

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
February 4, 2008

Mayor Rouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Todd Rouse, Trustees Theodore Lumbrazo, Ann Marie Rossi and Charles Sweeney; Village Historian David Sadler; Canastota Firemen Steve Perry and Doug Chandler and Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the following budget modifications: Increase 2089.01 (SnowBlast Revenue) by \$3,100.00 to \$5,600.00; Increase 73104.01.135 (SnowBlast Expenses) by \$3,100.00 to \$7,600.00. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo questioned why we were making the increase. The Mayor explained that this was to cover the money that was raised by private donations for the fireworks display. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$9,074.73. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$1,433.18. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Fireworks Exhibition Agreement with Young Explosives Corporation in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the fireworks display to be held in conjunction with SnowBlast on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.; and to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Williams to issue payment to Young Explosives Corporation in said amount. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Williams to issue a check to Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, as attorneys for Global Crossing North American Networks, Inc., et al, in the amount of \$193.23 for amounts owed pursuant to a Court Order dated November 22, 2006. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse explained that this is settlement resulted from the petitioner challenging its assessment. This is the Village's share of the settlement. Passed 4 to 0.

**Correspondence**

– OMI report on the WWTP for 2007.

- Letter from New York State Canal Corporation looking for information regarding events to be held along the Canal this year. The Mayor would like us to coordinate with Canal Town on this matter.
- Letter from OCWA advising that there was a rate increase for all customers effective January 1, 2008. There will also be an increase in our hydrant charges effective September 1, 2008.
- Mayor Rouse reminded everyone of the events planned for SnowBlast this weekend, February 8 and 9, 2008. DPW Foreman Ron Bennett has arranged for the Camden DPW to supply us with snow. The Town of Lenox will be using its 10-wheelers to haul the snow for us.

### **Mayor Comments.**

Mayor Rouse advised that he has received a call from DOT to let us know that they have scheduled the installation of the light at Roberts and Peterboro Streets for this year. DOT asked the Mayor if the Village had anything else going on in that area this year. Mayor Rouse asked if sidewalks were planned as a part of the DOT's project and was told that sidewalks were not in the DOT budget right now. OCWA may be a part of this project, but there are no definite plans right now that have been made available to the Village.

The Mayor has met with representatives of CSX and was advised that all that is left of the cleanup is the scrap metal. They expect this to be gone within 30 days. The trail will be restored into at least the same condition as it was before the accident. It is possible that the trail may be paved for us by CSX. They plan to widen the trail near James Street. CSX will be giving us permission to paint the bridges and to do some landscaping on the banks - they may cut the trees at the base but they will not remove the trees. The Mayor also spoke with the CSX representative about the road behind the Fire Department. We may be able to work out an arrangement which will give us access to this area, but CSX would not give up ownership. Mayor Rouse advised that our expenses related to the train derailment are pretty limited. The Police Department would have incurred the most expenses - the Fire Department costs are estimated at less than \$100.00 - the DPW expenses were minimal. We have not received an answer yet on the cause of the accident.

Mayor Rouse advised that our Agreement with LBD Enterprises for sludge removal expires in May and we need to look at whether we need to re-bid or can we just extend the existing Agreement.

The Mayor is having ongoing discussions regarding the extension that we were granted. The Mayor believes that we will be back down to our original numbers of \$12.5 to \$14.5 million. We are looking at using the existing force main and putting in a storage tank. Mayor Rouse explained that we are trying to utilize the existing tanks at the plant and replacing or repairing other items. If we

can stay away from the plant for new construction we will be better off. The Mayor advised that if we can get into the ground near the pump station at the ball field, we may be able to find the source of some of the infiltration.

Mayor Rouse let the Board know that as far as he knows, the State is moving forward with its plans for the parking lot at the corner of Peterboro and Canal Streets.

**Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Lumbrazo stated that he has received calls from residents on Center Street near Main Street that they are having trouble backing out of their driveway because of the people parking for the doctor's office. Mayor Rouse asked Clerk/Treasurer Williams to make Chief Zophy aware of this matter.

Trustee Lumbrazo advised that the Fire Department Fish Fry will begin this Friday.

Trustee Sweeney is all set.

Trustee Rossi is all set.

**Department Head Comments.**

Village Historian David Sadler reminded the Board of his talk about the Great Auto Race to take place at the Education Center of the Canal Town Museum on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

He also reminded the Board of the dedication for The Great Auto Race Historical Marker in front of the Municipal Building on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 12:00 noon. Mr. Sadler let the Board know that Canastota is one of two communities in the State who will be having a ceremony to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Race.

Clerk/Treasurer Williams reported on interest earned by the Village in 2007.

**Delegations.**

Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal let the Board know that her new boss, Gary Catt, would like her to get head shots of the Board members.

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Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer