

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
July 17, 2006

Mayor Rouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rouse, Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi, Trustees AnnMarie Rossi and Theodore Lumbrazo, Historian David Sadler, DPW Foreman Ronald Bennett, Codes Enforcement Officer Michael Adsit, Joe Geiser and Joe Verro.

ABSENT: Trustee Chuck Sweeney

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the minutes of the previous Board meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$49,429.65. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$31,980.71. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the interfund transfer of \$10,809.94 from Economic Development Savings to Capital Fund Checking for payment of expenses incurred regarding the 911 Memorial. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of \$10,809.94. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the attached modifications to the 06-07 General Fund Budget for encumbrances to be carried over from 05-06. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with the Canastota Canal Town Corporation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for support for fiscal year 2006-2007 and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment upon receipt of a fully-executed Agreement. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the application of the Village of Canastota to adjust the 2006-2007 Village Tax Bill for the following parcels as the properties are "wholly exempt" and should not have appeared on the 2006-2007 Village Tax Roll: Property Number 36.62 -2-36.2 (East Center Street Parking Lot) in the amount of \$88.17; Property Number 36.62 -2-36.1 (East Center Street Parking Lot) in the amount of \$146.95; and 35.20-1-1.10 (Technology Boulevard - Former S&S Moulding parcel) in the amount of \$293.90. Discussion: The Mayor advised the Board that these properties are owned by the Village and should not have appeared on the tax rolls. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute a Release of Lien upon receipt of the sum of \$1,145.45 from Sheila J. Cooperyder (formerly known as Sheila J. LaClair) as payment in full for her outstanding Consensual Lien through the Canastota Home Buyer Program bearing an effective date of January 28, 1997. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the payment of \$1,300.00 to the Treasurer of the United States of America pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order dated June 30, 2006. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to accept the proposal of Myers and Associates, PC dated July 17, 2006 in the amount of \$11,960.00 for the preparation of plans, specifications, project advertisement, bidding and contract award and general construction administration in conjunction with the milling and repaving of a portion of Grago Boulevard, a portion of James Street a portion of Third Street, a portion of Douglas Heights Drive, a portion of First Street and Commerce Street. Passed 4 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

- June Report from OMI regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Letter from Bruce Chandler of the Canastota Fire Department requesting permission for Lyle Chafee to use the firehouse on July 23, 2006. Proof of insurance was attached

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to acknowledge the use of the firehouse on July 23, 2006 by Lyle Chafee. Passed 4 to 0.

### **Department Head Comments.**

David Sadler thanked Ron Bennett and the DPW for installing the Amelia Earhardt marker and reminded everyone that the dedication for the marker will be on August 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. which is 78 years to the day after the original dedication of the airport by Amelia Earhardt.

Ron Bennett reported that there is hard-packed silt under the bridge on West Hickory Street. The DPW will be working to clean out the silt in an effort to help the water move through better. Mayor Rouse advised that the Town of Lenox Highway Department will be working with our DPW to straighten out the un-named creek to help with the flow of water in the creek. Mayor Rouse asked if the DPW had "TV'd" Hickory Street yet to look for infiltration in the sanitary line. Mike Adsit advised that it had not been done yet as the water level has been too high for the camera.

**Mayor Comments.**

Bids were received for the salt storage building. Bid Number One is for \$88,874 for concrete work. Bid Number Two is \$77,650 for the building. Bid Number Three is \$69,100 for the Building. The total cost is \$158,000 for the salt storage building. Trustee Lumbrazo asked if the Village was sharing this with the Town. Mayor Rouse advised that he did not receive a response from the Town so this building was just for the Village.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to turn the bids over to the DPW Foreman for review. Passed 4 to 0.

Mayor Rouse stated that we need to decide what we are going to do for storage of the treated salt. By finding another location temporarily to store the salt, it will give us a chance to see if the new treated salt works for us before we incur an expense in building a special storage building. The Mayor is going to check with the school to see what they are planning.

The dedication for the 911 Memorial at Reflection Park will be on Monday, September 11. This is the fifth anniversary and the Governor and other politicians will be in New York for those ceremonies.

**Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Lumbrazo reminded everyone of the ISO meeting at the firehouse at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked Codes Officer Adsit about a property on West Avenue that holds a garage sale each weekend - it looks like a store. Mike Adsit stated that he would contact the property owner tomorrow.

Trustee Lumbrazo noted that there was a light out in the new parking lot and that he had put in a work order for the DPW to cut down some poles at the firemen's park. Ron Bennett stated that his crew will take care of that as soon as possible.

**Delegations.**

Joe Geiser addressed the Board stating that the Village is doing a great job and noted that the Village of Chittenango is looking at us for ideas on their downtown. Mr. Geiser stated that there is an issue with semi trucks going down Bruno Road and that there is no posted weight on the road. Mayor Rouse asked Mike Adsit to get with Chief Zophy to see if we can regulate this - can we post a weight limit and limit trucks to local delivery only. Mr. Geiser stated that he has spoken with Ron Bennett

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and Mike Adsit about his problem with his driveway. Mayor Rouse responded that Mr. Geiser's driveway is on the punch list of items to be addressed by the contractor. Mr. Geiser asked if anything could be done about the situation on Roberts Street with the NiMo property - the fence is falling down. Mike Adsit stated that he would call NiMo again.

Joe Verro asked the Board about the water problem between Railroad and Depot Streets - it has flooded twice in the last 2 weeks. He has also noticed a collection of stuff in the Canal and asked where it goes under the Canal - it is not large enough to take the flow of water when there is stuff in there. Ron Bennett stated that his crew picks out of the Canal what they can see - they cannot go under the culverts. Mr. Verro noted that there is a low spot in the creek where the water is coming in where the pipe was put in - it backs up here. The Mayor advised Mr. Verro that this is all on private property. Mr. Verro suggested getting the property owners together for a meeting. Mayor Rouse suggested that the property owners build the berm up around the creek themselves. Ron Bennett stated that the DPW could possibly get the bobcat in there and make the creek a bit deeper. Mayor Rouse asked Ron Bennett to take a look at it and see if we can take care of it with a couple of loads of stone. Mr. Verro stated that anything would be helpful.

Ron Bennett advised the Board that Jerry White has just had his 10 year anniversary with the DPW and he has never taken a sick day. Mayor Rouse stated that this is commendable.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer