

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
June 15, 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, Trustees Ann Marie Rossi and Theodore Lumbrazo; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Village Historian David Sadler and Canastota Fireman Douglas Chandler.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Scott Rapasadi

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the following budget transfers from 90608.01 (Medical Insurance) for the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget: \$17.75 to 12104.01 (Mayor Contractual), \$3,144.00 to 14204.01 (Attorney), \$906.74 to 16204.01 (Building Contractual), \$72.10 to 39894.01 (Code Enforcement Contractual), \$3,795.84 to 51104.01 (DPW Contractual), \$700.00 to 84104.01 (Beautification), \$125.10 to 90408.01 (Workers Compensation) for a total of \$8,761.53 transferred. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised the Board that these year-end transfers are being made as part of our closing procedures. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the following transfer for the 2008-2009 Sewer Fund Budget: \$1,796.69 from 81204.02 (Sanitary Sewers Contractual) to 14204.02 (Attorney Contractual).

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the May 29, 2009, General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$37,173.81. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the June 15, 2009, General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$34,284.76. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the May 29, 2009, Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$25,064.86. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the June 15, 2009, Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$16,132.82. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the following Agreements for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year: Canastota Pop Warner Association in the amount of \$2,850.00 and Canastota Children's Council in the amount of \$10,000.00; Canastota Canal Town Corporation in the amount of \$10,000.00; Canastota Canal Town Corporation in the amount of \$2,000.00; The International Boxing Hall of Fame in the amount of \$8,000.00; and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment to said organizations pursuant to the Agreements upon receipt of the fully-executed Agreements from each organization. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to execute the following Artist Performance Contracts for the 2009 Summer Concert Series: Thunder Canyon Band in the amount of \$500.00; Fritz's Polka Band in the amount of \$400.00; and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amounts to said vendors. **Discussion:** Clerk/Treasurer Williams explained that as the contracts are received from the performers, they will be added to the agenda. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to accept the legal fee and disbursement agreement dated June 12, 2009 from Taylor & Miller, LLP regarding legal work to be performed in connection with the Waste Water Treatment Facility upgrades in the hourly amount of \$125.00 plus the actual costs for disbursements. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve the Sewer Debt Exclusion Application as prepared by Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. and to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Williams to execute same. **Discussion:** Trustee Sweeney asked for an explanation of the exclusion. Mayor Rouse explained that the sewer upgrade project could take our debt over the constitutional limit. This application will give us an exclusion of the sewer upgrade debt from the constitutional limit. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Acceptance of Proposal dated June 12, 2009 from Shannon Walters, P.E. in the amount of \$1,200.00 for engineering services to update the Spill Prevention Report for the Village Pool. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to approve of the use of the Canastota Recreation Park by Canastota Little League to host the New York State Little League Softball Championship games and the Little League Softball Sectionals on July 25, 2009 - July 29, 2009 and August 1, 2009 - August 5, 2009. **Discussion:** Trustee Sweeney reported that the new owner of the diner has a concern about people parking at the diner which gives the impression that his business is full and potential customers will go elsewhere. The Mayor reported that there have also been issues with people parking at the old Deppoliti building when they are visiting the Recreation Park. Little League is aware and is working to address and correct these matters. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the membership of Joseph Mittlestaedt into the Forbes Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department based on the request of Richard Stagnitti, Secretary of the Forbes Hose Company. **Discussion:** Trustee Sweeney asked if we received all of the required information. Clerk/Treasurer Williams noted that the information was attached to the request. Passed 4 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from Canastota Canal Town regarding how they spent the \$10,000.00 support that we gave them last year.
- Letter from Wendell Anderson of Anderson Publications in Canistota, South Dakota inviting us participate in their Celebration of their 125 years as a town and 100 years of their annual Sports Day Celebration from July 9 - 11, 2009. The Mayor noted that Canistota, South Dakota took its name from Canastota, New York when a railroad employee who worked in Canastota moved to South Dakota and named the town. The Mayor will send a response inviting them to our 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration next year.

### **Administrator**

Administrator Carpenter is all set.

### **Department Heads.**

Village Historian David Sadler reported that he is researching a gravestone at Casolwood. The man is buried in Clockville but the head stone is between two (2) trees on the golf course.

### **Mayor Comments.**

Mayor Rouse needs to go into executive session this evening regarding fire department personnel. The Mayor noted that the plaque is up for the dedication to Joe Paone. We are not dedicating the building, but thanking Joe for his dedication to the construction of the building. Mayor Rouse would like to get dates from the family. The Mayor noted that this was a great Hall of Fame Weekend. All of the restaurants that the Mayor spoke with indicated that they were busy and he noted that parade attendance was up.

### **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Lumbrazo echoed the Mayor's comments about the weekend. He also noted that the DPW did a great job cleaning up after the parade.

Trustee Rossi noted that the painted overpass is outstanding and that it would be nice to think about painting the other overpass.

Mayor Rouse advised the Board that when we did the plan with Elan, we also looked at doing the bridge work and flowers on the banks. BOCES will provide the labor for free for 10 workers and 2 supervisors to do the landscaping. We figured \$20,000 to \$25,000 including supplies. With donated labor we can do the project for \$16,000 - \$20,000 with the money to come from the Economic Development Fund. The Mayor would like us to earmark money for this project and the painting of the Main Street bridge. All of the money for these projects will be coming from the Economic Development Fund.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize up to \$20,000 from the Economic Development account to fund the landscaping on the bridge. Passed 4 to 0.

Mayor Rouse advised that CSX is looking at giving us an easement for the property next to the Fire House instead of deeding the property because the right of way goes between here and Albany and they would want us to take the whole thing if they deeded it to us. The Mayor explained that we would be allowed to use the area for parking.

The Mayor advised that the stimulus funding has been approved and we are awaiting final numbers. \$3.75 million is going to be forgiveness. An additional \$3 million has not been identified yet as to how we are getting it and under what circumstances. We think that we will be like other communities with 50% forgiveness and 50% no interest. Mayor Rouse stated that the new debt should come in at almost the same time as the old debt goes off. We may not see a large increase in our debt plan from the current \$98.00 per unit.

The Mayor also explained that under the stimulus package there is money for fire house construction. It would be nice to have a public safety building. Administrator Carpenter and Doug Chandler will prepare the grant application. We are not sure how much success we will have because this is not a "shovel-ready" project. For this reason, the Mayor does not want to spend any money on the application.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to file a grant application for the construction of a public safety building at no cost to the Village other than for labor. Passed 4 to 0.

### **Delegations.**

Village Historian David Sadler informed the Board that Canistota, South Dakota was spelled the same as Canastota, New York until the railroad made a mistake in the spelling in 1918.

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Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to enter executive session at 7:31 p.m. regarding fire department personnel. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to exit executive session at 7:34 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi to approve the membership of Randy Tallman into the Forbes Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department based on the recommendation of Richard Stagnitti. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer