

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
November 3, 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; Jeff Frink; Members of Girl Scout Troop 250 - Cherie Chabot, Julia DiVeronica, Kara Niles, Kathleen Niles, Alyssa Deneue, Gabrielle Rapasadi, Rhilea Chabot, Brooke Weber and Shannon Nirelli; CHS Students Liz McGinley, Cory McCallister and Rebecca Mayville.

ABSENT: None

Mayor Rouse welcomed the leaders and scouts from Girl Scout Troop 250 who are here tonight discuss community service projects with the Board.

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 Lumbrazo, to approve the following budget transfers: \$2,000.00 from 13251.01 (Administrator Personal Services) to 13254.01 (Administrator Contractual); \$500.00 from 13521.01 (Administrator Personal Services) to 13252.01 (Administrator Equipment/Capital). Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the following budget modifications: Increase 3501.01 (CHIPS Revenue) by \$5,752.92 to \$70,752.92; Increase 51124.01 (CHIPS Expenditure) by \$15,752.92; Increase 51104.01 (DPW Contractual) by \$30,598.10. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$99,116.30. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$147,156.61. Passed 5 to 0.

The Leaders and members of Girl Scout Troup 250 attended the Board Meeting to discuss community-related projects. Their leaders stated that the girls are here to learn about the powers of a team and the powers within themselves. They will be preparing a project within the

community. The object is for the girls to pick out a project, plan the project with the help of community leaders and then see the project through. Mayor Rouse asked if the project needed to revolve around leadership. He was told that the purpose is for the girls to plan the project and bring it through. The Mayor asked what some of the girls' ideas were. The list of project ideas included a bottle drive for charity and picking up garbage on the highway. The project must be completed by May. Mayor Rouse suggested a beautification project to plant flowers in Clark Park in the area behind the sign. He indicated that the Village would be willing to pick up any shortfall between the money that the girls were able to raise and the cost of the project, and also that the Village would be willing to supply some of the labor for the heavy lifting and equipment that may be needed. The troop would be responsible for planning/designing the area, planning for the funding and planning for the community input. The troop leaders asked if someone from the Village would be willing to come to a meeting to discuss the plan with the girls. Trustee Rossi mentioned that the area around the new sign to be placed in the Recreation Park would be another location that the girls could consider for their project. As a side note, Troop Leader Cherie Chabot asked if the Village could make the bathrooms at the Recreation Park handicap accessible and suggested that it could be done by bringing in a porta-potty. Mrs. Chabot informed the Board that there is no ramp into the existing bathrooms, the doors are not wide enough to accommodate her wheelchair and that there is neither a transfer bar or raised toilet seat. Mayor Rouse stated that the Village will look into this matter. It appears that the bathroom facilities were constructed prior to the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act which is most likely why the facilities are non-compliant.

Mayor Rouse thanked the Troop for being here and asked them to come back any time. (The scouts and their leaders left the meeting.)

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to set Village Hall as the only polling place in the Village for the March 18, 2009, election. Note: This election is for Village Justice only. Passed 5 to 0.

7:15 - Informational meeting regarding proposed changes to the sewer law.

Mayor Rouse asked if anyone was present for the information meeting regarding the proposed changes to the sewer law. No one responded.

Review of proposed changes to Local Law regarding signs. The Mayor stated that Administrator Carpenter had provided the Board with revisions to the proposed sign laws. Administrator Carpenter stated that he would like to move the process along. Trustee Rapasadi noted that the proposed changes seem to be consistent with other municipalities. The Mayor asked Administrator Carpenter what we are trying to do with signs in people's yards? Administrator Carpenter responded by we are trying to keep the signs in people's yards and out of the rights of way. Mayor Rouse expressed his concern that we not deal with people's homes. Administrator

Carpenter added that the proposed local law gives the Village the ability to enforce something with regard to signs.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to schedule a public hearing on the proposed changes on the local law regarding signs to be held on November 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the following wire transfer: \$500.00 to Hasler, Inc. for postage. Passed 5 to 0.

Bill Yorton of the VFW has invited the Mayor and Trustees to participate in the Veteran's Day ceremony at Clark Park on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Please be at the Park by 10:45 a.m. and join the VFW for an open house at their facility on Canal Road after the ceremony.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to declare the following items as no longer useful to the Village and to authorize the DPW to dispose of same for fair and adequate consideration to be paid to be Village: 1) old 1-ton GMC; (blue); 2) old loader bucket; 3) old sander box; 4) old v-pLOW; 5) old fuel oil tank; 6) assorted scrap metal. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked about the old fire truck. Administrator Carpenter stated that the old fire truck was going to auction. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to schedule a public hearing on the proposed changes to the sewer law to be held on Monday, November 17, 2008, at 7:15 p.m. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised the Board members that the final drafts will be available in their mailboxes on Wednesday. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence

- Thank you card from Kevin Underwood's basketball team.

Administrator

Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that the Center Street building demolition will occur on November 17 and he passed out some information regarding proposed changes to local laws on street construction. The board members were asked to review the proposal and be ready to discuss any questions or concerns at our next meeting.

Department Heads

None

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Rouse advised that the Village received only one bid on the fire truck and that bid is currently under review. The Mayor met with the truck committee on Sunday. Mayor Rouse stated that the one bid was for \$361,000.00 and he was concerned that the specs were written such that only one bidder could have bid on the truck. After discussions with the truck committee, the Mayor stated that he does not believe that it was the intention of the committee to write the specs for one bidder, but that there is enough perception to warrant some investigation. The truck committee is going to go contact the companies that picked up specs and did not bid to see why they did not bid.

Trustee Lumbrazo asked if the proposed changes to the local laws regarding street construction had anything to do with street lights. Mayor Rouse explained that National Grid has changed its policy and will not install any street lights until such time as the road has been offered for dedication and accepted by the municipality. Further, National Grid decides where the street lights will be located and how many of them will be installed. Administrator Carpenter was asked to confirm National Grid's street light policy and determine who is responsible for the cost of installation - the developer, the Village or National Grid.

Mayor Rouse reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day and asked them to get out and vote.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo would like to see that the department heads are at the second meetings of the month. Administrator Carpenter will contact the department heads.

Trustee Rapasadi asked what the purpose was of getting the new fire truck - are we in need or is it to upgrade? Mayor Rouse stated that we were scheduled to replace 122 which is definitely in need of repair. From that, the decision was made that if we moved forward, what would we do with the truck to be replaced in 2014 - we would look at a truck that would replace both trucks now. The truck committee is going to look at the second truck with which we have had a lot of mechanical problems involving the chassis and the frame, to see if a factory could retrofit the existing truck to fire department needs cheaper than we could purchase a new truck. If the cost of the retrofit is cheaper, we need to look at the cost assessment between the new purchase and the retrofit.

Trustee Sweeney asked who will prepare the bid for the redo. Mayor Rouse stated that he has had a conversation with the person who prepared the current bid specs and was told that his

company does not do retrofitting. Trustee Lumbrazo stated that he believes that the best idea is to retrofit 121 and that the fire department needs 2 engines, a ladder truck and a rescue.

Mayor Rouse stated that through his discussions with the truck committee, two things came to light - the intention of the truck committee was to come up with a truck that could be bid on the open market and it appears from the companies that picked up bids that they did not bid because the specs were proprietary. Trustee Sweeney stated that the person who drew the specs should have excused himself from this procedure. Mayor Rouse stated that he should have made a disclosure to the Village Board and made the Board aware of his involvement. Trustee Lumbrazo advised that the committee was asked if everyone was going to be able to bid and the committee answered "yes". Mayor Rouse believes that the committee's intention was for everyone to be able to bid - the problem is that someone is saying to him that the bid spec was written for the company that the committee member works for and the cost of the truck was given to the Board in an open meeting a week before the bids were received. The Mayor gave the committee two options - bring the bid over and it would get rejected or do due diligence and reach out to the other manufacturers and then the Board can reject or award the bid.

Trustee Lumbrazo will not be here for the Board meetings on November 17 and December 1, 2008.

Trustee Rossi reminded the Board of the Rotary Club Election Day Pancake Breakfast all day tomorrow at Rusty's.

Trustee Sweeney - all set.

Delegations.

Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal asked how the paving on Peterboro Street was going. Administrator Carpenter responded that top coat 10 feet in width in the eastern lane would be done in the spring - binder for now only. The DOT has stated that OCWA will come back in the spring and take care of the seeding and the top coat.

Trustee Lumbrazo stated that the Village needs representation at the fire council meeting. Mayor Rouse stated that we will ask the fire council to either change the time of the meeting to 8:00 on Monday night or change the day of the week so that a liaison can be at the meeting. The Mayor asked Administrator Carpenter to prepare a letter from the Mayor to the Fire Chiefs.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to enter executive session regarding the police contract at 7:44 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

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Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to exit executive session at 7:50 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer