

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 6, 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, Charles P. Sweeney, Jr. and Theodore Lumbrazo, Police Chief James Zophy, Rick Tianello and Joseph Farnach and , Christine Ennis from the Bee-Journal.

ABSENT: None

Mayor Rouse asked for a moment of silence to remember Barbara Rinauto from the Town of Lenox offices who passed away on Saturday.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi to approve the minutes of the previous Board meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the General Fund Abstract dated February 22, 2006, in the amount of \$52,141.80. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the General Fund Abstract dated March 6, 2006, in the amount of \$44,619.62. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract dated February 22, 2006, in the amount of \$2,139.43. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract dated March 6, 2006, in the amount of \$25, 068.09. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of \$4,337.53. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of \$172,773.45. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the interfund transfer of \$500.00 from Economic Development to Capital Fund Checking for expenses relating to the Municipal Parking Lot on East Center Street. **Discussion:** The Mayor advised that this is for the ballasts for the lights in the parking lot. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the installation of a street light on Will New Boulevard by National Grid at an estimated total annual cost to the Village of \$164.90.

Discussion: The Mayor advised that this is for the Leibl Subdivision - there is no cost to the Village for installation. The cost is an estimated annual cost Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to appoint Robert Napoli as Fair Housing Officer. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following budget modification:

Increase 2660.01 (Sale of Real Estate Property) by \$16,495.00
Increase 33204.01 (Street Signs) by \$16,495.00.

Discussion: The Mayor advised that this revenue was generated from the sale of property in the Business Park to Kristi Trailer. The expense is for the cost of the street signs. The poles have been received and one has been installed on Clark Street. We are waiting for the signs. Passed 5 to 0.

Rick Tianello thanked the Board for the opportunity to be heard and asked about the possibility of the Village applying for grant monies to replace the sidewalks from Route 5 north to the Thruway. Mayor Rouse advised that there are no grants for sidewalks, but you could tie the sidewalks into another project, which is part of a project that the Village is currently putting together. Mr. Tianello would also like to see the sidewalks plowed by the Village. Mayor Rouse advised that our DPW currently plows the sidewalks.

Correspondence

- The Mayor read a Memo which was sent to Department Heads regarding use of Village cell phones.
- The Canastota Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring another Business Expo on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the High School.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, that the Village participate in the 2006 Business Expo on April 29. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from OCWA regarding an adjustment to the sewer bill for property at 318 North Peterboro Street. The water meter froze causing a leak which was not introduced into the sewer system but down the cellar drain.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to refund the amount of \$244.24 to Mark Tomarchio based upon the recommendation of OCWA. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from OCWA regarding an adjustment to the sewer bill for property located at 209 New Boston Street. There was a broken washing machine hose causing water to leak into the basement and not into the sewer system.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to refund the amount of \$408.96 to Joanna Parkinson-Grilli based upon the recommendation of OCWA. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from Harvey Lanphear of 203 South Main Street requesting a reduction in his sewer charges due to a leak in the hot water heater at the subject property. Also received was a letter from OCWA recommending that the charges be reduced to 4800 cubic feet of usage.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to refund the amount of \$276.90 to Harvey Lanphear based upon the recommendation of OCWA. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from the Greater Canastota Chamber of Commerce in support of the 911 Memorial and Reflection Park..
- Letter from Nick Campbell of 228 West Hickory Street regarding a tree. Clerk/Treasurer Cathi Williams advised that, after speaking with Mr. Campbell, it appears as though the tree in question is on private property and not in the right of way. This will be turned over to the DPW.
- Letter from Robert Cesarini regarding 3 trees that he would like to have evaluated. This letter will be turned over to the DPW.
- Letter from the Forbes Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department offering Edward H. Ellis, III for membership in the Company. Mr. Ellis's membership was approved by the Company on February 13, 2006.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the acceptance of Edward H. Ellis, III into the Forbes Hose Company at the recommendation of the Forbes Hose Company. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from Fire Chief Richard Stagnitti notifying the Board that the Fire Department is replacing the 1988 Chevy Suburban with a Ford 350 Series 12-passenger Van. The Mayor advised that the money to purchase this vehicle will come from the Fire Department's 3-company money and not from the General Fund Budget. Trustee Lumbrazo asked if the Suburban had to be sold as surplus. The Mayor advised that surplussing the vehicle is an option - we need to decide what we want to do with us.

Trustee Sweeney asked to the Fire Department was accountable to for their private funds. The Mayor advised that he believed the Fire Department was a 501(C)(3) company and that the would accountable to anyone who asked to see their books. The Mayor would like to see a financial report from the Fire Department regarding their private funds.

- Letter from DPW Foreman Ron Bennett regarding the bid opening for the Street Sweeper. Two bids were received - one for \$143,345.00 and one for \$149,855. The Mayor advised that we will review the bids and look into financing options before we entertain any type of a motion.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Rouse advised that the Consent Order has been executed. There are steps and guidelines in place that we need to look at and address. This is a extension of the 1988 Order instead of a new Order. There would have been fines and penalties if we had closed out the 1988 Order and negotiated a new order. The DEC agreed that an extension of the existing Order was best. Mayor Rouse advised that he is exploring options to separate the operations and maintenance costs from debt load and one option is a special assessment for debt.

The Village election is on Tuesday, March 21 from 12 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Trustee Rapasadi and Sweeney are on the ballot for a 4-year term.

Calling hours for Barbara Rinauto will be on Tuesday, March 7 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Campbell Dean Funeral Home in Canastota. The Town and Village officials and employees will be meeting there at 5:00. The funeral is Wednesday, March 8 at St. Agatha's Church. The Municipal Building will be closed from 9 - 11 for the funeral.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Lumbrazo asked if we were going to start looking for a DPW Superintendent. He thinks it is necessary and needed.

Trustee Rossi asked if the Village was going to donate any money to the County Bicentennial event. The Mayor advised that the Town and the Village had both committed to donate money to the local event but that an exact amount had not been determined.

Trustee Sweeney stated that he is not opposed to doing research on a Superintendent for the DPW, but that he is opposed to hiring someone who is just going to be a "boss". He feels that we should hire someone with engineering experience. Mayor Rouse concurred that we should look for

someone with engineering experience which may help us to reduce our yearly expenses for engineering fees as some of that work may then be handled by the Superintendent.

Delegations

Joseph Farnach of Rasbach Street approached the Board and asked if all storm drains eventually went into creeks to which the Mayor replied "Yes." Mr. Farnach then asked if someone could run a sump pumps into storm drains if they can. The Mayor stated that is where it needs to go. Mr. Farnach provided the Board with a copy of the subdivision map for the property located to the south of his property and asked to have the drainage ditch cleaned out by the Village. Mayor Rouse advised that he would have Codes Officer Mike Adsit look into the matter, but he believed that the ditch was on private property and did not belong to the Village.

Trustee Lumbrazo reminded the Board that the Fire Department Friday Fish Fry had started.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer