

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
October 2, 2006

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

PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rouse, Trustees AnnMarie Ross and Theodore Lumbrazo, Fire Chief Tim Mitchell, Margo Frink from the Bee-Journal and Residents Martin Bargabos and Donna Maccarone

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi and Trustee Chuck Sweeney

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the General Fund to borrow the sum of \$143,360.00 from the unreserved unappropriated fund balance to pay for the street sweeper in advance of receiving the proceeds from the Bond authorized by the Village Board on September 18, 2006. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$170,497.38. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$58,430.34. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following budget transfers: \$160.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 85604.01 (Shade Trees/Stump Removal); and \$850.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 54104.01 (Sidewalks). **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if we were short funds in these lines. Mayor Rouse explained that this should take care of the applications that are coming in.. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to initiate a wire transfer to Chase Bank in the amount of \$15,000 for payment of principal owed on the 2003 General Obligations Bond; and a wire transfer to chase Bank in the amount of \$2,600 for payment of interest owed on the 2003 General Obligations Bond. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to initiate a wire transfer to Chase Bank in the amount of \$618,900 for payment of principal and interest owed on the 2005 BAN for the Bruno Road Project. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Consent of Municipalities attached to the Assignment of Agreement for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes regarding property located at 172 Canal Street

currently owned by Canastota Canal Town Corporation and under contract to be sold to Erie Canal Housing Development Fund Company. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse explained that this is a name change from Canastota Canal Town Corporation to Erie Canal Housing Development Fund Company and that the property will now be managed by Stoneleigh Housing. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Application for Fire Hydrants with OCWA regarding the installation of hydrant #6209 in the Canal View Subdivision Phase 2 and known as OCWA Project No. 9003183, at an estimated yearly cost to the Village of \$51.75. **Discussion:** Fire Chief Tim Mitchell stated that he was not aware of the application for the hydrant and requested that he be allowed to review the information from OCWA. The vote was tabled to allow Chief Mitchell time to review the documentation.

Correspondence

- Memo from Chief Zophy requesting that the Board appoint Candy Wilhelm as a full-time police officer to replace Officer Barton as the School Resource Officer. Officer Barton will go back on road patrol. Mayor Rouse advised that an appointment would be made when the starting salary was negotiated.
- Sidewalk request from Martin Bargabos. This has been turned over to the DPW.
- Notice of Claim from Verizon regarding a cable that was allegedly cut by the DPW while working on a project at Quarry and Cottens Road. This has been turned over to our attorneys and insurance company.

Chief Mitchell has completed his review of the proposed hydrant and stated that this is a good location for the hydrant. The Mayor called for a vote on the tabled motion. Passed 3 to 0.

- Letter from The Caldwell Agency, Inc. regarding damage sustained by Joe and Dawn Stagnitti resulting from a fallen tree in the creek next to their shed. This has been turned over to our attorneys and insurance company.
- Letter from Christopher B. Visalli, a 6th grade teacher with the Canastota School District asking permission for his students to tour the Waste Water Treatment Plant as a field trip.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize Christopher Visalli's 6th grade science classes totaling 48 students to take a field trip to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if they would be adequately chaperoned. Resident Donna Maccarone stated that parents had been invited and that she would be one of the parent chaperones. Passed 3 to 0.

- Letter from Bruno Properties regarding trees that have lifted up the sidewalk on Peterboro Street near Sunrise Café and Community Pharmacy. This is being taken care of by the DPW.
- Letter from Selective Insurance regarding recommendations made after an inspection of the Village buildings and properties. Codes Officer Michael Adsit has followed up on the recommendations and has prepared a response to Selective Insurance to notify them of the remedies put in place by the Village. A copy of the response letter is a part of this record.

Department Head Comments.

None

Mayor Comments.

The Mayor reminded the Board of the Joint Meeting with the Town scheduled for October 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Trustees Rossi and Lumbrazo will both be unavailable for the Joint Meeting on October 18 and the Regular Meeting on October 16. Trustee Sweeney had advised that he may not be available for the Joint Meeting. Mayor Rouse requested that Clerk/Treasurer Williams check with the Town to determine if the Joint Meeting could be rescheduled for Monday, October 23 or Wednesday, October 25 and suggested that the Village Regular Meeting be rescheduled for the same day at an earlier time.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked about the status of the garbage pick up. Mayor Rouse explained that the new garbage company experienced some problems with its equipment. They are taking care of these problems.

Trustee Lumbrazo received a nice phone call from a friend who has recently traveled through the Village and compared Canastota to Saratoga.

Trustee Rossi has been asked if the Village would put a “CHILDREN AT PLAY” sign on Chapel Street near the Village pool. Mayor Rouse suggested that she speak with DPW Foreman Ron Bennett. Trustee Rossi noted that there was a stop sign on the corner of Lewis and Main Street near Frank Mariano’s house that is blocked by tree branches. Mayor Rouse again directed Trustee to the DPW.

Delegations.

Donna Maccarone approached the Board regarding concerns about the safety of children walking to school and traffic flow in the morning going across Peterboro Street at Wilson Avenue. The

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crossing guard does a very good job of getting the children across the street, but drivers are not slowing down to allow time for people to cross the street. Mrs. Maccarone asked if there is a traffic control device or could a police officer be placed there in the morning. Mayor Rouse stated that he has asked Police Chief Zophy to move our police officers to the busy locations on Peterboro Street and Robert Street to slow traffic in the morning. A traffic light at the intersection of Peterboro and Robert Streets has been approved by the State, but we do not know how long it will be before the light is installed. Mayor Rouse assured Mrs. Maccarone that the Village is aware that this is an issue and that we are trying to come up with a solution.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Passed 3 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer