

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
September 9, 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 Scott Rapasadi; Firemen Doug Chandler and Rick Stagnitti; and Margo Frink.

ABSENT: Theodore Lumbrazo.

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

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$123,276.34. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$25,991.08. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Williams and Administrator Carpenter to attend a §207-a/207-c workshop sponsored by NYCOM on October 1, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Cooperstown, New York at a cost of \$50.00 per person. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract Amendment between the Village and Operations & Maintenance, Inc. as required by the USDA Rural Development for the funding of our Waste Water Treatment Plant Project. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised that this change was required by the USDA in order for us to receive our stimulus funding. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence.

- Letter from Canastota School's Athletic Director Stephen Tornatore regarding plans for the 2009 Canastota Homecoming scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3. He is requesting permission to hold the homecoming parade at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2. They will begin lining up on Railroad Street at 5:30 p.m. The parade will start at Railroad and Peterboro Streets, continue north on Peterboro Street to Roberts Street and ending at the school parking lot next to the tennis courts. A bonfire will follow at the school. Mr. Tornatore will coordinate with the Canastota police and fire departments as well as Greater Lenox Ambulance Service.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 2, 2009, starting at 5:30 from Railroad Street, down Peterboro Street to Roberts Street until 7:00 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the bonfire pending coordination with the fire department, police department and codes. Passed 4 to 0.

- Letter from Richard L. Smith regarding a tree in front of 318-320 S. Peterboro Street. This has been turned over to the DPW.
- Renewal Application Notice Form from The Erie Mill, Inc. regarding its intent to renew its liquor license.
- Renewal Application Notice Form from Ma & Pa's Grill, Inc. regarding its intent to renew its liquor license.
- Renewal Application Notice Form from Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant regarding its intent to renew its liquor license.

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Rouse advised that the Village has been awarded \$13.5 million under the Stimulus Funding. We will receive \$2.9 million from the USDA in grant money and \$100,000 in a low-interest loan. We are at about 50% grant and 50% loan on the entire project. If we stay under \$14 million in total project costs, the loan portion from the EFC will be at 0% interest. Mayor Rouse stated that the Village is trying to balance the new debt with the old debt so that when we retire old debt it will be close to when the new debt is coming on so as to minimize the impact on our residents.

The Mayor announced that the Village was awarded the Restore New York Grant for the old Titan Building. There will be about a \$3 million total investment in the project, with the grant funding being \$1.65 million. This grant will be administered by the Village. Mayor Rouse will be meeting on Friday with the company who is moving here. The Mayor believes that their goal is to be open and moved in by June. The tenant is a company that repackages frozen foods. Mayor Rouse has been advised that if the tenant company is successful with this business in Canastota, they are thinking about opening another branch of their business here and will be looking at the property in the Business Park.

Mayor Rouse provided an update on the status of the stimulus funding that had been delayed due to the Oneida Nation request. The Nation's attorneys have responded that they don't anticipate any problems. We should be getting an answer soon.

Administrator Comments.

Administrator Carpenter advised that Peterboro Street will be paved by the State using stimulus funds. This should be done by November.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Rapasadi commented on the nice job the State did with the light at the intersection of Peterboro and Roberts Streets.

Trustee Rossi thought what our school superintendent said about the President addressing our school children was very nice considering other comments that she had heard. She was very proud of Superintendent Bragan.

Trustee Sweeney is all set.

Delegations.

Canastota Fireman Doug Chandler asked the Mayor about the status of the reincorporation of the Forbes Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department. Mayor Rouse advised that he has not been able to speak with Village Attorney Jerry Taylor about the matter. The Mayor noted that some other committee members mentioned to him that there may be other things going on that need to be discussed. The Mayor would like to find out what everyone is doing and get on the same page before moving forward. Canastota Fireman Rick Stagnitti advised that he will get the committee together and get a date to meet with the Mayor. Fireman Stagnitti noted that he and Fireman Chandler were here on behalf of the Forbes Hose Company only. Mayor Rouse stated that he just wants to hear from Attorney Taylor before making a decision.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams

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