

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
July 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 Charles P. Sweeney, Ann Marie Rossi and Theodore Lumbrazo; Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal

ABSENT: None

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

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$73,835.14. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$17,085.51. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the deed and ancillary documents necessary for the transfer of Lots 14 and 16 in the Canastota Business Park to Mahoney Properties, LLC at a purchase price of \$72,000.00. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked what will be built there. The Mayor advised that Mahoney Associates is relocating its business and building warehouse and office space. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to advertise for bids for the demolition and site restoration of property known as 128 Center Street, Canastota pursuant to the specifications and contract documents prepared by Paul L. Sheneman, P.E. of PLS Engineering, P.C. dated July 2008. There will be a pre-bid meeting on July 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m. on August 13, 2008 at which time they will be publicly opened, recorded and turned over to PLS Engineering, P.C. for review and recommendation back to the Village Board by August 18, 2008. **Discussion:** Trustee Sweeney asked about the cost. The Mayor stated that the estimated cost is \$40,000 - \$60,000. It will go on the taxes in next May if the property owner does not pay the Village directly. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract with the Canastota Little League in the amount of \$1,500.00 and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amount. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract with the Canastota Little League f/b/o Girl's Softball in the amount of \$500.00 and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amount. **Discussion:** Trustee Sweeney asked

if this was a part of the recreation budget. The Mayor confirmed that it was part of recreation. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract with the Canastota Running Club in the amount of \$1,000.00 and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amount. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract with the Canastota Pop Warner Association in the amount of \$2,850.00 and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amount. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to appoint Edward Cerasia to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending April 1, 2010, to replace Vincent Spadafora who moved outside of the Village. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Williams to transfer the sum of \$12,500.04 from Industrial Park Savings to the General Fund. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised the Board that this transfer was to cover the bond payments. Passed 5 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

- Invitation to attend a forum discussion with Congressman Arcuri on August 11, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Daniele at Alfredo's in New Hartford..
- Annual Report from Mike Adsit, Code Enforcement Officer. This report is on file in the Clerk's Office.
- The Mayor received an email from Comptroller DiNapoli's office inviting the Board to a brunch at the Fairgrounds on August 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
- Letter from the Chamber of Commerce asking for items or information for the tote bags that the Chamber would like to distribute to new residents and businesses moving into the Canastota area.
- Letter from the Madison County Office for the Aging, Inc. updating their contact list. The Mayor has asked Clerk/Treasurer Williams to provide this information to the Police and Fire Department.
- Notice Soliciting Comments from the Public Service Commission regarding Verizon New York.

**Department Head.**

Clerk/Treasurer Williams reported that the audit for 07-08 started today.

**Mayor Comments.**

Mayor Rouse advised the Board that he is waiting to get final numbers for last fiscal year from Brenda Kayn, CPA, so that we know if we can do the curbing project this year.

Trustee Sweeney noted that there are many potholes in the Village streets. Clerk/Treasurer Williams added that today she had requested that the DPW take care of 2 potholes.

Mayor Rouse met with CDM with regard to their proposal for the engineering work for the WWTP upgrades to ask that they look for additional cost savings in their fees. He is hoping to have this information at the next meeting. Mayor Rouse noted that we are not required to go out to bid for engineering costs, adding that if the revised proposal that we receive from CDM is fair, we can accept it. If not, we can ask for bids.

The Mayor let the Board know that the school, through the Children's Council, is working on an art project involving painting through music. They will be painting a mural on the north side of the Farr Building. On August 6, the Children's Council would like to have an unveiling block party from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the section of Peterboro Street between Dunn's Bakery and Canal Street. We will be receiving a letter asking for the road closure and participation from the Village.

**Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Lumbrazo is all set.

Trustee Rapasadi noted that the Board has recently been through the interview process for an Administrator.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, that the Village hire Larry Carpenter as Administrator effective August 4, 2008, with a term expiring on May 31, 2009, at which time he will be appointed to a 2-year term. Passed 5 to 0.

Trustee Rapasadi has received information from Mike Adsit regarding local laws regulating signs. Trustee Rapasadi will review the information and get back to the Board. He noted that the Village of Sylvan Beach regulates when its residents can conduct garage sales. The Clerk in Sylvan Beach has information that is available if we would like to review it. Trustee Sweeney asked if there had been any issues with garage sales. Trustee Rapasadi noted that the problem was with the signs. Mayor

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Rouse asked Trustee Rapasadi to identify the problem - the signs or the fact that the signs were not being removed, and address the problem

Trustee Rossi stopped at the pool today and stated that we should be very proud of that program and the people involved.

**Delegations.**

Margo Frink has received paperwork from the owners of Lorenzo stating that it was a County dog. The County told her that a grant had been received and was processed through the County that paid for the fence around the owners house.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer