

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
February 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, Raymond Galavotti, Christine Ennis from the Bee-Journal and Nadia Alvarado from the Post Standard.

ABSENT: None

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

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$64,769.98. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$47,988.62. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of \$1,236.56. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of \$500.00. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize Mayor Rouse to execute the Renegotiated DEC Waste Water Treatment Plant Consent Order from May of 1992. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised that negotiations have been going on for the last 3 - 4 months. The original Consent Order was tied to the improvements and upgrades at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the late 1980's and was driven by fines and penalties. The reason that the original Order was renegotiated rather than closing it out and issuing a new Order is that a new Order would also have included fines and penalties. The renegotiated language coincides with plant and system upgrades and does not stop development. Although having a Consent Order forces us to do something, it gives us a higher potential for grant funding and give the local DEC the ability to work with us. Mayor Rouse stated that he thinks that this is the best that we could come up with without the matter getting adversarial. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the interfund transfer of \$2,681.53 from Economic Development to Capital Fund Checking for expenses relating to the Municipal Parking Lot on East Center Street. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised that this is to purchase the last piece of property. The purchase was previously approved - this is to approve payment. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the payment of the following expenses from Capital Fund Checking regarding the purchase of property located at East Center Street from MOAO, LLC: \$2,288.00 to MOAO, LLC; and \$393.53 to Charlene L. Barres, Tax Collector. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to advertise for bids for a Regenerative Air Street Sweeper. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked what a Regenerative Air Street Sweeper was. Mayor Rouse explained that last summer John Twomey from our DPW brought in at least 5 manufacturers of different types of street sweepers which he tested throughout the Village. He ran each on Tuttle Avenue where there are large deposits of stone dust every year. After testing the sweepers, he compiled a list of specifications. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the following budget modifications:

Increase 2089.01 (Other Recreation Income) to \$2,916.75
Increase 73104.01 (Recreation Contractual) by \$2,916.75 to \$95,790.93

Discussion: Mayor Rouse advised that this modification is for the SnowBlast Weekend revenues and expenses. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence

- Letter from Chief Zophy requesting use of a patrol car for him and other officers to attend the National Memorial in Washington, DC from May 12 - 14, 2006. The only expense to the village would be the mileage on the vehicle.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Chief and one officer for the trip to the National Memorial in Washington, DC from May 12 - 14, 2006 including use of a patrol car. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from Administrator Gazda asking the Board for a motion in support of the Grant Application sponsored by Upstate Institute at Colgate University for the GIS/GPS mapping of the sanitary and storm sewers for the Villages of Canastota and Chittenango.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to Support the application for the Fellowship Grant Program sponsored by Upstate Institute at Colgate University for the GIS/GPS mapping of the sanitary and storm systems for the Villages of Canastota and Chittenango. Passed 5 to 0.

- Copy of the Legal Notice regarding a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss and consider a Community Development Block Grant application to NYS Governor's Office for Small Cities
- Letter from Administrator Gazda requesting permission for Chrissy Palamara to attend a BOCES sponsored training course for web site design being held from February 27 - March 27 at a cost of \$149.00.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to allow Chrissy Palamara to attend a BOCES course for web site design on February 27 - March 27, 2006 at a cost of \$149.00. Passed 5 to 0.

- Invitation from the American Red Cross to attend a reception honoring supporters of the 2005 Hurricane Season at the Rusty Rail on February 13, 2006 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Mayor Rouse, Trustee Rossi and Clerk/Treasurer Williams will attend on behalf of the Village.
- Thank you letter from The Opportunity Shop for the donation made at Christmas time from the employees of the Village of Canastota and Town of Lenox. Mayor Rouse explained that in lieu of exchanging gifts at Christmas, Village and Town employees collected money which they donated.
- Fax from Mark Ferriter of the Canastota Fire Department advising that the Pole Barn will be used by Fireman Jeff Huss on August 5, 2006 and by Richard Rossi and Canastota Kid's Day on August 12, 2006.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to acknowledge that the pole barn will be used on August 5, 2006 by Jeff Huss and on August 12, 2006 by Canastota Kid's Day provided that the necessary proof of insurance is filed with the Village Clerk by Canastota Kid's Day. Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Rouse reported on behalf of Recreation Director Carla DeShaw that there were over 500 people in attendance at the Kick Off Parties on Friday night at Rusty's. Two teams participated in the SnowBall Tournament; BroomBall was a huge success was well attended - teams played in the rain in the evening games; the MeatBall contest was a success. These events will only grow from this point and perhaps next year we can include some different activities.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Lumbrazo commented that the sidewalk in front of the Municipal Parking Lot on East Center Street is in need of repair. Mayor Rouse advised that this was a spring project and that the Village has put out a request for a substantial dollar amount to assist us with sidewalks and other expenses.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked about the property to be developed and located on the other side of the bowling alley in the Town of Lenox - will they want to tap into the Village's sewer system? Mayor Rouse explained that this would likely be an extension of a Sewer District already existing in the Town of Lenox.

Trustee Rapasadi commented that the SnowBlast weekend went off fantastic.

Trustee Rossi commented that the weekend's events were great. She asked about replacing street signs in the Village. Mayor Rouse advised that this year we will be replacing all of the street signs and poles. Depending on what we have from a budget standpoint, we may update stop signs as well. Village entrance signs will be done with the street signs. This should be a significant improvement in the Village. Trustee Rossi asked if we had any update on the status of Dunkin' Donuts. The Mayor has received no update. Nadia Alvarado from The Post Standard shared that she has spoken with the PR department of Dunkin' Donuts and was told that there is no definite date for opening, but it may be in the middle of April.

Trustee Sweeney asked if the street signs would be standard street signs or would they be decorative. The Mayor advised that we are working with the State Correctional Department and their Corcraft Division. Inmates in the correctional system make these signs. The signs will look identical to the City of Utica and Village of Whitesboro. They will be blue and will display the entire street name and our Village seal. This will make a huge statement when they are done. Hopefully this project will be completed in early spring.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked about the status of the Memorial. The Mayor advised that our goal is to start work first thing in the spring and to be done by May. The DPW will be included in the work. The plans are complete and the Mayor needs to meet with the police department and GLAS to finalize plans with them. The fire department has decided not to display the names of all of their deceased members but instead to display language honoring all members for their service.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked about the status of the Bruno Road Project. Mayor Rouse advised that there are some minor things to be done and that the project will be completed in the spring.

Delegations

Ray Galavotti asked the Board if the people who deliver the Pennysaver need a permit from the Village. The Mayor responded that a permit was not required. Mr. Galavotti is concerned because he is consistently cleaning up Pennysaver papers from his yard and has asked the Board to take care of this matter. Mayor Rouse stated that we will contact the Pennysaver and ask them to remind their carriers to put the papers in the appropriate spot and ask that they not deliver to residences where the papers are piling up.

Mr. Galavotti told the Board that he would like additional street lighting on Galavotti Place. Mayor Rouse told Mr. Galavotti that the Village would contact National Grid with the request for additional lighting on Galavotti Place and advised Mr. Galavotti that National Grid tells us where the street lights go when we make these requests.

Mr. Galavotti has a concern that there is a crow problem in the Village. Mayor Rouse stated that his office could make an inquiry to the DEC about how to deal with the crows.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer