

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
December 17, 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, Ann Marie Rossi and Charles Sweeney; Village Historian David Sadler, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Chandler and Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal

ABSENT: None

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2007, Board meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2007 Special meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the following budget transfers: \$3,500 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 85604.01 (Trees). Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$76,767.33. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$204,800.81. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize Mayor Rouse to execute the Contract with Overhead Door Company of Utica, Inc. in the amount of \$725.00 for preventative maintenance on 9 doors at the fire house. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked how many times per year will they be checking the doors. 2nd Assistant Chief Chandler responded once per year. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize Mayor Rouse to execute the substance Abuse Testing Agreement for calendar year 2008 with Industrial Medical Associates, P.C. in the amount of \$376.00. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised that this is for the DPW random testing that we are required to do. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Williams to issue payment in the amount of \$614.61 to J-Van Systems, Inc. upon receipt and installation of the Nexlink computer ordered under Purchase Order No. 3601. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised that this is to replace Cathi's computer. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence

- Letter from Code Officer Mike Adsit asking permission to attend a training seminar in Rochester from March 17 - 20, 2008. The cost of the hotel will be shared with Rick Stagnitti of the Town of Lenox.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve Mike Adsit to attend the Finger Lakes Building Officials Association Conference in Rochester, New York from March 17 - 20, 2008 at a cost of \$390.00, plus hotel expenses. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from the Forbes Hose Company requesting that the Board approve Stephanie Edwards as a member of the Canastota Fire Department.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve Stephanie Edwards as a member of the Forbes Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department contingent upon the Clerk receiving a copy of Stephanie Edwards' driver's license. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from the DEC regarding the NYS Canal Corporation Erie Canalway Trail application for a DEC Permit.
- Letter from the Canastota Fire Department requesting that we keep snow away from the dry hydrants in the Village.

Mayor Rouse asked the Bee-Journal to run an article asking residents to "adopt a hydrant" in front of your residence and help the Village keep the snow cleared from the fire hydrants. Chief Chandler asked if the DPW could remove the snow from the back end of the pole barn. It appears that the snow was moved from Queensboro's property and is blocking access to the pole barn. Mayor Rouse asked that Clerk/Treasurer Williams notify Queensboro and request that the snow be placed elsewhere in the future.

Mayor Comments.

The Mayor advised that he met last week with our engineers regarding the WWTP. We have received our official letter giving us an additional year on the Consent Order. Construction may be out about 4 years now, giving us a chance to look at everything again. The Mayor has charged the engineers with looking at the facilities that we have and trying to cut down construction costs.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked if the State has made any money available. Mayor Rouse stated that we are looking at green power and trying to obtain a grant for these costs.

Mayor Rouse will speak with Rocky to see where we are with our agreement for sewers.

The Mayor advised that the salt appears to be doing the job. There are 2 spots where we are trying to determine from a plowing standpoint if we need to use something else. The plows are having trouble with slipping on the hills - not able to get enough traction without the sand.

Mayor Rouse wished everyone a great holiday.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked the Mayor about the status of the downtown lights. The Mayor explained the process to the Board as to why the lights are not on in the trees this year. Mayor Rouse stated that the Village may look at putting the lines underground this summer or trying to put them overhead. We can also look at taking the lights out of the trees and putting lighted decorations on the light poles. If we do the lighted decorations on the poles, we would not be able to put the banners up at the same time. The Mayor stated that we need to think through everything before we can make any decisions.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked if we received any calls regarding snowmobiles. The Mayor advised that we have received one call that was referred to the police department. Trustee Lumbrazo wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Rossi wished everyone a happy holiday.

Trustee Sweeney is all set.

Mayor Rouse advised the Board that he has received a Memorandum of Agreement from the CSEA outlining the terms agreed upon during contract negotiations with the DPW.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, that we accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the Village and the Civil Service Employee's Association. Passed 5 to 0.

Department Head Comments.

Village Historian David Sadler let the Board know that this year marked the 60th Anniversary of the Village Christmas Tree, noting that the Village has had a tree since 1947.

The Mayor asked Mr. Sadler to find out if the bridges were metal or wood.

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Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised the Board of the revised garbage collection schedule for the Christmas and New Year's holidays - Monday collection will occur on Wednesday - Tuesday collection will occur on Thursday. The newspapers have been notified and there is a notice on the website.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer