

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
January 4, 2006

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 Theodore Lumbrazo, Village Administrator Bryan Gazda, Residents Joseph DiGeorgio and Mike Milmoie and Christine Ennis from the Bee-Journal

ABSENT: Trustee Charles P. Sweeney, Jr.

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

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$51,188.21. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$17,614.18. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to schedule a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 7:10 p.m. regarding proposed legislation to allow certain commercial uses in the Industrial District upon issuance of a Special Use Permit. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the attached Contract from the International Boxing Hall of Fame allowing the Village use of its facilities for the now sculpture and snow shoe race associated with Winterfest 2006 to be held on February 4, 2006, and to authorize the Mayor to execute said Contract. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised the Board that this is the same contract for the Concert in the Park Series. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the attached Resolution Supporting and Concurring in Madison County's Application for Redesignation of Certain Areas Within Madison County as an Empire Zone. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Agreement Between the Village of Canastota and the Canastota Policemen's Benevolent Association for period June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2008 and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Passed 4 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from Allen and Mary Ellen Kime regarding snowmobilers using their property as a result of the Village shutting off the path. Mayor Rouse indicated that we are looking for ways to take care of this matter.
- Letter from Richard Stagnitti requesting use of the Fire House on January 29, 2006 for a baby shower. The required Certificate of Insurance is attached to the letter.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to permit use of the Fire House by Richard Stagnitti on January 29, 2006 for a baby shower. Passed 4 to 0.

### **Department Head Comments**

None

### **Delegations**

Joseph DiGeorgio and Michael Milmoe addressed the Board regarding the Village's participation in Madison County's Bicentennial Celebration. Mr. DiGeorgio advised that the Canastota Canal Town Corporation is part of the Transportation Committee for the Bicentennial. The Committee is known as the Madison County Canal Connections. Our day is Saturday, June 17. Some of the planned activities include a living history open house at the Nathan Roberts' House, a boxing match between Billy Backus and Dickie DiVeronica on a floating barge on the Canal, a performance by the Community Band and an archives day where residents can donate items to the Canal Town Museum or items can be copied for use by the Museum. The barber shop on Canal Street has agreed to operate as an 1890's barber shop on that day. The Committee hopes to have a food booth and to have participation from the community and the school district. They are also hoping to unveil the 2 signs that have been approved by the National Parks Service for placement on the Canal on that day.

Mr. Milmoe remarked that Saturday, June 17 is the only day reserved for Canastota during Madison County's Bicentennial Celebration and that we should make an effort to make our part of the celebration successful. The Committee is working with Recreation Director Carla DeShaw to plan games and activities to be held at the Spencer Street Park. Mr. Milmoe advised that the Committee is looking for some monies to help them put things together. They have approached Lenox Supervisor Rocco DiVeronica to request financial support from the Town of Lenox and hope to have a response from him soon. Further, the Committee would like to author a letter for signature by Supervisor DiVeronica and Mayor Rouse to be forwarded to community heads requesting financial support and participation in planning the activities to take place on June 17.

Mr. DiGeorgio advised that the Committee is also planning to honor the descendants of people to worked on the Canal or provided services to the people on the Canal. The Committee needs the names of the people who should be honored.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, that we close traffic on Canal Street, between Main and Peterboro Streets, on Saturday, June 17, 2006, for the Madison County Bicentennial Celebration and in addition, lend our support towards planning and financial sponsorship. Passed 4 to 0.

Mayor Rouse asked Mr. Milmoie and Mr. DiGeorgio for their support, assistance and guidance after the Madison County Bicentennial Celebration in the Village towards planning the Village's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2010.

#### **Mayor Comments**

None

#### **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Lumbrazo noted that the light that illuminates the American Flag in the park on New Boston Street is not working. Administrator Gazda will contact the DPW to have this corrected

Trustee Rossi asked about the status of the 9/11 Memorial. Mayor Rouse advised that the granite has been ordered, the Fire Department is working on its list of deceased members (which is more extensive than they had anticipated) and Chris Patane has completed the drawings. The Mayor would like to get together with representatives of Greater Lenox Ambulance, the Fire and Police Departments and the Chamber of Commerce to present the plan.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer