

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
October 6, 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, Charles Sweeney and Ann Marie Rossi; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal; Village Historian David Sadler; Fire Chief Mark Ferriter, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Chandler, I; and Canastota Firemen Doug Chandler, Lyle Chafee, Gene Johnson and John Massarotti.

**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 Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$182,621.09. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$70,276.50. Passed 5 to 0.

The Trustees have been presented with a proposed Local Law regarding sewer billing. Mayor Rouse asked the Trustees to review the proposed changes and be prepared to discuss this at our next meeting. The proposed changes would move the debt portion of the sewer fees to a unit based charge.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, authorizing the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for a Triple Combination Pumper Truck, with sealed bids to be received by the Clerk's Office until 12:00 noon on October 27, 2008, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and turned over to the Truck Committee for report back to the Village Board on November 3, 2008. **Discussion:** The Mayor reported that our current Bond Schedule anticipates \$350,000.00 of debt to purchase this vehicle. The first estimated cost that the Mayor received was as high as \$420,000.00. Mayor Rouse advised that if the cost of the new truck exceeds what has been anticipated in the Bond Schedule, than the Board will have to decide if it will fund the difference and how or if it will reject all bids. Doug Chandler informed the Mayor that after the committee met over the weekend, the current estimate is about \$361,000.00. Mayor Rouse stated that it was in the rotation plan to replace T-122 now and T-121 in 4 to 5 years. The original Bond Schedule called for \$175,000 in funding for the current replacement and \$300,000

to \$400,000 for the next truck. Trustee Sweeney asked where the miscalculation occurred. Doug Chandler stated that they may have discussed \$350,000 as the bond figure, but the committee did not know at that time where the price of the truck would come in. Trustee Rossi asked how the figure got from \$175,000 to \$350,000. Mayor Rouse reviewed with the Board the history of meetings between him and the Truck Committee where the rotation schedule was modified and the original Bond Schedule for the next replacement truck was increased from \$175,000 to \$350,000. When the rotation schedule was devised in 2002, it was the intent to replace T-122 with the same type of truck, which is no longer available making it necessary to modify the schedule and purchase something else. This modification was done with the intent to replace T-122 now with a vehicle that would make it unnecessary to replace T-121 in 4 to 5 years when it is scheduled to come out of rotation. He and the Truck Committee were also trying to structure the bond payments so that the current payments were ending when it was time to replace T-124 and T-127. Trustee Lumbrazo pointed out that the truck committee put a lot of work into coming up with the proposed truck and that it was designed to last 30 years. Doug Chandler pointed out that there is a provision in the bid documents that asks for a reduced price on the chassis if it is paid for in advance. Mayor Rouse indicated that we could look at that as a means to reduce some of the cost if it would make financial sense to BAN in advance, if our savings on the truck would exceed the expense of the BAN. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to advertise for bids for gutter and curbing replacement/repair pursuant to the specifications as submitted by Myers & Associates, PC dated October, 2008, with sealed bids to be received in the Clerk's Office until 12:00 noon on October 20, 2008, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and turned over to Myers & Associates, PC for report back to the Village Board that evening. **Discussion:** The Mayor asked Administrator Carpenter why we were bidding this project. Administrator Carpenter advised that the anticipated cost is over \$22,000.00. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the Estimate for Ocutto to add the following streets to the contract between the Village and Ocutto for milling and repaving at an estimated cost of \$36,000.00: High Street at First Street and James Street from the Canastota Creek to Peterboro Street. (Note: The project has come in under budget and the streets being added are from the list of those originally pulled from the contract in an effort to keep the cost within budget.) **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo was concerned about paving James Street at Peterboro Street because of the work that OCWA is doing to replace the water lines on Peterboro Street. Administrator Carpenter stated that the Village would work with OCWA to avoid any problems. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to appoint Robert McCormick as a part-time police officer based upon the attached request of Chief Zophy. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to suspend the fines charged to Queensboro Farm Products for the period of August 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008, based upon proof of execution of a contract between Queensboro and its contractor for the installation and successful monitoring of a new system to control pH levels. **Discussion:** The Mayor advised that pH levels from Queensboro have no effect on the WWTP. The DEC requires that we monitor pH levels under the SPEDES permit. During the time of installation of the new monitoring system by Queensboro, the pH levels will fluctuate and could result in abnormally high fines. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize the following budgeted capital expenses: Stainless steel Hopper Body Spreader from Robert Green Truck Division under NYS Contract #PC63867 at a cost of \$9,195.00; and a 2009 Ford F350 4x4 chassis with 11' dump box from Fairport Ford, LLC under NYS Contract #PC63527 at a cost of \$34,992.80. **Discussion:** The Mayor advised that these items are budgeted under line items for equipment. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the following wire transfers: \$379,269.90 to JPMorgan Chase Bank on October 3, 2008, for payment of principal and interest owed on the April, 2008 Bruno Road BAN; and \$17,000 to JPMorgan Chase Bank on October 15, 2008, for principal and interest owed on the 2003 General Obligations Bond. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if this paid off the Bruno Road Project. The Mayor explained that the State had just conducted its site visit to close out our grant on September 11, 2008, and now we need to go to Bond. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize the Fire Department to attend a live fire training exercise in the Village of Fayetteville on October 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and to utilize engine #122 and van #125-1, pursuant to the attached request of Chief Ferriter. **Discussion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Chandler advised that the Fire Department would also be taking T-121 to the Fayetteville exercise. Trustee Rossi amended her motion to include the authorization for the Fire Department to take T-121. Trustee Sweeney seconded. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Fire Department to travel to the DeWitt Training Tower on October 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and to utilize engine #122 and van #125-1, pursuant to the attached request of Chief Ferriter. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize payment to Gray Barn upon receipt of an invoice for framing of artwork to be displayed at Village Hall in an amount not to exceed \$150.00. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised that Carl Raineri had donated a painting of the lift bridge for display in the Village. Passed 5 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from the Fire Council advising that the Patten Hook and Ladder Company will be catering a clambake for the American Legion on October 18, 2008 at the American Legion. The Fire Department will not be providing any alcohol.
- Letter from the Fire Chief requesting to be involved in the planning of the 200 year celebration of the Village which coincides with the Fire Department's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Letter from Troy Dumigan of 209 N. Main Street regarding a tree. This has been turned over to the DPW.
- Letter from Helen Fabrizi of 106 Prospect Street regarding a tree. This has been turned over to the DPW.
- Notice from the Public Service Commission regarding public statements hearings to be held concerning a proposal by National Grid to increase gas service rates. The Syracuse hearings are on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. at Syracuse City Hall and at 6:00 p.m. at the Onondaga County Public Library on South Salina Street.
- Letter from Donald Laureti of 309 Wilson Avenue regarding a tree. This has been turned over to the DPW.
- Notice from the Board of Elections regarding voter registration to be held at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 7 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **Administrator**

Administrator Carpenter advised that the DPW will be working with the Town of Lenox Highway Department to make repairs to the Links Trail from the CSX derailment. The cost of the repairs will be paid from the money received from CSX.

The Village has applied to NYSERDA for a 50/50 matching grant for the WWTP for an energy project. The grant is for \$400,000.00 and the Village contribution will come from the energy savings to the Village. Mayor Rouse advised that \$500,000 in Federal money is earmarked as part of the Federal Budget for the Village for plant upgrades. The vote is scheduled to take place in January, 2009.

### **Department Heads**

Village Historian David Sadler advised the Board that he received a call from APHNYS asking him if he would be interested in running for a Trustee position with their organization. The election will take place in Lake Placid on November 3, 2008.

Clerk/Treasurer Williams reported that the auditor, Brenda Kayn, is scheduled to present her audit report to the Board on October 20, 2008.

### **Mayor Comments.**

Mayor Rouse advised that he and Administrator Carpenter met with the DEC to ask if we could modify the Consent Order. Part of the reason for asking for the modification was to get costs down and to look at cost savings if we can do some of the repairs ourselves. The Mayor stated that approximately 50% of the cost is related to the CSO - there is nothing that we can do with that. The other 50% is related to costs at the plant to increase flow and the pump upgrades. The Mayor has also met with O&M for their opinion on what can we do to bring in local companies to make these repairs and improvements. If we can do the labor, we could save a lot of money. The DEC has responded to our request asking for answers on some other matters. We are hopeful that the DEC is going to approve our request which will then have to be forwarded to Albany for approval. The Mayor's meeting with O&M identified at least \$1,000,000 of costs that we can take out of the project. If the DEC will change the dates, we would start with installation work, keeping with the original schedule. The Mayor is working with CDM to reduce engineering costs as well. Administrator Carpenter will be handling the financial side and oversight of the project finances which reduces involvement of the engineering firm and ultimately our costs. The Mayor is considering hiring someone on a part-time bases to do the construction oversight that the engineering firm would do. These costs are estimated at \$300,000.00 with the engineering company. There are significant savings if some of this work can be done at the local level. The Mayor thinks that we can get this down to a \$9 - \$10 million project. Administrator Carpenter added that the Village is looking at installing the motors, heating and some electrical work and be done in-house and no charges for engineering will be incurred. The Mayor reminded the Board that if the cost of the project exceeds the budget, we will lose our interest-free financing which will result in a significant cost increase to the Village.

### **Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Lumbrazo is concerned about Peterboro Street in the area where OCWA is replacing the water lines and asked if there is something that we can do about the condition of the roads. Administrator Carpenter agreed that the lane that can be used is in terrible condition. He will get in touch with the contractor. Trustee Lumbrazo asked the Mayor where we were with the CSX land behind the Fire Department. Mayor Rouse stated that we do not have any more information on this matter. Trustee Lumbrazo asked about downtown lighting and the Christmas Tree. The Mayor stated that we had a plan to go into the sidewalk to bring power to the trees for lights until

the State said that we can't because there are power lines under the sidewalk for their street lights. Administrator Carpenter is looking into obtaining solar-powered lights for the trees. The Mayor advised that the Christmas Tree is due to go in on Thursday. We have obtained a stabilized tree that has been out of the ground and handle the transfer better.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Sweeney is all set.

Trustee Rossi provided the Board members with information regarding the food bank and the Crop Walk. She read statistics about the number of people in our community who benefit from the local soup kitchen and food pantries and who are served by the back-to-school and Christmas Angel programs of the Opportunity Shop. Trustee Rossi informed the Board about Making a Difference Day on October 25 and the Crop Walk on October 19.

**Delegations.**

None

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer