

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
June 16, 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 Ann Marie Rossi and Theodore Lumbrazo; DPW Foreman Ron Bennett; Chris Hannan, Larry Carpenter and Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal.

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Sweeney

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the minutes of the last board meeting and public hearing, as amended. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize the following budget transfers for the 07-08 budget: \$11,394.78 from 19904.01 (Contingency) distributed as follows: \$1,250.39 to 16204.01 (Buildings Contractual), \$4,067.67 to 51104.01 (DPW Contractual), \$6,076.72 to 51824.01 (Street Lighting); \$7,129.84 from 90608.01 (Medical Insurance) to 81604.01 (Refuse/Garbage); \$1,679.47 from 81204.02 (Sanitary Sewers Contractual) to 81201.02 (Sanitary Sewers Personal Services). Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the following budget modification: Increase 81304.02 (Treatment/Disposal Contractual) by \$24,271.70. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the May 31, 2008 General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$32,212.79. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the May 31, 2008 Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$24,527.39. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the June 16, 2008 General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$37,591.20. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the June 16, 2008 Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$18,543.99. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to adopt the attached amendment to the Employee Handbook modifying Section 803 Sick Leave/Proper Use of Sick Leave to delete the last sentence of the paragraph as follows: "Sick leave credits may not be used in increments of less than one hour." **Discussion:** Trustee Rapasadi asked if that is what it says now. Mayor Rouse advised that it does say that now, but he believes that it is ambiguous. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Release between the Village and AT&T Corp. regarding the "Telecommunication Cable"/Railroad Corridor Class Settlement which provides for payment to the Village in the amount of \$412.59. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the State and Local Government Product Schedule between the Village (Police Department) and IKON Office Solutions, Inc. for a Canon Image Runner 2200 ICS Bundle in the total monthly amount of \$105.00 for a period of 48 months, which said amount covers the cost of equipment and service. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the wire transfer to Hasler, Inc. in the amount of \$500.00 for postage. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize Debrucque Greenhouses, LLC to water and maintain the 61 planters in the Village at a cost of not more than \$5,800.00 for the 2008 summer season, pursuant to the terms as set forth in the Quote provided by Debrucque Greenhouses, LLC dated February 24, 2008. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if that was the total amount to be paid. The Mayor advised that the quote was for an amount not to exceed \$5,800.00, which is how we worded the motion. Trustee Rossi informed the Board that we had asked for quotes from 2 other landscapers and have received no response. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence

- Letter from the Fire Department asking permission for Lyle Chafee to use the pole barn on July 19, 2008 for a graduation party.

The Mayor noted that the insurance would be coming from Cathi Williams.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the use of the firemen's pole barn by Cathi Williams on July 19, 2008 for a graduation party pending receipt of proof of insurance. Passed 4 to 0.

- Letter from the Fire Department asking permission for Ted Lewis to use the fire house on July 17, August 16 and September 20, 2008 for a scrapbooking party.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the use of the fire house by Ted Lewin on July 17, August 16 and September 20, 2008 for a scrapbooking party. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse asked if this is a for-profit event, stating that if it is, he is not sure that we can allow the use. Trustee Rapasadi would like to table the matter. (There was no vote on the motion.)

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to table the matter until clarification is received as to whether things will be sold for profit. Passed 4 to 0.

- Requests have been received from the Planning Board and ZBA to allow members to attend mandatory training to be held at Hamilton College on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at a cost of \$60.00 per person to include class materials, breakfast and lunch.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve all members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to attend the training at Hamilton College on Thursday, August 7, 2008. Passed 4 to 0.

- Monthly report from OMI.

The Mayor advised the Board that our operator, Mike Pratt, accepted a position with Anheuser-Busch and will be leaving in the next week or two. A new lead operator will be coming in from another plant.

- The Annual Report for 2007 was received from David Sadler and is on file in the Clerk's Office.
- Letters from the following people were received regarding trees: Danielle Thayer of 105 Catherine Street, Greg Katzuba of 204 Spencer Street and Rolland Gustin of Delano Avenue. These have been turned over to the DPW.
- Letter from Time Warner Cable regarding its plan to separate from TWX.

Department Heads.

Mayor Rouse asked DPW Foreman Ron Bennett to meet with Rick Myers regarding road repairs. Ron will take care of it. The Mayor also asked Ron to obtain price quotes for the curbing work that is being considered.

Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that the auditor will be here during the week of July 14, 2008. Tax collection has been going well

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Rouse advised that he has received a letter from Chief Zophy regarding the Fire Department's concerns over parking on East Hickory Street. Chief Zophy has measured the road and has

determined there to be adequate room for the Fire Department to navigate its equipment. If need be, he would be willing to move the No Parking Here to Corner signs another 25 feet to allow more room for traffic to navigate turns. He has spoken with James Dean who has indicated that he will have personnel available to make sure that the no parking areas are left open. Trustee Lumbrazo asked if the Village Board could close the street on one side. Mayor Rouse stated that a local law would be required.

Trustee Rossi asked about the no parking sign near Gray Stone. Ron Bennett stated that a sign was on the street but that it was taken down recently because it was faded and could not be read. Ron did not replace the sign because they could not determine what exactly the sign read - No Parking Here to Corner or No Parking This Side. The Mayor directed Ron to do whatever our local laws required.

Mayor Rouse advised the Board that there was a conference last week on the testing of the WWTP capacity and it was determined that running the test again does not make any sense. We are only hoping that the results will be different. One suggestion is that we add height to the tank to give us required amount of feet at the top which will increase the storage capacity of the tank to 1 million gallons if necessary. As for bringing drinking water to the plant, we may be able to put in a well. The Mayor stated that as long as we can get what we need and it is potable, we can move ahead with it.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked if we were finished with clean up from the derailment and have we started restoration? Mayor Rouse advised that the clean up was finished and that the Village has submitted our claim for the cost to restore the trail so that CSX can send this to its claim department

Trustee Rapasadi commended DPW Foreman Ron Bennett for an outstanding job on Hall of Fame Weekend, adding that when they cleaned up after the parade it was like nothing had gone on. Trustee Rapasadi noticed that after the recent storm he noticed Rick Stevens raking up stones in his driveway at ZEMS. Rick had indicated to Trustee Rapasadi that he would like to sit down with the Village to talk about the problem with storm water runoff near his business to see if something can be done to fix it. Mayor Rouse asked DPW Foreman Ron Bennett if we could run something like we have at Key Bank down to Main Street. Ron stated that his department would look at it. The Mayor then suggested that we look at adding curbing to the pole barn side of the street to direct the water. Ron will look at it and let the Mayor know what we can do. Trustee Rapasadi asked about a tree that fell on Wilson Avenue near Main Street. Part of the tree is by the curb for the DPW to pick up. Resident Chris Hannan stated that he witnessed the tree fall during the last storm.

Trustee Rossi thanked the Board for the donation to Kids' Day. She asked the Mayor if anything could be done about the cars and debris at Robbie C's on South Main Street as you enter the Village.

Mayor Rouse stated that it is a repair shop and that you have to expect that there will be cars in the yard. Trustee Rossi asked if there were limits on what and how much could be in the yard. Mayor Rouse advised that if there are no plates or if the vehicles are unregistered there may be an issue. Trustee Rossi updated the Board on the status of the entrance signs into the Village. The Town is handling this and Supervisor DiVeronica is going to the organizations to ask for money for new signs. It is Trustee Rossi's understanding that Supervisor DiVeronica will also come to the Village to ask for money. DPW Supervisor Bennett let the Board know that we still have Welcome to the Village signs that are all framed out at the DPW barn

Delegations.

Chris Hannan asked to address the Board as a taxpayer and not as a member of the Fire Department. He read in the newspaper and was upset about the dog, Lorenzo, being named as a part of the Fire Department as the dog belonged to a member of the Fire Department and not to the Department. Mr. Hannan stated that the dog has never been with him as the Fire Prevention Officer when he has made presentations to the school children over the last 20 years. Mr. Hannan suggested that a more appropriate place for the plaque would be at the Fire Department Memorial in Clark Park. He indicated that the 911 Memorial Park in Reflection Park was not the right place for this.

Mr. Hannan addressed other streets in the Village which he believes to be an issue as far as emergency vehicles being able to navigate the street during certain times and events such at Wilson Avenue, Spencer Street and the school driveway when St. Agatha's is having mass, the streets around South Side School when there is an event at the school, the streets around Roberts and Peterboro Street Schools when there is an event at the schools. Mr. Hannan believes that these areas, as well as Hickory Street near Campbell Dean Funeral Home, need to be addressed,

Mr. Hannan complimented the DPW for a great job during Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend. He was on bike patrol for GLAS and noticed that the silly string that was being sold by the street vendors made the Village look trashy. Mr. Hannan stated that as the Fire Prevention Officer he has concerns about silly string because it is flammable and he does not want to see anyone hurt. It was also noted that the poppers that are sold make a mess in the streets. Mayor Rouse suggested that we could notify the vendors that silly string and poppers could no longer be sold. Other matters of safety during the parade were discussed such as children running in the road to get the candy that the parade participants throw to them. This is dangerous for the children due to the number of motorized vehicles that participate.

The Mayor stated that he was asked if the Village would consider placing porta-potties on the parade route for the out-of-town parade watchers.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer