

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
April 20, 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 Charles Sweeney and Trustee Scott Rapasadi; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Police Chief James Zophy; Fire Chief Mark Ferriter; Fireman Doug Chandler; Louis Zupan, Sr. and Louis Zupan, Jr.; and Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal.

**ABSENT:** Trustees Theodore Lumbrazo and AnnMarie Rossi

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2009, meeting. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2009, Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$80,687.19. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$27,981.08. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to accept the Proposal for Preparation of Plans, Specifications, Project Advertisement, Bidding and Contract Award and General Construction Administration in conjunction with the milling and repaving of portions of Anderson Street, East Hickory Street and Prospect Street from Myers and Associates, PC dated April 6, 2009, in the amount of \$14,930.00 for fiscal year 2009-2010 and to authorize the Mayor to execute said Proposal. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize Mayor Rouse and Clerk/Treasurer Williams to sign the documents necessary to effect the Lease Purchase of a 2009 Dodge Durango 4x4 SE for the police department at the total cost of \$30,711.06 plus interest in the amount of \$1,120.52, payable as follows: 2 payments in the amount of \$15,915.79 due on September 1, 2009 and September 1, 2010. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the wire transfer of \$1,700.00 to The Depository Trust Company for interest due on the 2003 General Obligations Bond. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize Officer David VanDusen to attend firearms training in Cheektowaga, New York from May 18, 2009 - May 21, 2009, at a cost of \$450.00 for training and \$340.00 for lodging, plus reimbursement for meals at the maximum amount of \$30.00 per day and to allow Officer VanDusen to take a Village vehicle to said training. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse asked Chief Zophy if the Police Department would be short if Officer VanDusen took a vehicle with him to the training. Chief Zophy said that he would not be short. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the membership of Frank McFall and Joseph Mather Delano Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department based on the request of TJ Tornatore, Fire Council Secretary, dated April 17, 2009. Passed 3 to 0.

The motion to approve/deny the reinstatement of Randy Tallman as a member of the Forbes Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department was removed from the agenda.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize Fire Department Member Shaun Benishek to use the firehouse on July 12, 2009 for a graduation party. The insurance certificate has been provided. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize the Fire Department to apply for a 2009 Assistance to Firefighter Grant in the estimated amount of \$450,000.00 for the purchase a new pumper with a 5% matching contribution on behalf of the Village. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse explained that the \$450,000.00 is just an estimate based upon what we believe to be the cost of the pumper and some other equipment that is wanted by the Fire Department. Once we know the cost, we can adjust the amount of the grant application accordingly, keeping in mind that there is a 5% match for the Village. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Artist Performance Contract with Marvin Hull for a performance to be held at the Stoneleigh Apartments on July 4, 2009 at a cost of \$350.00. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse asked Clerk/Treasurer Williams if this was a part of the Recreation Budget for Senior Activities which Clerk/Treasurer Williams confirmed. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize Village Historian, David Sadler, to modify his hotel reservation for the 2009 APHNYS Conference to include Sunday, April 26, 2009 at an additional expense of \$99.00 plus meals at the maximum rate of \$30.00 per day. (Note: The Board authorized his attendance at the conference and his accommodations by motion dated March 16, 2009.) Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize Officers Valerie Clarke, Sean Barton and Sabrina Paladino to attend Interview and Interrogation School to be hosted by the Syracuse Police Department on April 29 and 30, 2009 at the Syracuse International Airport at a cost of \$125.00 per person for a total of \$375.00 and to approve their use of a Village vehicle for transportation to the School. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse asked Chief Zophy to confirm that we are sending 1 part-time officer and 2 full-time officers for this training. Chief Zophy confirmed. Passed 3 to 0.

Mayor Rouse asked for executive session to discuss with Chief Zophy his request for the Board to appoint Steven J. Lowell as a part-time police officer.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from the Canastota Fire Department 2009 Chief's Convention regarding elections. There were no changes. Mayor Rouse noted that when the Board approved the Chief's Convention last year we did so for a 2-year term. Mark Ferriter is Fire Chief, Bruce Chandler is 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief and TJ Tornatore is 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief.
- Letter from John DiVeronica, Tom Cerio and Betty Gail Cerio regarding a sewer matter at Tom and Betty Gail Cerio's residence at 314 Wilson Avenue.
- Letter from Richard Stagnitti, Secretary of the Forbes Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department notifying the Board of the results of the company's elections.
- Thank you letter from the VanDusen family.
- Letter from the United States Census Bureau notifying the Village that Census employees will be in the Village between April and July of this year. Mayor Rouse stressed the importance of our compliance with the Census employees as the information collected is used, among other things, to determine eligibility for grant funding which could be particularly important to the Village. The Police Department has been made aware that the Census employees will be going door-to-door. Mayor Rouse noted that they will not have photo ID but will have a badge that identifies them as Census employees.
- Letter from the NYS DOT notifying the Village that the intersection improvements on Route 13 and Roberts Street will be designated a restricted highway during the period of construction. A copy of the notice has been provided to the Police Department, Fire Department, Code Enforcement Officer, Court and Town of Lenox.

- Letter from the Madison Public Defenders Office regarding the Law Day Luncheon. Mayor Rouse and Chief Zophy will be attending.
- Letter from OCWA regarding 2009 Rate Schedule Changes.
- Letter from the Fire Department notifying the Village that Steve McAllister, Billy Durant and Ty Robertson have resigned from the Fire Department.

### **7:15 Public Hearing - Zupan Salvage and Recycling, Inc. Restore New York Grant**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and read the Notice of Public Hearing. If awarded, the Grant will be administered by the Village and all expenses incurred by the Village will be reimbursed by the developer.

The Mayor asked 3 times if anyone wished to speak for or against the Restore New York Grant for Zupan Salvage and Recycling, Inc. and received no response.

The public hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

### **Administrator**

Administrator Carpenter is all set.

### **Department Heads**

Fire Chief Mark Ferriter is all set.

Police Chief James Zophy is all set.

### **Mayor Comments**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor Sweeney are meeting with the Fire Chiefs on Wednesday night.

Mayor Rouse spoke to the Board regarding the money being held by the Village as required by Madison County for the Oneida Indian Nation taxes paid to the Village by the County. After much negotiation with the Board of Supervisors by the Mayor and Administrator Carpenter, and with the efforts of Supervisor Rick Bargabos, the County Board of Supervisors has unanimously passed a resolution allowing the Village and the School District to use the money being held. The Mayor hopes to receive the Agreement from the County soon. He explained that the release

came too late for us to appropriate the money in next year's budget. We can use it for the following year if we need to or use it for a special project.

Mayor Rouse provided the Board members with a copy of the proposed OMI contract, noting that it is a labor-only agreement. He would like everyone to take a look at it before our next meeting. This is a 5-year agreement. The contract contains a clause that would allow the Village to cancel the contract for any reason upon 120 days' notice and does contain provisions that pertain to matters other than labor that are not applicable at this time but could be in the future. The contract also sets forth the terms under which OMI will perform work that was originally contained in the WWTP upgrade project. Some of this work will be done under the contract and other work will be billed to the Village by OMI pursuant to the schedule in the contract. It is possible that some of the work will not be able to be performed by OMI and may be contracted out.

The Mayor brought the Board's attention to the proposal of Code Enforcement Officer Adsit for a program entitled Operation Dump Truck. The premise of the program is to provide a means for our residents to dispose of large amounts of tree limbs and brush that would not otherwise be picked up by the DPW. Deputy Mayor Sweeney thinks that if people are taking the initiative to clean up their properties, that this is a good idea for the Village to help. He wants to make sure that we structure the program so as to avoid potential complications. Mayor Rouse would like the trustees to read the proposal and come back with their suggestions at our next meeting.

### **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Sweeney is all set.

### **Delegations.**

Margo Frink of the Madison County Eagle commented on the Earth Day Cleanup on Saturday, noting that she witnessed many residents cleaning their properties while the volunteers were cleaning up the Village.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to enter executive session at 7:38 p.m. regarding hiring a new police officer. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to exit executive session at 7:40 p.m. Passed 3 to 0.

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Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to appoint Steven J. Lowell as a part-time police officer based on the recommendation of Chief Zophy. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adopt the 2009-2010 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,981,960.46 with a tax rate of \$10.65 per thousand dollars of assessed value and to adopt the 2009-2010 Sewer fund Budget in the amount of \$1,089,075.47 with a sewer rate of \$4.72 per 1000 gallons of usage for operations and maintenance and a debt unit charge of \$98.00. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Passed 3 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer