

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
April 6, 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 AnnMarie Rossi and Charles Sweeney; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Louis Zupan, Sr. and Louis Zupan, Jr.; and Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal.

ABSENT: Trustee Theodore Lumbrazo

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009, meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2009, meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to appoint Brenda Kayn, CPA as the Village Accountant. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to appoint the following:

Larry Carpenter	2 Years Administrator
Catherine E. Williams	1 Year Records Officer
Catherine E. Williams	1 Year Receiver of Taxes
Keith Haas	1 Year Acting Village Justice
Carla DeShaw	1 Year Recreation Director
David Sadler	1 Year Village Historian
Robert Napoli	1 Year Fair Housing Officer
Todd Rouse	1 Year Budget Officer
Joseph DiGiorgio	5 Years Planning Board
James Foster	5 Years Zoning Board of Appeals
Rick Osinski	7 Years Recreation Board
Christopher Munn	3 Years Housing Authority
Douglas Linstruth	3 Years Housing Authority

Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to appoint the Madison County Eagle and the Oneida Daily Dispatch as Co-official newspapers. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to hold regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m., except as follows: Monday, September 7, 2009 to Wednesday, September 9, 2009; Monday, January 18, 2010 to Wednesday, January 20, 2010; Monday, February 15, 2010 to Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to set Village office hours as 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, except holidays; window hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to set next Organizational Meeting for April 5, 2010. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize the Mayor as the appointing officer for all budgeted and authorized positions. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adopt the attached Deposition Resolution naming Alliance Bank and Oneida Savings Bank as the co-official depositories of the Village. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adopt the attached Audit Resolution. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adopt the attached Mileage Resolution. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to a adopt the attached Training Resolution. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to set the daily per diem rate at \$30.00 for meal reimbursement for all Village employees and volunteers who are traveling for Board-approved purposes. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Catherine E. Williams and Mayor Todd A. Rouse as signatories on all Village accounts. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to designate Antonio J. Tornatore as Deputy DPW Foreman, per recommendation of Ronald Bennett, DPW Foreman, for a period of 1 year. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following budget modifications: Increase 2089.01 (Recreation Income - SnowBlast) by \$3,000.00; Increase 73104.01 (Youth Programs Contractual) by \$3,000.00. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following budget transfers: \$4,912.50 from 97107.01 (Interest on Serial Bonds) to 97307.01 (Interest on Bond Anticipation Notes); \$6,144.53 from 54104.01 (Sidewalks) to 51421.01 (Snow Personal Services); \$6,090.94 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 51421.01 (Snow Personal Services); \$189.75 from 80304.01 (Research) to 90408.01 (Worker's Compensation); \$2,000.00 from 80201.01 (Planning Board Personal Services) to 14101.01 (Village Clerk Personal Services). Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$61,316.34. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$59,659.86. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to hold a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget on April 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. **Discussion:** Trustees Sweeney and Rapasadi are not able to attend the public hearing. Mayor Rouse and Trustee Rossi will be at the meeting. Administrator Carpenter is on vacation that week but can be at the public hearing. Mayor Rouse noted that a quorum is not necessary for the public hearing. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following payment: \$379,912.50 to Alliance Bank for principal in the amount of \$375,000.00 and interest in the amount of \$4,912.50 owed on the Bruno Tract BAN. **Discussion:** Trustee Rossi asked if we were done with the Bruno Tract now. The Mayor advised that this was the last step in the Bonding process. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement between the Village of Canastota and Zupan Salvage & Recycling, Inc. regarding the Restore NY Communities Initiative - Municipal Grant Program application for restoration of property owned by Zupan Salvage & Recycling, Inc. located at 120 Barlow Street in the Village of Canastota. **Discussion:** Trustee Rossi asked for the details of the project. Louis Zupan, Sr. advised the Board that he and his son had invested a lot of their own money in cleaning up the building and the site. They are now applying for a grant to help with the costs. They have a tenant and expect to create many jobs for Canastota. Administrator Carpenter added that the grant works on a point system and that our application is in a good position and that the applicants are doing everything that they can. Louis Zupan, Sr. stated that they have hired attorney Jim Stokes to assist them with this project. The Mayor reminded the Board that the

more that the applicants can show that they have done, the more points they will get. Administrator Carpenter advised that there are a lot of applications that have been submitted for these grants. We know what needs to be done and we are working to get there. This is a remodel project not new construction. Louis Zupan, Sr. stated that there are not many projects that can put 50 people to work overnight. Mayor Rouse reminded the Board of the mess that was there and the fact that the applicants put their own money into cleaning it up. When you look at the commitment of the owner, they are working together with the County IDA, they are doing it right. A tenant is interested in moving in. The applicants are continuing to help that area. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Village to submit an application for the Round 3 Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program for restoration of property owned by Zupan Salvage & Recycling, Inc. located at 120 Barlow Street in the Village of Canastota. Roll call vote: Trustee Rapasadi - Yes; Trustee Rossi - Yes; Trustee Sweeney - Yes; Mayor Rouse - Yes. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize Village Administrator Larry Carpenter to attend the NYCOM 2009 New Officials' Workshop to be held at the Craftsman Inn in Fayetteville, New York on May 1, 2009 at a cost of \$85.00. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse asked if anyone else wanted to go. Although it is geared around newly elected officials, he thought there would be a benefit to anyone that wanted to attend. Trustees Sweeney and Rossi would also like to attend. Trustee Rapasadi amended his motion to include authorization for Trustees Sweeney and Rossi to attend at a cost of \$85.00 each for a total cost of \$255.00. Seconded by Trustee Rossi as amended. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Grant of Communications System Easement/ Release and all related documents in the matter of Eleanor M. Bordwell, et al. v. AT&T Corp., et al, wherein the Village will receive compensation in the amount of \$100.00 for said Easement/Release. **Discussion:** Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised the Board that this was another part of the TeleCable Settlement matter that we have previously voted on. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Treated Salt Requirement Letter with the NYS Office of General Services for Contract Period October 15, 2009 through October 14, 2010 requesting 1200 tons of Type 1 treated salt. **Discussion:** Trustee Rossi asked how much treated salt we used this year. Mayor Rouse advised that we used nearly all of the 1200 tons that we ordered. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence

- Letter regarding the Madison County Fair. The Mayor asked that this be turned over to Village Historian David Sadler.
- Petition from various residents from the Getmac Avenue area regarding the flooding in the area. Trustee Rapasadi asked about the condition of the area in the last couple of days. Mayor Rouse spoke with Steve DiVeronica about the situation. Steve told the Mayor that he had to drop the catch basins that were 3 feet to high. Then they were going to put a swale around the area to send the water to the catch basins. Steve said that he had problems with his track hoe and his back hoe and with the weather recently, he hasn't been able to get in there. The Mayor explained that it looks like there is a drainage ditch on the State Street side. Even though it is on private property, the Mayor believes that we should be trying to bet in there to open up the ditch. This will not take care of the entire problem, but should help. Mayor Rouse noted that he has always been wet in that area - maybe not flooding, but it has been wet. He also noted that this is actually a civil matter. On the construction side, our Code Enforcement Officer needs to make sure that the drainage plan is followed.
- Letter from General Code about its new eCode360 process.
- Letter from Bliss Environmental Services, Inc. notifying the Village that it has taken over Fallon's Trash Service's dumpsters in the Village.
- Letter from the Charles Miller Post 140 American Legion asking for the Board's participation in the Memorial Day Parade and activities on Monday, May 25, 2009.
- Letter from Timebuyer inviting the Board to its Grand Opening on Friday, April 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Trustee Rossi stated that she has the scissors and will be there. Mayor Rouse believes that he should be able to attend.
- Letter from Canastota Little League inviting the Board to take part in the Opening Day Ceremonies on May 2, 2009 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Rouse and Trustee Rossi will attend.
- Letter from Canastota Rotary International inviting the Board to participate in its Second Annual Remembrance Walk to be held on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
- Letter from Canastota Rotary International regarding a proposal for a Community Flower Garden to be located near the present Rotary Memorial next to Key Bank. The Mayor would like to see the proposed site plan that was referenced in the letter prior to the Board acting on the request. Clerk/Treasurer Williams noted that she has already requested a copy of that site plan from Robert Murphy of Canastota Rotary. Trustee

Rapasadi thinks that this is a great concept but he can't visualize what they are talking about. Mayor Rouse again stated that we need to see the site plan and added that we don't own that property. Also, that area is used during the Canal Days and the Tree Lighting.

Mayor Comments

The Mayor and Administrator Carpenter are meeting tomorrow with CDM to spot the facilities for the WWTP upgrades. They are concerned about placement of the holding tank with regard to the minor league field. They will also be given a visual of where the tank would go if it is placed in front of the park near the parking lot. Administrator Carpenter asked the Board members if there was a time that worked for them to be able to visit the field tomorrow. The Mayor advised that he had looked at the old Deppoliti property on North Main Street. He estimates that it would cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for us to use that property. Administrator Carpenter will try to set the meeting up for 3:00 tomorrow. Mayor Rouse advised that he will be appointing Jerry Taylor as the Village Attorney and handed out the list of new Liaison Appointments.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Rossi is all set.

Trustee Sweeney is all set.

Delegations.

Margo Frink of the Madison County Eagle asked what time the Time Buyers grand opening was on April 17, 2009. Mayor Rouse advised that it is at 2:00 p.m.

The Mayor advised that he and Administrator Carpenter had meet the other day with the County trying to get the Oneida Indian Nation Tax funds released. The committee went into executive session. Upon exiting executive session, a motion was made to allow the village and the school district to utilize the funds and there was not a second to their motion. The Mayor has had conversations with Town of Lenox Supervisor Rocky DiVeronica about this. Administrator Carpenter and the Mayor continue to have conversations with the County. Supervisor Rick Bargabos has agreed to submit a resolution before the Board hoping that at the full Board there will be enough support to pass the resolution. The Mayor advised that the State has given the County the money - \$8 million in total - to make the taxpayers whole on any lost revenue from the Oneida Indian Nation. The County is whole no matter what the outcome of any of the lawsuits.

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Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that OCWA will be doing a water line replacement on Peterboro Street. The Village, DOT and OCWA will be at the location to coordinate the project.

The Mayor reminded everyone about the Earth Day clean up on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. and asked the Board who would be participating. Mayor Rouse, Trustees Rapasadi and Rossi and Clerk/Treasurer Williams will participate.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to enter executive session at 7:48 p.m. regarding WWTP contracts. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to exit executive session at 8:02 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer