

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
November 5, 2007

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

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi, Trustees Theodore Lumbrazo and Ann Marie Rossi, Village Historian David Sadler, Margo Frink of the Canastota Bee-Journal and Leah McDonald of the Oneida Daily Dispatch

ABSENT: Mayor Todd Rouse

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

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following budget modifications: Increase 34104.01 (Fire Department Contractual) by \$14,471.00; Increase 51124.01 (Chips) by \$3,316.81 to \$58,316.81; Increase 3501.01 (Chips - NYS/Madison Co.) by \$3,316.81 to \$68,316.81. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the following budget transfers: \$37,828.35 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 51104.01.102 (DPW Roads); \$2,745.39 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 73101.01 (Recreation Personal Services); \$1,155.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 85604.01 (Tree/Stump Removal Contractual). Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$240,237.78. Passed 4 to 0

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$36,359.70. Passed 4 to 0

Correspondence

- Letter from Ned A. Tudi on behalf of the Trinity Episcopal Church thanking Ron Bennett for the work done to repair damage to the Church's driveway from storm water.
- Letter from Fire Chief Tim Mitchell asking that the money expended to repair the base station from damage caused by a lightning strike be put back into the Fire Department's budget.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to transfer the amount of money that was paid to the Village (\$4,887.50) into the Fire Department's Radio Repair Line (34104.01.91) out of the contingency line (19904.01). **Discussion:** Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi asked why the Fire

Department feels that they should be reimbursed. Trustee Lumbrazo explained that payment in full for the repairs was made from the Fire Department's radio repair line. The Village received \$4,887.50 from the insurance claim. The Fire Department's radio repair line was depleted as a result of this expense and now they cannot purchase the minitors that they planned for in their budget. Passed 4 to 0.

- Letter from the Canastota Fire Department advising that Bryon Brownell has been approved as a new member into the Delano Hose Company. A copy of Bryon's driver's license is attached to the letter.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to accept Bryon Brownell as a member of the Canastota Fire Department. Passed 4 to 0.

Department Head Comments.

Village Historian David Sadler advised the Board that he has enrolled in the Registered Historian Program.

Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised the Board that she will be trying to schedule our Auditor, Brenda Kayn, to attend our November 19, 2007 meeting to present our Audit and Management Letter for fiscal year ending May 31, 2007.

Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised the Board that National Grid will no longer allow the use of its street light poles as an outlet for plugging in the tree lights. This policy applies to all communities, not just Canastota. We are looking at alternative means to light the trees. Also, we are working on placing lights in Reflection Park and Patane Park for this holiday season. Hopefully, the tree lights will be back on next year.

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Rouse was not at this meeting.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo commented that the new tree looks really nice.

Trustee Sweeney will not be here for the December 3, 2007 meeting.

Trustee Lumbrazo will not be here for the November 19 or December 3, 2007 meetings.

Trustee Rossi asked if the American flags were owned and maintained by the Village or another organization. Clerk/Treasurer Williams explained that the flags were owned and maintained by the Village and advised that she has discussed the flags with DPW Foreman Ron Bennett. The Village will be contacting the VFW Post 160 in the spring to purchase replacement flags for the downtown. Trustee Rossi asked if the trash receptacles had been ordered. Clerk/Treasurer Williams indicated that she had not ordered the trash receptacles as she was not sure if any of the monies would be needed to purchase holiday lights or fixtures for the street lights to take the place of the lights in the trees.

Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi presented the proposal of Christopher Patane for the Phase One Landscape Reconstruction and Renovation Project for Rotary Park (Key Bank), the location of the Village Christmas Tree. The amount of the proposal is \$2,465.00 and provides for all materials necessary for the re-installation of the existing brick pavers and additional pavers to be supplied by the Rotary Club, pressure cleaning and staining of the existing concrete walk, installation of wood mulched beds within the center of the brick paver area, transplanting of existing shrubs currently located by the flagpole and repair of the lawn area as necessary, with the assistance of two (2) DPW employees for three (3) consecutive days.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the proposal from Christopher Patane in the amount of \$2,465.00 for the Phase One Landscape Reconstruction and Renovation Project at Rotary Park and authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amount to Christopher Patane upon completion of the project. Passed 4 to 0.

Delegations.

Margo Frink asked for clarification of information.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer