

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
March 20, 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, DPW Foreman Ron Bennett, Village Historian David Sadler, Bill Buchan and Michael Pratt from OMI (WWTP Operators), Louie Zupan, Sr., Louie Zupan, Jr., Al Setticase, Richard D. Chapman, Martin Bargabos, Jeff Aquino, Robert Johnson, Ray Galavotti and Christine Ennis from the Bee-Journal.

ABSENT: None

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

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$42,817.15. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$63,608.53. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Sewer Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of \$2,340.36. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked what the expense was for and he examined the abstract. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to reschedule the organizational meeting to Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised the Board that we were moving the meeting from Monday to Thursday. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to schedule a public hearing on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at 7:05 p.m. regarding a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 230 of the Village Code to provide for two unit townhouses/patio homes in the R-1 Zone; to amend Chapter 230 of the Village Code to provide for two unit townhouses/patio homes in the R-2 Zone; and to amend Chapter 230 of the Village Code to provide for two unit townhouses/patio homes in the R-M Zone. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked where this change is. The Mayor explained that this could be anywhere within the zones as outlined in the proposed Local Laws before the Board. Passed 5 to 0.

### Correspondence

- Notice from the Town of Lenox regarding their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the closing of Railroad Street between South Peterboro and South Main Streets on Saturday, April 15, 2006 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for the Town of Lenox Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held in the Municipal Building Parking Lot on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., or, in the event of inclement weather, the road closure is authorized for Saturday, April 22, 2006, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., which is the published rain/snow date. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from DPW Foreman Ron Bennett regarding the bids received and opened on March 3, 2006, recommending that the Village Board award the bid to the low bidder, J&J Equipment, LLC, at a price of \$143,345.00.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the award of the bid for the Regenerative Air Street Sweeper to J&J Equipment, LLC, of Brewerton, NY at a bid price of \$143,345.00 contingent upon financing approval through bonding or line item budget for 2006-2007 fiscal year. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if this would be paid for out of this year's budget. Mayor Rouse stated that he is looking into payment options including bonding and paying for the equipment in full. Passed 5 to 0.

### Department Heads

DPW Foreman Ron Bennett reported that his department has begun work on the street sweeper so that it is ready to go for this spring. Trustee Lumbrazo asked Ron to take care of the light that illuminates the American Flag on New Boston Street.

Clerk/Treasurer Cathi Williams reported that the Mayor has filed his tentative Budget for 2006-2007 with her office today. Copies will be presented to the Trustees on Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

Bill Buchan and Mike Pratt of OMI, the WWTP operators, provided the Board Members with a report of monthly activity at the plant and stated that they were here and available if anyone had any questions regarding the plant and pump stations. Mayor Rouse added that Mr. Buchan had been working with the Village on developing a plan for the WWTP to carry us through the consent order and beyond.

Historian David Sadler reported that he had completed his research of the NYS Archives in Albany regarding the dry dock that was closed in 1837. Mayor Rouse asked David who he was working with at Canal Town regarding the County Bicentennial Transportation Weekend to be held here in

June. Trustee Rossi stated that she was on that committee and that there would be a meeting on this Thursday night.

### **Mayor Comments**

Mayor Rouse reminded everyone that the Village election is tomorrow. Voting will take place at Village Hall from 12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m.

### **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Rapasadi asked DPW Foreman Ron Bennett if his department would take care of the pot holes on James Street. Ron stated that he was aware of it and would take care of it.

Mayor Rouse asked Ron to start looking at what Village Streets he would recommend for repair next year.

### **Delegations**

Mayor Rouse advised the delegations present that there would be a joint meeting of the Village and Town Boards on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. and that the agenda would be around consolidation.

Louie Zupan, Jr. asked the Mayor what his position was regarding consolidation. The Mayor responded that it was something to consider and that there were many options available, but first the proper studies would need to be performed. The Mayor stated that there was a difference between consolidation of services and consolidation of the two governments.

Ray Galavotti asked the Mayor about the debt load of the Village. Mayor Rouse advised that after this fiscal year, the General Fund debt would be approximately \$175,000.00 for fire truck purchases and the Sewer Fund debt would be approximately \$4.8 million, due mostly to the treatment plant upgrades and the separation projects.

Mr. Galavotti asked the Mayor if the Village would consolidate services or the DPW with the Town Highway Department. Mayor Rouse responded that the Village Board is open to any way that we as a community can save money...can we share resources, equipment, work out of a certain area? These are ways that we can start.

Robert Johnson addressed the Board about a Federal patent that his company has received that will "revitalize the treatment plant". The Mayor invited Mr. Johnson to leave any information that he may have from his company at Village Hall and we would review it with him.

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Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer