

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
April 21, 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; Village Historian David Sadler; and Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Sweeney

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

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the following budget transfer: \$4,500.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 71101.01 (Parks Personal Services); \$281.84 from 19904.02 (Contingency) to 19905.02 (OCWA Billing Fees). Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the following budget modification: Increase 81304.02 (WWTP Contractual) by \$16,766.62. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$49,661.63. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$42,478.52. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the wire transfer to Depository Trust Co. In the amount of \$2,000.00 for interest on the General Obligations 2003 Bond. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the payment of \$653.45 to David Bellino of 314 N. Main Street, for reimbursement of expenses incurred as a result of cloth wipes backwashing into his lateral from Village sewer system. (Note: Mayor Rouse has advised Mr. Bellino that if reimbursement is made by the Village, Mr. Bellino must take action to correct placement of lateral tap into the Village sanitary sewer system and/or install a back-flow preventer.)
Discussion: The Mayor explained to the Board the problem with the backwashing into Mr. Bellino's lateral. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adopt the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$3,108,078.51. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised the Board that he received a letter from the Fire Department this afternoon asking that we re-look at their line items and consider increasing the amount appropriated to the Fire Department to \$188,000.00,

the amount that was appropriated last year. Trustee Lumbrazo, the Fire Department Liaison, is aware of the request. Trustee Rapasadi believes that the budget is a good budget and that one-time expenses from last year should not be the reason for increasing the budget this year. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adopt the Sewer Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$1,034,356.30. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize Code Enforcement Officer Michael Adsit to attend a code enforcement course entitled Building Height & Area, Part I, to be held on April 24, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Moyers Corners Fire Department located at Route 31 and 57 in Clay, NY. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adopt the attached Home Rule Request to allow the Village to amend the term of the Justice to a 1 year term beginning April, 2009 and continuing with 4 year terms thereafter beginning April, 2010. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised that we had already made these requests but it did not pass the State Senate. This will bring the election for the Judge back in line with the Mayor, otherwise we would be conducting elections for the Judge's position alone. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence

- Letter from CDM regarding the WWTP and CSO Improvements Project. CDM is ready to move forward with the SEQRA process.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to continue with CDM to do the next phase of engineering under the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades to include SEQRA. Passed 4 to 0.

- Letter from Chief Zophy requesting payment in the amount of \$157.00 to Inv. John Paul of the Oneida Police for lodging for training that Officer Barton attended on undercover operations in Poughkeepsie, New York. Trustee Rapasadi authorized this training.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to pay \$157.00 to John Paul for reimbursement of the lodging charges for training for Officer Barton. Passed 4 to 0.

- Letter from NYS Office of Parks and Recreation regarding applications for 2008 funds under the Environmental Protection Fund and Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- Notice from the NYS Office of General Services regarding the State Purchasing Forum and Contractor Trade Show to be held on May 21 and 22 in Albany, New York.

- Letter from the NYS Division of Alcohol Beverage Control regarding new permitting policies and procedures for issuance of licenses.
- Letter from Canastota Canal Town Corporation inviting the Board to the grand opening celebration for the Museum on Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. where they will be celebrating the restoration of four paintings by local artist Frederick R. Spencer which restoration was made possible through donations from the families of Edward and Anna Babcock and R. Gene Knox.
- Notice from the New York State Canal Corporation regarding the 3rd Annual Canal Splash to be held August 8 - 10, 2008.
- Notice from the New York State Canal Corporation regarding the opening of the navigation season on the New York State Canal System.

Mayor Comments.

- Mayor Rouse advised the Board that, through the Code Enforcement Office, we are moving forward on taking action on the Cooley Building on Center Street. A structural engineering report has been authorized.
- Mayor Rouse has scheduled a meeting with the Teamsters to be held on May 7, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall for the first time for contract negotiations for the PBA.
- The Mayor informed the Board that on Thursday of this week, the Boxing Hall of Fame will be holding a press conference at 1:00 p.m. regarding the Grand Marshall for this year's Boxing Hall of Fame Parade.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked if the Village had approved a new street in the Getmac subdivision. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that subdivision approval had been granted for Phase II of the Canal View Subdivision and that there is a proposed street to be constructed as part of the subdivision. Trustee Lumbrazo is concerned about the possible confusion if the name "Lenox" is used in the street name because there are existing streets within the fire district and mutual aid response territory that are named "Lenox". Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that the Board of Trustees, at the time of the offering of the street for dedication and acceptance, will have the authority to name the street. The name that is being used now was chosen by the developer and was necessary for activation of utilities to the properties that are situated on that street. The developer was made aware that the name could change at acceptance and dedication.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked about the status of the CSX cleanup of the derailment site. The Mayor advised that local contractor CCI is finishing the cleanup for CSX and hopes to start the work tomorrow or Wednesday. CSX was not aware that the previous contractors had not completed all of the cleanup work.

Trustee Rapasadi would like an appointment to meet with Mike Pratt, the WWTP Operator, to tour the Plant.

Trustee Rossi asked about the status of the landscaping on the overpass. The Mayor stated that the plan had been submitted by Mike Adsit to CSX and we are awaiting permission to begin.

Department Heads.

Village Historian David Sadler just recently attended the State Historical Conference where he was awarded Registered Historian status. Mr. Sadler advised that he is the first and only publicly-appointed historian from Madison County to receive Registered Historian status.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked if the liaisons could be more involved with spending requests. Clerk/Treasurer Williams asked Trustee Lumbrazo to stop by her office so a procedure could be developed based upon how involved Trustee Lumbrazo would like to be.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked about a Village clean-up where residents could participate in the cleaning-up of the Village. The Mayor suggested that Trustee Lumbrazo seek the input and assistance from local civic organizations and clubs such as the Boy/Girl Scouts.

Mayor Rouse reminded the Board that the new budget calls for the reinstatement of the Village Administrator position and stated that he would like to begin advertising for the position with the intent that it be filled with a start date of June 1, 2008. The advertisement will be placed in the Bee-Journal and Dispatch and should be available on-line if possible.

Mayor Rouse advised that he has a contractor looking at our tree-lighting issue. He has asked for a quote on what it would take to cut into the concrete, lay the conduit and run it up the trees. The Mayor advised that the only place that we are lacking access to Village power would be across the street from the Municipal Building - we should be able to draw power from Rotary Park/Christmas Tree, Reflection Park and our building for the downtown lights.

Delegations.

None

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Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer