series #3

Saturday, August 15 - Cassadaga Kids Triathlon

Saturday, September 5 - CassadagaMan

- **She came across an old Pirate Ship Bed at the corner of Park & Maple and it was kindly donated to the beach program, this will make a great addition and can be filled with sand**
- **Labor Day Festival was a huge success, thank you to all those that donated their time to make it happen**
- **Moonlight Paddle put on by the Cassadaga Lakes Association was great but it would be wonderful to see more residents participate**
- **The new DVR for the cameras is all set up at the beach, a big thank you to John Netupski**

- She would like to look more into Zoning regarding Battery Storage Systems, discussion was had on local laws for solar panels, wind farms, battery storage, etc. These would be drafted by the village attorney
- She would like to make sure that when the docks and lifeguard stand are removed this year they aren't placed by the gazebo in case she gets the grant awarded to restore it they would be in the way, The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation has already accepted her letter of interest, she also thanked John Sipos for giving her all of the information she needed when applying for the grant
- She has reread the Comprehensive Plan and has noted a few things that need followed up on/addressed. She thinks most of it has already been done by the NY Forward Committee. Things that need attention:
 - Business Listings-is the Cassadaga Community Business Alliance a committee or a group on Facebook? Can this be looked into
 - History Center
 - Speed Compliance-not consistent
 - Recognition of volunteers in the fire department as well as other committees in the community
 - She would like to see a site where all events are linked together, this was also discussed at the CBC meeting

TRUSTEE CRUVER'S REPORT-Absent

TRUSTEE DUBOIS' REPORT

- She gave updates on the replacement ambulance search, a group went to Clymer and Sherman to look at Horton Ambulances that they both have, they all were impressed. The demo model is looking to be around \$305,000, but they are still waiting on quotes to outfit it with all the add ons. Trade in value on the current ambulance is not what they expected, probably only around \$10-15,000 due to age, lack of four wheel drive and the manufacturer being out of business making parts harder to source, that is just one opinion so far though
- She reported that after the article ran in the Observer from the last meeting Nick Langworthy called and put her in contact with their grant person who works on federal grants through their offices, member Chad Boyland also reached out to Senator Borrello's office who recommended the AFG grant that opens in the fall, vehicles being awarded are typically very unlikely though, his office does offer a 2.5% NYSES revolving loan, there is also a specific grant for specific models available, none they have found even for sale, and the County Fire Advisory Board also has loans around 2%, all of these avenues are being looked into by the department, good news is that the ambulance has had no issues since returning from the repair shop on 8/20
- She asked Clerk McChesney to get her a copy of the most recent contract the Mayor signed for the ambulance services with the county so she can review it, the county is wanting to make some changes
- She noted that last summer the department members installed flags on all of the fire hydrants, provided by a generous private donation, they found 3 hydrants that were marked out of service, they need to be looked into, also

the department has found that the aluminum caps are corroding and the brass caps seem to be in much better shape, she asked Clerk McChesney to look into when the last ISO rating was, this is used to determine the department's insurance rates, grant qualifications, homeowners insurance rates, etc

- The fire department's annual installation banquet is next Saturday, September 20, at 6pm, the department will give Historian John Sipos the agenda to assist him with the article he always writes for the paper

RESOLUTION # 140

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve the financial report for August 27, 2025, seconded by Trustee Astry. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

GENERAL FUND 9/10/2025	\$	383,619.81
WATER FUND 9/10/2025	\$	83,032.01
RESERVE CVFD EQ.	\$	38,733.79
RESERVE DPW EQ.	\$	22,521.05
RESERVE WATER REPAIRS	\$	50,428.29
RESERVE FOR DEBT SERVICE	\$	362,863.95

RESOLUTION # 141

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Trustee Flaherty to approve bills & payroll as follows, seconded by Trustee DuBois VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS.

PAYROLL General Fund, 09/09/2025	cks: 6231-6238	\$	4,574.24
PAYROLL Water Fund, 09/09/2025	cks: 6231-6238	\$	2,130.27
ABSTRACT Sept. 10, 2025, General Cks: 10484-10489		\$	3,077.76
ABSTRACT Sept. 10, 2025, Water Cks: 10484-10489		\$	471.66

RESOLUTION # 142

Being no further business, Trustee Flaherty moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee DuBois at 8:41. PM. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette McChesney, Clerk Treasurer