

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
January 5, 2009

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 and AnnMarie Rossi; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal; John Vanderhoff and Julia Colvin

ABSENT: Trustee Chuck Sweeney

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$69,386.30. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$23,559.19. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following budget modification: Increase 2701.01 (Refunds of Prior Years) by \$4,655.20; Increase 34102.01 Fire Department Equipment/Capital) by \$4,655.20. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked what the transfer was for. Mayor Rouse explained that this is the cost to replace the Fire Department's hand tools that were lost in the Prime Materials fire. Passed 4 to 0.

Discussion of proposed changes to Local Law regarding Adult Day Care facilities. The Mayor stated that he thought that we had covered everything in our proposed language and that we tried to keep it in line with other special use permits. The ZBA will have to review the special use permit applications. Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that he spoke with the Village attorney about some changes that the Village attorney had suggested. All were discounted except the attorney's suggestion that language be added to be specific about it being owner-occupied only. The Board discussed the best place to add language to make it owner-occupied and determined that the language should be added in the definition, changing "resident" to "owner-occupant". Clerk/ Treasurer Williams will make the revision tomorrow and forward the proposed law to the Village and County Planning Board for their required review.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to schedule a public hearing on January 21, 2009, at 7:15 p.m. regarding a Local Law to allow Adult Day Care facilities in R2 and RM Zoning Districts. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize Canastota Firemen David Hamilton, Bruce Chandler, Mark Ferriter, Timothy Cowan, Richard Stagnitti, Christopher Hannan and Antonio Tornatore to attend the NYS Weekend National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland from March 6 - 8, 2009, at a cost of \$200.00 per fireman for a total of \$1,400.00, and to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Williams to issue payment to the Canastota Fire Department in said amount as the cost of attendance for each fireman was paid in advance by the Canastota Fire Department. Further, the attendees are authorized to use vehicle 125-1 for transportation. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked what the travel pay was. Mayor Rouse explained that the Village has not set a figure other than in the Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement which sets meal reimbursement to a maximum of \$30.00/day with receipts. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to accept the proposal from Fiscal Advisors in the amount of \$18,300.00 for preparation and administration of all USDA, EFC, short and long-term financing, bonding and related activities associated with the upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Combined Sewer Overflow Management Project as mandated in the DEC Consent Order and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documents associated therewith. **Discussion:** Trustee Rossi asked what this was for. The Mayor explained that it was part of the process of the treatment plant upgrades. Administrator Carpenter explained that these costs are paid for by the Bond proceeds. It does not come from the budget Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Fireworks Exhibition Agreement with Young Explosives Corporation in the amount of \$3,000.00 for a display to be held on February 7, 2009, in conjunction with SnowBlast. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse commented that the Recreation Committee has a budget for SnowBlast and seeks donations for the cost of the fireworks. Passed 4 to 0.

Public Hearing 7:15 p.m.

Public Hearing regarding Local Laws to amend the following sections of the Laws of the Village of Canastota: Section 190-27 regarding street design standards; Section 190-28 regarding street planning standards; and Section 185-11 regarding road construction.

Mayor Rouse opened the public hearing and read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud. The Mayor asked three (3) times if anyone was here to speak for or against the proposed law. He received no response. Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to close the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Resume Regular Meeting

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adopt Local Law #1 of the Year 2009 amending Section 185-11 regarding road construction; Local Law #2 of the Year 2009 amending Section 190-27 regarding street design standards; and Local Law #3 of the Year 2009 amending Section 190-28 regarding street planning standards. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence

- Letter from the Canastota Fire Department asking that the DPW help them keep the dry hydrants in the Village clear of snow. Mayor Rouse advised that the dry hydrants are located behind the Post Office, behind Key Bank, next to the Firemen's Park and at the old Cerio's Market (Head Start Building).
- Letter from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the Village for contributing to the cost of the new entrance signs into Canastota.
- Letter from the Department of Transportation to Senator David Velasky notifying him that the DOT does not currently have any plans to improve Route 13 in the Village, except for the new traffic light that is planned for the Peterboro and Roberts Street intersection. Administrator Carpenter advised that he has spoken with the DOT and that they are working with the Water Authority to pave curb-to-curb on Peterboro Street from Route 5 to the railroad overpass in the area where the water main replacement was recently conducted. The DOT cannot make any guarantees, but they will see what they can do.
- Letter from Senator Schumer advising that the Institute of Museum and Library Services is accepting applications for funding under the 2009 National Leadership Grant Program. Mayor Rouse asked that copies of the letter be forwarded to the Public Library, Canal Town Museum and the Boxing Hall of Fame.
- Letter from NYSERDA advising the Village that our grant application for funding of our High Efficiency Aeration Blower and Diffuser Demonstration Project had not been approved.
- Letter from John Becker inviting the Mayor to participate in a focus group for Madison County Reads Ahead to be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at the Oneida Public Library.

Administrator

Administrator Carpenter has received a letter from the Environmental Facilities Corporation regarding potential additional funding opportunities under the anticipated economic recovery package that Congress and President-elect Obama are expected to enact in early 2009. The program is going to focus on shovel-ready projects and Administrator Carpenter advises that the Village is putting itself in a position to take full advantage of the program if it is enacted.

Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that there will be a joint meeting of the Village of Canastota and Town of Lenox after our next meeting on January 21, 2009.

Department Heads

Clerk/Treasurer Williams reported that the Village has received a request from National Grid for reimbursement of overpaid gross tax receipts for the period September 2005 to September 2008. The matter has been turned over to the Village Attorney for review and we have requested input and direction from NYCOM. The Public Service Commission is also involved.

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Rouse advised that he will be starting the budget process soon. He and Administrator Carpenter will start meeting with department heads soon.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Lumbrazo would like to ask the residents of the community to “adopt a hydrant” and keep the fire hydrants clear of snow. Trustee Lumbrazo is concerned about snowmobilers in the Village and asked if we could publish the law again. The Mayor stated that snowmobilers are not permitted on Village sidewalks but that local residents are allowed to travel on Village roads from their homes to the trail entrance and exit points. Margo Frink of the Bee Journal stated that they could run the rules again - they do it every year. Mayor Rouse added that this is very hard to police and that he has noticed that snowmobilers are driving on the paved part of the trail, which is where the signs state that they are prohibited from riding. Administrator Carpenter has put 2 calls into Jamie Warner, the Tri-Valley Trail Association President. Administrator Carpenter does not believe that the club members are the problem.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Rossi read from an article which noted that there are more people than ever who are looking to food banks and soup kitchens for assistance. Clerk/Treasurer Williams noted that Deputy Clerk Karen Bombard had suggested that there be a food drive during SnowBlast. The Board liked the idea and Clerk/Treasurer Williams noted that she would bring it to the attention of the SnowBlast committee.

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Trustee Rossi reminded the Board of the Annual Area Association of Churches Dinner on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at the Rusty Rail.

Trustee Lumbrazo is a member of the local chapter of Trout Unlimited. They are interested in putting in a nature trail along the Canastota Creek and they want to know if the Village has any easements along the creek. Mayor Rouse stated that he is not aware of any existing easements and suggested the Trustee Lumbrazo contact the Village attorney for more information. Administrator Carpenter directed Trustee Lumbrazo to Jim Patrician of the County Planning Department as a possible source of information.

Delegations.

Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal asked for clarification on the area on Peterboro Street that the DOT and the Water Authorize are possibly repaving.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer