

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 17, 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 and Ann Marie Rossi; Police Chief James Zophy, Village Historian David Sadler; 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Bruce K. Chandler, I; Canastota Firemen Steve Perry and Doug Chandler, residents Ross Stagnitti and Troy Dumigan; Rick Myers of Myers and Associates, P.C. and Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Sweeney

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

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the following budget modification: Increase 81304.02 (Treatment Plant Contractual) by \$60,081.92. **Discussion:** The Mayor explained that this is a transfer from fund balance. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$122,167.04. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$101,426.75. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize a wire transfer to Hasler, Inc. In the amount of \$500.00 for postage. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to appoint Mark Arner as the Town of Lenox representative to the Recreation Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Margaret Romer with a term expiring on April 1, 2013. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to appoint Timothy Williams as a Village of Canastota representative to the Recreation Commission to fill the vacancy created by Mark Arner's move to the Town of Lenox with term expiring April 1, 2014.

Rick Myers of Myers & Associates, P.C., appeared before the Board representing Anthony J. DiVeronica in an Application for a Zone Change for property known as a portion of Tax Map Parcel No. 44.21-1-1.111 located on the westerly side of South Main Street near the intersection with Route 5. The applicant seeks to extend the existing commercial zone to cover an additional 1.701 acres of the parcel. Mr. Myers explained the history of the previous zone extension that occurred in 1982, stating that the existing commercial zone does not allow for any building in that extended zone

within the requirements of the current local laws. The commercial zone boundaries create a sub-standard parcel which cannot be built upon. The current application seeks to extend the commercial zone northerly to the Pexton property and westerly a distance of approximately 165.04 feet to create a commercial lot that conforms to the requirements of our current local laws and allows for construction of a commercial building of approximately 8,000 while adhering to the set back and buffer requirements of our local laws.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to refer the Zone Change Application of Anthony J. DiVeronica to the Madison County Planning Board for review pursuant to GML Section 239 due to the proximity of the parcel to NYS Route 5 and to refer the Zone Change Application to the Village Planning Board for report prior to the public hearing as required by Section 230-13(C) of the Code of the Village of Canastota. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence

- Letter from Ann Deminski regarding flooding events of March 2007 involving her residence at 320 E. North Canal Street.

The Mayor asked Rick Myers to let the Board know what has been determined to date on this matter. Mr. Myers advised the Board that he has been reviewing this for the past 6 months - looking at the properties on Roberts Street, Canal Street and Clark Street. Part of the problem is that over time, property owners have filled in the canals that were there in the past for drainage which has caused a back up of water in this area. Mr. Myers stated that the current storm water drainage system cannot handle the amount of water that drains from this area. Mayor Rouse asked Mr. Myers if there was enough fall to get the storm water from Clark Street down Roberts Street to Peterboro Street. Mr. Myers believes that there is enough fall to get the water from Clark to Peterboro Street; however, he does not believe that bringing all of the water to Peterboro Street is the best idea because he is unsure if the pipes on Peterboro Street can take all of the water. The Mayor would like to see us continue to look for solutions to the water problem and look to see if Peterboro Street can handle the increased flow. Mr. Myers believes that a possible solution would be to create a detention area at the school. Homeowners in the area would need to grade their property to create a smaller detention area which would allow us to control the rate of discharge and to where we discharge the water. Mr. Myers advised the Mayor and the Board that none of the property involved belongs to the Village

- Monthly reports for January and February, 2008 for the WWTP.
- Letter from the Unified Court System advising that the Village of Canastota/Town of Lenox combined court has been awarded a grant under the Justice Court Assistance Program in the amount of \$7,639.99 for the purchase of office furniture/equipment.

- Letter of resignation from Jonathan Doyle, Jr. effective March 15, 2008.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to accept the resignation of Officer Jonathan Doyle, Jr. effective March 15, 2008. Passed 4 to 0.

- The Town of Lenox will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building parking lot.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the closure of Railroad and Depot Streets on Saturday, March 22, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

- Letter from T.J. Tornatore, the Fire Council Secretary of the Canastota Fire Department, advising that on March 6, 2008, Marcus Reinsmith of 108 Chapel Street, Apt. 2, Canastota was voted in as a member of the Patten Hook and Ladder Company of the Canastota Fire Department.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the membership of Marcus Reinsmith to the Patten Hook and Ladder Company of the Canastota Fire Department with one exception - pending receipt of an update of his driver's license, he is to be a non-driving member of the Department. Passed 4 to 0.

- Letter from 2nd Assistant Chief Bruce Chandler dated March 17, 2008, regarding the replacement of the 1979 pumper due to be replaced in 2009 and another letter from 2nd Assistant Chief Bruce Chandler dated March 17, 2008, requesting permission to apply for the FEMA grant for this new truck and some additional equipment.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Village to apply for the 2008-2009 FEMA Grant after the Mayor has met with the Fire Chiefs and Doug Chandler to review and finalize our application. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse asked what the Village contribution would be if the grant were awarded. Chief Chandler advised that it was a 5% match from the Village. Passed 4 to 0.

- Letter from Gerald Taylor, Esq., Village Attorney, regarding the Canal View Subdivision.
- Letter from David Bellino regarding a problem with a back up of water and rags in his sewer line. Ron Bennett, DPW Foreman, has advised that the DPW did work on a line on Main Street but the main that we were working on is not connected to Mr. Bellino's line.

- Notice from the Central New York Community Foundation announcing the 2008 Grants for Green Spaces Program. The Mayor asked Trustee Rossi to take this information to the Beautification Committee.
- Letters from Senator Charles E. Schumer dated March 11, 2008 regarding the 2008 Save America's Treasures Grant Program and Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions Program. Mayor Rouse would like this information to be sent to Canal Town and the Canastota Library.

Mayor Comments.

The Mayor advised that he met with Supervisor DiVeronica the other day and that the Boards will be discussing sewers at the joint meeting. The Mayor is proposing a per-parcel charge for debt. Each parcel would be assigned a unit value. The details need to be worked out as to how to assign the units.

Mayor Rouse reminded everyone of the election tomorrow and asked everyone to remember to vote.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked the Mayor if we received our second supply of salt. The Mayor stated that it had been received. Trustee Lumbrazo received a complaint about a pot hole on Clark Street by Karl Kapfer's property.

Trustee Rapasadi noted that the bricks in the road on Main Street near the Passante residence were coming through the road and asked how we remedy that. The Mayor advised that the DPW could patch the area and that we may need to consider that part of Main Street on our list of areas for re-paving and milling.

Trustee Rossi has been contacted by Elinor and Mary Orr regarding a problem they are having with their property on Peterboro Street. Water is coming up under their sidewalk. The Mayor stated that we need to have the DPW take a look at that area.

Trustee Rossi asked if we had a schedule for Rite Aid to get started on its project. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that at the Planning Board meeting, Rite Aid's representatives expected to be in the temporary location - the old Riccelli/Bailey building - by April 7, 2008.

Mayor Rouse advised the Board that he had received a call from DOT regarding the light at Peterboro and Roberts Streets. The DOT is planning to do the work in its 2009 project year. The

Mayor is hoping that the DOT's plans will include all of Peterboro Street. He is awaiting a return phone call from DOT.

Trustee Rapasadi asked the Mayor about the status of CSX. Mayor Rouse stated that they just finished pulling out the debris. It is his understanding that plans are not yet finalized and that they are still working on trying to get the walking path paved.

Department Heads.

Historian David Sadler is requesting an increase in his budget so that he may attend the APHNYS conference scheduled for April 17 - 19, 2008. Mr. Sadler would also like an increase in his budget for 2008-2009 from \$500.00 to \$900.00.

2nd Assistant Fire Chief Chandler noted that there is a problem at East Hickory Street near the funeral home with cars parking on both sides of the street. He expressed concern that emergency vehicles cannot navigate the street with cars park in such a manner. The Mayor asked Chief Zophy to look at placing no parking from the corner of East Hickory and Peterboro Streets to the corner of East Hickory and High Streets so that the fire trucks can make the turn from Peterboro Street onto East Hickory Street.

Chief Chandler asked what was being done with the tanker and the bus that are currently parked at the DPW. The Mayor stated that the tanker would be sold as surplus - he was not certain what would be done with the bus.

Chief Zophy advised the Board that there were several street signs in the Village that were stolen recently. The Village of Chittenango had signs stolen at the same time. The Chittenango signs were recovered and at the same time, our signs were also recovered. We have received restitution for our signs and the youths will be performing 100 hours of community service.

Delegations.

Village resident Ross Stagnitti approached the Board regarding the historical marker that he proposed that would recognize the birth place of Village resident and boxing champion Carmen Basilio. Mr. Stagnitti advised that he has had discussions with Troy Dumigan about the marker. He has also spoken with Catskill Castings. Mr. Dumigan does not like the state-style historical markers and would like to see something nicer in front of his property. The Mayor asked that they continue looking at what is wanted and for potential funding sources.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to enter executive session regarding contracts at 8:21 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

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Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to exit executive session at 8:36 p.m.
Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer