

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
April 2, 2007

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

PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rouse, Trustees Scott Rapasadi, Theodore Lumbrazo and AnnMarie Rossi, Village Attorney Gerald Taylor, Fire Chief Tim Mitchell, Margo Frink of the Canastota Bee-Journal and residents John Iannone, James Musacchio, Charles Galavotti, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wales, Shauna Vollmer, Stephen Perry and Peter Wales.

ABSENT: Trustee Chuck Sweeney

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2007, Board meeting. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that it was Truck 124 that was towed. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2007, Board meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to appoint Brenda Kayn, CPA as the Village Accountant. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to appoint the following:

Catherine E. Williams	1 Year Records Officer
Catherine E. Williams	1 Year Receiver of Taxes
Keith Haas	1 Year Acting Village Justice
Carla DeShaw	1 Year Recreation Director
David Sadler	1 Year Village Historian
Robert Napoli	1 Year Fair Housing Officer
Todd Rouse	1 Year Budget Officer
Sandy Eaton	5 Years Planning Board
Mark Ferriter	5 Years Zoning Board of Appeals
Vincent Spadafora	3 Years Zoning Board of Appeals
Mark Arner	7 Years Recreation Board
Donna Jacuk	3 Years Housing Authority

Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to appoint the Canastota Bee Journal and the Oneida Daily Dispatch as Co-official newspapers. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to hold regular meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m., except as follows: Monday, September 3, 2007 to Wednesday, September 5, 2007; Monday, January 21, 2008 to Wednesday, January 23, 2008; Monday, February 18, 2008 to Wednesday, February 20, 2008. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to set Village office hours as 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, except holidays. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to set next Organizational Meeting for April 7, 2008. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor as the appointing officer for all budgeted and authorized positions. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adopt the attached Deposition Resolution naming Alliance Bank and Oneida Savings Bank as the co-official depositories of the Village. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adopt the attached Audit Resolution. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adopt the attached Mileage Resolution. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to a adopt the Training Resolution. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Catherine E. Williams and Mayor Todd A. Rouse as signatories on all Village accounts. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to designate Antonio J. Tornatore as Deputy DPW Foreman, per recommendation of Ronald Bennett, DPW Foreman, for a period of 1 year. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to hold a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget on April 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to initiate the following wire transfer: \$601,799.99 to Depository Trust Company for payment owed on the Bruno Tract BAN. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if this project were complete. Mayor

Rouse advised that the project was complete and that we are still holding the retainage. The State has not yet closed out our grant. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the following budget transfers: \$19,000.00 from 51102.01 (DPW Equipment/Capital) to 51104.01 (DPW Contractual); \$1,000.00 from 80304.01 (Research) to 16204.01 (Village Hall Contractual); \$35.85 from 51422.01 to 51424.01. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$19,518.95. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$9,821.13. Passed 4 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from the American Legion regarding the Memorial Day Parade scheduled to be held on May 28, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

### **Department Head Comments.**

Fire Chief Tim Mitchell thanked the Mayor, Trustee Rossi and the Board for helping during the recent flood and advised that they would be holding their election of officers on Tuesday night. Mayor Rouse advised that the Village Board would not meet again until April 16, 2007, which would be the soonest that the Board would be able to act on the appointment of Chiefs.

### **Mayor Comments.**

Mayor Rouse advised that the tentative budget has been presented to the Board and that the Public Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. There will be no increase in the tax rate for the General Fund Budget. It will remain at \$10.89/\$1,000 of assessed value. By law, the budget must be adopted by the Board on or before May 1 or the Tentative Budget will be in force. Mayor Rouse expects us to have a surplus this year because of the Oneida Indian Nation tax money that was paid to us by the County, but cautioned that we should not plan to spend this money as it may be subject to be returned depending on the outcome of the pending litigation. This money has been placed in a CD until the matter is settled. The Sewer Fund is showing a 4% increase in the sewer rate - from \$6.25 to \$6.50. We are currently looking at changing our Local Law to go to a unit charge so that every property in the Village shares in the debt expense - not just the users. Currently, the operations and maintenance and debt charges are user-based and usage is down in the Village.

People are more conservative with water usage which means that the rates need to go up to compensate for the lost usage.

**Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Lumbrazo stated that the no parking signs on New Boston Street next to the Greystone were missing. Mayor Rouse suggested that Trustee Lumbrazo speak with Chief Zophy or DPW Foreman Ron Bennett about having the sign replaced.

Chief Mitchell noted that there was a problem with repair work to Caroline Street that was performed by National Grid. Mayor Rouse informed the Board that National Grid contracts for all of the road repair every year. It is done all at once by a contractor which means that it could take a while for the permanent repairs to be made.

Trustee Rapasadi - all set.

Trustee Rossi asked when brush pick-up would resume. Mayor Rouse responded that he believed that it would be sometime around April 15. Trustee Rossi advised that the flowers were all set for this year. Mayor Rouse asked that she schedule a meeting with the Beautification Committee.

Village Attorney Gerald Taylor presented an Inter-municipal Agreement from Madison County concerning payment by the County to the Village of the outstanding taxes owed by the Oneida Indian Nation for 06-07. This is just an extension of the Agreement entered into between the Village and the County in late 2006 and covers the current tax year.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Inter-municipal Agreement with the County in the amount of \$37,208.88. Passed 4 to 0.

**Delegations.**

Mayor Rouse spoke with residents about the water problems on East Chapel Street.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to enter executive session regarding personnel at 8:14 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

**Note:** Mayor Rouse excused himself from executive session and turned the meeting over to Village Attorney Gerald Taylor.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to exit executive session at 8:52 p.m. Passed 3 to 0.

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Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Passed 3 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Village Clerk/Treasurer