

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
July 7, 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 Charles P. Sweeney, Ann Marie Rossi and Theodore Lumbrazo; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Chandler; Residents Tina Chandler, Elizabeth Barnaskey, Jason Martin, Carmen Sicilia, Mary E. Orr, Marie Sicilia, Glenda Yorton, Bill Yorton, David Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Rose Rose, Doug Chandler and Larry Carpenter; and Jody McNichol from the Oneida Dispatch.

ABSENT: None

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the following budget modifications for encumbrance carryovers from the 2007-2008 budget into the 2008-2009 budget: Increase 11304.01 (Court Contractual) by \$608.95; Increase 14204.01 (Attorney) by \$150.00; Increase 16204.01 (Village Hall Contractual) by \$95.00; Increase 31204.01 (Police Contractual) by \$1,333.70; Increase 31204.01 by \$1,263.94; Increase 34104.01 (Fire Department Contractual) by \$3,422.99; Increase 51102.01 (DPW Capital) by \$1,185.77 for a total of \$8,060.35 in encumbrance carryovers. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$140,810.58. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$66,766.79. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with the International Boxing Hall of Fame, Inc. in the amount of \$8,000.00 for period June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009, and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amount. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if this was for the yearly advertising. Mayor Rouse confirmed that it was for advertising. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract with the International Boxing Hall of Fame, Inc. for the Summer Concert Series to cover period July 3, 2008 through September 2, 2008. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if there was a charge to the Village to hold the concerts at the Hall of Fame. Mayor Rouse responded that there is no cost to the Village. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Canastota Canal Town Corporation in the amount of \$2,000.00 for fiscal year June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amount. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Canastota Canal Town Corporation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for fiscal year June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amount. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked what the difference was between this Agreement and the previously approved Agreement. Mayor Rouse advised that the previous Agreement was for publicity and this Agreement is for the museum. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for tax map number 36.79-1-34 owned by Scott and Carol Peterman and commonly known as 3461 Seneca Turnpike, correcting the Village taxable value to \$129,400.00, and authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to refund to the owner the amount of \$147.01. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised that this adjustment was due to an exemption that was missed and reapplied. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the General Release between the Village of Canastota and CSX Transportation, Inc. in exchange for the payment to the Village in the amount of \$29,720.00 for the damages sustained to the walking trail as a result of the train derailment that occurred on or about January 23, 2008. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advise the Board that this Release is for the insurance to put it back as it was before the derailment. There will be another payment of approximately \$20,000 to cover the paving. Once the walking trail matter is taken care of, we will be working with CSX regarding the property behind the Fire Department. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to allow the Village, in cooperation with Lou Zupan, to apply for a grant through the Restore New York program for the rehabilitation of the former Titan Motor Homes building. **Discussion:** The Mayor explained that proposed project meets the Restore New York guidelines and is at no cost to the Village. All costs will be covered by the property owner. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to deny the request of Ted Lewin to use the Fire House on July 17, August 16 and September 20, 2008 for a scrapbooking party. (Note: this matter was tabled at the June 16, 2008 meeting pending further information.) **Discussion:** The Mayor noted that this is a for profit business. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize Police Chief James Zophy to attend the NYCOM 207-a/207-c workshop in Rome, New York on July 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at a cost of \$50.00. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to accept the Proposal from Myers and Associates, PC, for preparation of plans, specifications, project advertisement, bidding and contract award and general construction administration in conjunction with the milling and repaving of a portion of Diamond Street, a portion of Pleasant Street, a portion of Stroud Street, a portion of James Street, a portion of East Hickory Street, a portion of Second Street, a portion of Prospect Street, a portion of Anderson Street, a portion of Delano Avenue and a portion of Tuttle Avenue in the amount of \$17,600.00. **Discussion:** The Mayor advised that he has a letter regarding the curbing. He is expecting an increase in costs for road repairs of \$50,000 to \$60,000. The curbing could make it as much as \$110,000 - \$120,000 over budget. We are waiting for numbers from our year-end audit to determine how much we have to spend. Passed 5 to 0.

Concerned residents regarding proposed NYS DOT construction project PIN 2057.46 regarding installation of traffic control device at intersection of Peterboro and Roberts Streets. Elizabeth Barnaskey addressed the Board on behalf of the concerned residents. She read from a prepared letter, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Ms. Barnaskey presented each of the Board members with a list of questions, a copy of which is also attached. Mayor Rouse responded to some of the questions that the residents posed. He informed the residents that he has requested a meeting with the DOT, the school, residents and the Village. DOT has indicated that it would be willing to meet in July. Mayor Rouse advised the residents to present concerns to the DOT other than the potential for loss of property as he did not feel that the DOT would listen to this concern.

It was determined that a public meeting would be scheduled for either Tuesday, July 22 or Thursday, July 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Rouse asked Clerk/Treasurer Williams to contact the DOT and Superintendent Bragan to schedule the meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Bruce Chandler asked to receive notification of the meeting so that a representative of the Fire Department could also attend. Marie Sicilia should be contacted with the date of the meeting on behalf of the concerned residents.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from the Fire Department requesting permission for TJ Tornatore to use the pole barn on July 20, 2008 for a birthday party.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the use of the pole barn on July 20, 2008 by TJ Tornatore contingent upon the Village Clerk's receipt of insurance. Passed 5 to 0.

- Letter from National Grid regarding the recent power outages.
- Letter from OCWA advising of its planned replacement of the 10" water line on South Peterboro Street from Route 5 to the Lenox Skate Park. Trustee Lumbrazo asked about truck traffic detours during the construction. The Mayor advised that OCWA would have a plan for detoured traffic.
- Letter from Ellicott Development Company regarding permission for the Fire Department to use the former Rite Aid building for training. This letter was referred to the Village Attorney for review. Mayor Rouse will acknowledge the letter pending review by our Attorney.
- Letter from the NYS Department of State notifying Town Supervisor DiVeronica that the 07-08 Shared Municipal Services Incentives grant application was not approved.

#### **Mayor Comments.**

There will be executive session tonight regarding personnel.

#### **Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Lumbrazo asked about the flashing lights in the school zone stating that he believes that the timers are off again. Mayor Rouse asked Clerk/Treasurer Williams to have TJ Tornatore look at the lights.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Rossi provided sketches that she had received from Supervisor DiVeronica showing the proposed replacements for the entrance signs into the Village. These are the signs that list the Civic Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. It is not known how much these signs will cost.

Trustee Sweeney is all set.

#### **Delegations.**

Resident David Conklin asked about a recent article which stated that they can no longer throw candy or sell silly string and poppers during the Boxing Hall of Fame Parade. Mayor Rouse explained that the reason the candy was discussed is that it was brought to his attention that someone had witnessed a child running into the road to get the candy and was nearly hit by a motorcycle that

was participating in the parade. The suggestion was that the people distributing candy should either hand it to the children or throw it farther into the crowd to try to keep the kids from running into the road and onto the parade route. As for the poppers and silly string, they are potentially dangerous and make a mess.

Resident Bill Yorton stated that he was impressed with the speed that the Village got the streets cleaned up after the parade.

Resident Tina Chandler presented the Board with the quote and sketch for the plaque for Lorenzo. Mrs. Chandler advised the Board that her husband was not aware that she was going to make a suggestion that the plaque be presented for the dog. Mrs. Chandler also stated that she had information to support the fact that Lorenzo did work for the Fire Department and the County. The Mayor asked that she go to the Fire Council to get their input and then get back to this Board.

Trustee Lumbrazo suggested that the welcome letters that the Chamber is going to distribute to new residents should contain information from the Village regarding garbage pick-up, recycling guidelines, brush removal and other do's and don't's.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to enter executive session at 8:14 p.m. regarding personnel. Passed 5 to 0. Larry Carpenter remained for this session. Clerk/Treasurer Williams was not present.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to exit executive session at 8:25 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer