

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 3, 2008

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 Theodore Lumbrazo, Ann Marie Rossi and Charles Sweeney; Police Chief James Zophy, Village Historian David Sadler; Canastota Firemen Steve Perry and Doug Chandler, Kyle Debrucque of Debrucque Greenhouses, LLC; resident Ross Stagnitti and Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal

ABSENT: None

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if the joint meeting had been scheduled. Mayor Rouse stated that it is tentatively set for March 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m - we are waiting for confirmation from the Town which meets again on Monday, March 10. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize the following budget transfer: \$2,000.00 from 80201.01 (Planning Board Personal Services) to 14101.01 (Village Clerk Personal Services). Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$275,149.38. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$47,870.06. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to set the Municipal Building at 205 South Peterboro Street in the Village of Canastota as the only polling place for the Village Election to be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence

- Letter from CT Group advising that there will be no increase in our rates for life insurance for the next year.
- Memo from Mary Krause regarding civil service training to be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Madison/Oneida BOCES campus.
- Letter from the NYS Department of Transportation regarding solicitations for a 2nd round of transportation enhancement projects for the Transportation Enhancement Program.

- Notice from PERMA about online safety training which is available free to PERMA members. Mayor Rouse asked that a copy be provided to all Department Heads.
- Memo from Chief Zophy asking to place part-time Officer Michael Corpin on inactive status and to hire James Gleasman, Jr. as a part-time Officer to replace Officer Corpin.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the appointment of James Gleasman, Jr. as a part-time Police Officer. Carried 5 to 0.

- Application for Real Property Tax Exemption from the Madison County Industrial Development Agency regarding the property located at 3215 Seneca Turnpike formerly owned by Bailey & Haskell.

The Mayor advised that this application is with the Town of Lenox Assessor Tanya Pifer and that he is awaiting a return call from her office.

- Letter from Margaret Romer resigning as a representative from the Town of Lenox to the Recreation Commission for personal reasons.

Mayor Rouse advised the Board that Village of Canastota representative to the Recreation Commission Mark Arner has moved out of the Village and relocated into the Town of Lenox. It is the Mayor's hope that Mark Arner will remain on the Commission as a representative from the Town of Lenox and that we will appoint someone to take Mark's place as a representative from the Village.

- Memo from Paul Miller of the County Planning Department regarding planning and zoning training to be held on March 27 at Jefferson Community College. The Mayor asked that this information be provided to our Planning and Zoning Departments.
- Information was received from All Seasons Textile regarding rug service for the municipal building. This information was compared against the current pricing that we receive from Cintas. The Mayor would like to look at this during the upcoming budget process.
- Quotes were received from Bliss Environmental Services, Inc. and Waste Management for the 30-yard roll-off dumpster at the DPW. Mayor Rouse would like to contact Waste Management for a new quote to see if we can improve upon our potential savings.
- 2008 Business Expo Contract from the Chamber of Commerce. The Expo will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the High School Gymnasium.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, for the Village Clerk to send payment in the sum of \$35.00 for a booth at the Business Expo. Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Comments.

The Mayor would also like to discuss contracts during executive session this evening.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked Chief Zophy about the traffic problem on Center Street that was brought up at the last meeting. Chief stated that he did check into the complaining and found that it was people traveling in the wrong direction. Trustee Lumbrazo asked the Mayor if a date had been given for when the final clean-up would be completed. The Mayor stated that it is targeted for the third week in March. As for landscaping the overpass, that discussion is ongoing - the land behind the firehouse discussions are ongoing - painting the overpass discussions are ongoing - donations to the community are the subject of discussion - nothing is finalized yet. CSX is leaning toward trying to pave the walking path up to Port Street from Main and the barricades will be put back.

Trustee Rapasadi spotted two (2) big holes across from the church school on Wilson Avenue and at Maple and Main Streets. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that the DPW obtained cold patch today and began working on repairing the pot holes. The Mayor advised the Board that there is a shortage of treated salt but he believes that the Village should be okay now. The Village ordered 1200 ton and received 900 in the early winter. We are working on having the balance of our order delivered.

Trustee Rossi advised the Board that she has been working with Kyle Debrucque of Debrucque Greenhouses regarding flowers for the Village. Kyle presented a quote for the flowers for the pots in the amount of \$6,800.00 and a \$300.00 discount for a total of \$6,500.00 and a quote for maintenance for the season in the amount of \$5,800.00. The cost of the flowers is less this year than last year (\$8,000.00 last year) because last year's figure included the cost of new soil which is not necessary this year. The soil will be reused. Kyle stated that they tried to keep the cost down as much as possible - we have 61 pots this year as opposed to 59 last year. Some of the pots were repaired in an attempt to keep the expense to a minimum. The second quote is for maintenance and watering of the pots. Kyle explained that the maintenance has to be done "off hours" to avoid trouble with traffic and must be done as needed and not necessarily on a schedule. The weather will dictate when the pots will need watering. The pots will be out by the end of May. The quote for maintenance was based upon an anticipated schedule of watering 2 times a week for 18 weeks. This includes the fertilizer, water and labor. Mayor Rouse advised that the Village will look at the numbers from our budget and see what the cost was to the Village last year to determine if the quote for maintenance make sense. Kyle stated that the price for maintenance would be adjusted if they did not water as

many times as estimated. The Mayor asked if something happened to one of the pots under Debrucque's care, would they guarantee the plants. Kyle responded that they would as they did last year. Trustee Rossi praised the DPW for how well they worked with Debrucque's last year and this year in readying the pots for display and taking the pots in at the end of the season. The Mayor asked Trustee Rossi to review these proposals with the Beautification Committee and decide if they want to make it part of their budget.

Trustee Sweeney is all set.

Delegations.

Village resident Ross Stagnitti wanted to share his thoughts about historical markers. He noticed that there are no markers on Main Street, noting that Carmen Basilio's birthplace was 211 North Main Street. This is not known by many people in the Village. It is believed that the home is currently owned by Troy Dumigan. Mayor Rouse pointed out that Lenox Memorial Hospital is another one of many historical sites in the Village. The Mayor thanked Mr. Stagnitti and stated that he would start the process by visiting the homeowner to see if he would be interested.

Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal asked for clarification of information regarding the salt.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to enter executive session regarding contracts and personnel at 7:45 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to exit executive session at 8:12 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Rouse asked if there was anything else before the Board.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer