

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 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 AnnMarie Rossi and Chuck Sweeney, Fire Chief Tim Mitchell and Canastota Fireman Doug Chandler

ABSENT: Trustee Theodore Lumbrazo

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

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following budget transfer: \$80.78 from 16204.01 (Village Hall Contractual) to 99019.01 (Interfund Transfer). Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following interfund transfer: \$80.78 from General Fund to Capital Fund for payment of new checks. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$116,138.52. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$75,270.29. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2-year Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Power Generation & Industrial Engines for the generator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$369.00 for the first year and \$379.00 for the second year. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize Code Enforcement Officer Michael G. Adsit to attend a one-day in-service training session to be held at the Solvay Fire Department on April 18, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at a cost of \$30.00 and sponsored by the New York State Firemen's Association. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize Mayor Rouse to execute the Recreation Contract with the Town of Lenox in the amount of \$27,000.00, for the year 2007. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize Mayor Rouse to execute the Fire Contract with the Town of Lenox in the amount of \$70,150.00, plus the Addendum amount of \$7,500.00, for a total of \$77,650.00 for year 2007. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse stated that a fair

amount of calls to which the Fire Department responds are located in the Town of Lenox. The Village needs to decide how we go forward for next year - we need to review where the Town is at. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence

- Memorandum from Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Balsamo regarding mandatory Workplace Violence Training scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m.
- Letter from 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Chandler notifying the Village that Steven Tassone would like to use the Fire Station on Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The required Certificate of Insurance is attached.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the use of the Canastota Fire Station by Steven Tassone on Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

- Memorandum from Michael H. Pratt, Chief Plant Operator of the Village Waste Water Treatment Plant giving the monthly report for January 2007. Mayor Rouse reminded the Board members that they all have received a copy of this Memo and suggested that they review it.
- Letter from Vincent Albanese of the Albanese Shoe Center commending the DPW on the "super job" that they have done regarding snow removal in the downtown district after the recent snow storm. Mr. Albanese further thanked the Mayor and the Board for Reflection Park, the flower pots and "all the other wonderful things you have done to help beautify downtown Canastota." Mayor Rouse and the Board voiced their appreciation of Mr. Albanese's kind comments.

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Rouse asked the Trustees to make sure that everyone tries to attend the training sessions so that we are in compliance.

Mayor Rouse advised the Board that 128 Center Street was falling down. This is the old Ryder Building. The Village needs to take the building down. We have quotes around \$50,000.00 and we need to determine if we need to competitively bid this project or can we do it under the nuisance provision. The Mayor advised the Board as to the circumstances around the ownership of the property.

Mayor Rouse advised that the Village is continuing the ongoing discussions with the DEC around the Treatment Plant. We are still looking at the billing going to a unit charge on the debt side and still billing operations and maintenance on the water bill.

Mayor Rouse reminded the Trustees that he needs numbers for the budget from their departments. Trustee Rapasadi stated that he has talked to Chief Zophy about the Police Department budget.

Mayor Rouse advised the Board that the Fire Department was successful on the 2006 grant for a fire truck.

Department Head Comments.

Fire Chief Tim Mitchell confirmed that the Fire Department was awarded the grant. Firefighter Doug Chandler advised that the specs are all done. Mayor Rouse reminded Mr. Chandler that the Board needed to see the specs to approve them. Mr. Chandler noted that the Fire Department's Truck Committee was meeting tomorrow night to finalize the specs. The amount of the grant is \$185,572.00 with the Village share being \$9,278. Mayor Rouse asked if the truck would still be available at that price, to which Mr. Chandler responded that he doesn't believe that will be a problem. This truck doesn't have some of the bigger ticket items that would increase the cost. Mayor Rouse asked Mr. Chandler to have the committee consider modifying the specs to include a front-mount pumper on the proposed tanker in an effort to combine 2 trucks into 1 to possibly save money, asking Mr. Chandler to just check it out. Mr. Chandler was not sure that it could be done under the scope of the grant, but after discussion with the Mayor, stated that he would address it with the committee and with the issuers of the grant.

Mr. Chandler will have the specs to the Village by Wednesday. He doesn't expect any major changes. Mr. Chandler would like to put it out to bid so that the bid opening could be held on the second meeting next month (April 16, 2007).

Mayor Rouse asked Mr. Chandler again if there were a way to combine the tanker and the pumper. The Mayor will meet with the Fire Department next Monday night to go over the budget.

Mayor Rouse asked Chief Mitchell about the status of the review of the Fire Department. Chief Mitchell stated that Jim Jones finally made his presentation to the Fire Department. They are getting the member opinions on the review and will be discussing it at the next Council meeting. The Fire Council voted to table the matter until after the member opinions were discussed at the next meeting. Chief Mitchell asked for time until after the next Council meeting at which time the Fire Department would let the Mayor know whether Jim will do the review or if the Fire Department would like an outside agency to do the review. Mayor Rouse stated that we are looking for someone to look at areas where the Fire Department is doing a good job and where we may need to improve. Mayor Rouse

stated that he just wants recommendations and that the Board thought that someone with some history with the Fire Department would have a better view.

Chief Mitchell indicated that he had a problem with parking on Center Street - he could not get through with his truck. Mayor Rouse suggested that he talk with the Police Chief.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi had complaints about the garbage service. Clerk/Treasurer Williams asked the Trustees to have people call her office when a problems happens and we will try to work it out. Trustee Rapasadi commended the DPW on a fine job through this tough season.

Trustee Rossi is concerned about accessibility to fire hydrants. She drove down New Boston Street and saw many fire hydrants that were just peeking out - she is concerned about an emergency after hearing about a fire the other week where the fire department could not find the hydrants. Mayor Rouse stated that it would be ideal if we could get the community involved and if people could take care of the hydrants in front of their residences. Trustee Sweeney suggested that we go to the school to see if we can get students involved with community service.

Trustee Rossi stated that Canastota Community Chest would like to donate funds to support the Kids' Day Festival but that because Kids' Day is not a not-for-profit corporation, funding by the Community Chest is not possible. She asked if Community Chest could send designated funds to the Village which we could pass along to Kids' Day through possibly recreation. Mayor Rouse stated that he could not guarantee that any funds received from Community Chest could be specifically designated to Kids' Day and reminded Trustee Rossi once it came through the Village, money could only be used to benefits our taxpayers. This function is open to the general public and not limited to taxpayers.

Trustee Rossi reminded everyone of the Chamber Distinguished Service Awards dinner on March 24, 2007 at the Rusty Rail.

Trustee Sweeney advised the Mayor that he would not be at the meeting on April 2, 2007.

Delegations.

None