

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
February 5, 2007

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 Theodore Lumbrazo and Chuck Sweeney, Village Historian David Sadler, Recreation Director Carla DeShaw

ABSENT: Trustee AnnMarie Rossi

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

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi to approve the following budget transfer: \$32,000.00 from 13251.01 (Administrator) to 14101.01 (Clerk Personal Services). Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$29,751.25. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$11,408.37. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize the following firemen to attend the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland from March 2 - 5, 2007 at a cost of \$175.00 per person, including meals and lodging: TJ Tornatore, Chris Hannan, Bruce Chandler, Dave Hamilton, Tim Cowan, Mark Ferriter, Rick Stagnitti and John Palamara. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse asked Trustee Lumbrazo if the training changes each year. Trustee Lumbrazo responded that the training does change every year. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Cathi Williams and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Balsamo to attend a training program at the Madison County Department of Personnel/Civil Service on Thursday, February 15, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Cathi Williams and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Balsamo to attend a dinner meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at The Retreat regarding the new Workplace Violence Statute required for Public Employers as of March 4, 2007, at a cost of \$16.50 per person. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Planned Maintenance Agreement with Cummins Northeast for the service and inspection of the generators at the Municipal Building and Fire House at a cost of \$699.11 for each generator for a

total of \$1,398.22. **Discussion:** Clerk/Treasurer Williams reported that this is an increase of \$363.72 from last year. Passed 4 to 0.

Trustee Rossi joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Correspondence

- Letter from the Canastota Fire Department to Police Chief James Zophy thanking the PD for their efforts in catching the person responsible for turning in false alarms in the Village.

Presentation by Steven Blair of Bartlett Tree Experts regarding the Village's options for replacement/relocation of the Blue Spruce Tree located in the park at the corner of Peterboro and Canal Streets. Mayor Rouse thanked Mr. Blair for his time and advised that the Board would consider his recommendations and follow-up with him at a later date.

Department Head Comments.

Historian David Sadler advised the Board that he has been working on information concerning the Great Auto Race which took place in 1908 and went through Canastota. The race began in New York City and ended in Paris. On February 12, 1908, three of the four teams involved stayed at the Weaver Hotel in Canastota. There were teams from the United States, Germany, France and Italy. David has submitted the information that he has collected to a movie production studio from Canada who is making a movie about the event. David will receive credit at the end of the movie. Mayor Rouse thanked David for his efforts and congratulated him for the recognition.

Recreation Director Carla DeShaw updated the Board on the events for the upcoming SnowBlast Weekend. The Kick Off parties will be held Friday night again at Rusty's. Saturday's events include a human dogsled race, couch race, broomball tournament, meatball cookoff and snow sculpture contest. Carla was asked if we could keep the ice skating rink open for the season. She will work on establishing set hours and finding people to supervise and report back to the Board. Carla is also working on putting together a senior center music series.

Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised the Board that with the coordinated efforts of Ann Hopkins of Alliance Bank, some of the Village's bank accounts have been restructured so that the Village will now earn interest on the aggregate total of the monies in its savings accounts. This would mean that as long as the aggregate total in our accounts exceeds \$1,000,000.00, all savings accounts, regardless of the individual balances, will earn the same interest rate as a single account with a balance of \$1,000,000.00 or more. Trustee Sweeney asked if the Village had looked into opening a sweep account. Clerk/Treasurer Williams responded that a sweep account had been considered, but that the representatives from Alliance Bank had indicated that due to the volume of transactions that the

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Village performs monthly, the costs associated with a sweep account would not offset the advantages for increased interest. Trustee Sweeney asked that this be investigated further by Clerk/Treasurer Williams.

Mayor Comments.

The Village is proceeding forward with the plans for the WWTP upgrades. The Hardship Application is being worked on. The Mayor met last week with the DEC and the engineers. DEC may now accept our original plan.

Mayor Rouse reported that Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Balsamo had completed the website and advised the Board to contact Janet if there is anything that they want on the website. Mayor Rouse thanked Janet for her hard work in completing this project

The next meeting of the Village Board will be on March 5, 2007 as we will not have a quorum for the February 21, 2007, meeting.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo - all set.

Trustee Rapasadi asked what time the DPW got started in the morning plowing the Village streets. Trustee Sweeney responded that they start around 3:30 a.m. if the weather warrants and they go home after 8 hours. They will go out again if necessary. Otherwise, they start at 7:00 a.m.

Trustee Rossi asked who plows the Business Park. The Mayor advised that the Village plows all Village streets including the Park.

Trustee Sweeney asked if we could request that the trash haulers could take more care when replacing empty garbage cans to the curb.

Delegations.

None

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams, Village Clerk/Treasurer