

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
May 5, 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 Attorney Gerald H. Taylor; Paul Marco 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 Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the following budget transfer: \$42.07 from 14102.01 (Village Clerk Equipment) to 14104.01 (Village Clerk Contractual); \$1546.95 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 16204.01 (Village Hall Contractual); \$5,014.03 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 51824.01 (Street Lighting); \$269.96 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 74104.01 (Historian Contractual); \$575.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 85604.01 (Tree/Stump Removal); \$27,790.81 from 81302.02 (Treatment/Disposal Equipment) to 81304.02 (Treatment/Disposal Contractual). Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$73,899.28. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$28,295.28. Passed 4 to 0.

Review of report from PLS Engineering, P.C., regarding Inspection of Building at 128 Center Street in the Village of Canastota. PLS Engineering states that in its current condition, the building is in immediate danger of further collapse, noting that it is beyond repair and recommends demolition. Village Attorney Taylor advised the Board that there is enough information to consider holding a hearing and recommends May 19, 2008.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to schedule a hearing pursuant to Section 73-1(B) Buildings, Unsafe. Repair or Removal of Unsafe Buildings and Collapsed Structures to be held on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Village Attorney Gerald Taylor will prepare the necessary paperwork and have it properly served upon the property owners and filed in the office of the Madison County Clerk as prescribed in Sections 73-1(B) and (C) of the Code of the Village of Canastota. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse asked Village Attorney Taylor to schedule the Court Stenographer and advise the engineer. Attorney Taylor acknowledged that he will schedule the stenographer and engineer for the hearing. The Mayor advised the Board that their presence is required at the hearing. Passed 4 to 0.

Trustee Sweeney joined the meeting at 7:08.

Review of recommendations from the Madison County Planning Department and the Village of Canastota Planning Board relative to the Zone Change Application of Anthony DiVeronica requesting that the zoning of a portion of the property known as parcel No. 44.21-1-1.111 be changed from R-1 to CM. Mayor Rouse read the letters from the County and Village Planning Board. The Mayor stated that the concerns of the County and Village Planning Board would be addressed at the public hearing.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. regarding the Zone Change Application of Anthony DiVeronica concerning parcel No. 44.21-1-1.111 seeking to extend the current CM zone 49 feet northerly and 165 feet westerly into the R-1 zone. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Service Agreement with Waste Management for the 30-yard dumpster located at the DPW facility on EN Canal Street at a cost of \$142.80 per hauling and a disposal fee of \$64.10 per ton. (Note: This is the OGS Contract rate and does not contain a monthly rental fee.) **Discussion:** Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised the Board that we were previously paying \$32.50 in monthly rental fees that will no longer apply. Passed 5 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from Commander Alan Galster of the Canastota Memorial VFW Post 600 regarding the Village Board's participation in the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Rouse has asked Clerk/Treasurer Williams to confirm the Board's participation with Commander Galster.
- Letter from Tony Salerno regarding a tree in front of his home on 239 James Street. This has been turned over to the DPW.

### **Mayor Comments.**

The Mayor made the Board aware that the stress test has begun at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It started last week - we need to conduct the test in wet and dry weather.

Mayor Rouse let the Board know that we are working on a local law to create a Deputy Treasurer position. We need to create the new position because the State does not currently recognize this position and has changed the rules affecting the current classification of some of our employees. We are also working on a local law to change the sewer billing.

Mayor Rouse asked the Trustees who would like to review the applications that we have received for the Administrator's position. Trustees Rapasadi and Rossi will review the applications and conduct the first round of interviews. The Mayor and Trustee Sweeney will conduct the second round of interviews and the Board will then meet to determine who is the best candidate for the position. Applications will be accepted until Friday, May 9. Clerk/Treasurer Williams will assist with the scheduling of the interviews.

The Mayor advised that we are still waiting for permission from CSX to complete the bridge painting. CCI is continuing with the cleanup work from the derailment. We are still waiting to see what happens with the walking trail - will they pave it or put the stone back.

### **Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Lumbrazo let the Board know that he will not be here for the next meeting and he is not sure if he will return by Memorial Day.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Mayor Rouse reminded Trustee Rapasadi of the first meeting regarding contract negotiations for the police department which is to be held on Wednesday, May 7 at 4:00 in the Mayor's office.

Trustee Rossi remarked that she had attended Opening Day ceremonies on Saturday for Canastota Little League which were "just great". She reminded everyone of the dedication of the restored paintings at the Canal Museum to be held on Sunday, May 18. Trustee Rossi let the Board know that the flower pots will be ready for this year.

Mayor Rouse asked Trustee Rossi to obtain 2 more quotes regarding maintenance of the pots for the season. After receiving the quotes, we can compare them with the quote received from Debrucque Greenhouses and make a determination as to how to proceed.

Trustee Sweeney is all set.

### **Department Heads.**

None

### **Delegations.**

Paul Marco remarked that he had attended to see what was happening with the Center Street property. He was "more than satisfied".

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Mayor Rouse added that he had met with the school and their engineer with regard to the water problems on Roberts, Clark and Chapel Streets. They are working on a resolution and need to meet with the Village engineer, Rick Myers.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer