

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
September 21, 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; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Residents Jim Adasek, Justine Mulford, Sylvia Dimao, Mary Adasek, Jean Salerno, Tony Salerno, Mark Dennis, Melanie Dennis, Margaret Peters and Ron Vaccaro; and Margo Frink.

ABSENT: Theodore Lumbrazo.

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

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$84,184.88. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$62,857.56. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the purchase of a 2010 Ford 4 x 4 F350 from VanBordel Ford in the amount of \$33,014.15 pursuant to State Contract Award #20339; and to authorize the Village to finance this purchase through First Niagara at a rate of 3.93% payable in two (2) annual installments of \$16,825.27 and a buyout of \$1.00, for a total cost of \$33651.54; and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to execute any and all documents necessary to effect said purchase and financing. **Discussion:** Trustee Rapasadi asked why we were using that vendor. Mayor Rouse explained that this was a State Contract and the State determines the vendors through its process. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to consent to the Board of Education of the Canastota Central School District to act as Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617 as part of the SEQR process regarding its acquisition of property for a proposed new transportation facility in the Village of Canastota and to authorize Mayor Rouse to sign the attached consent and return same to HMH Site & Sports Design. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse explained that this is for the 4.2 acres owned by the Village that the School needs for its proposed transportation facility. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to amend the previous motion of August 17, 2009, authorizing Clerk to the Justice Debra DiGeorge to attend the 2009 Annual Fall Conference for the NYS Association of Magistrates Court Clerk on October 4, 2009 - October 7, 2009 at a cost of \$35.00 for registration fees and \$510.00 for hotel and meals for a total cost of \$545.00, to indicate that the cost for hotel and meals is \$705.00, resulting in a total cost of \$740.00. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Troy & Banks for services related to the audit or survey of the Village's fuel, natural gas, electricity and water bills at no cost to the Village. Troy & Banks will receive a percentage of the amount refunded or credited to the Village based on the scale contained within said Agreement. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse explained that this is similar to a service that the Village has had in the past. This company would audit our energy bills to determine if we have been overcharged or if there are taxes that should be refunded to us. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize Community Action Partnership for Madison County to use the Firemen's Pole Barn on Thursday, October 8, 2009, for its fall festival, pending receipt by the Village Clerk/Treasurer of proof of the required insurance from Community Action. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to declare the following vehicles of no further use or value to the Village and to authorize the sale of these vehicles by Madison County at the County Surplus Auction to be held on September 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.: (1) 2003 Dodge Durango bearing VIN 1D4HS48N03F596896; (2) 1997 Dodge Intrepid bearing VIN 2B3HD46F8VH737753. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence.

- Letter from the Area Association of Churches regarding the Heifer Fair to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the United Church of Canastota.

Administrator Comments.

Administrator Carpenter is all set.

Department Heads.

None

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Rouse advised that he is having ongoing discussions regarding the Oneida Indian Nation's objection to our SEQRA process due to possible archeological items that may be at the Recreation Park. We are working through the USDA to resolve this matter. The objection appears to be similar to what was filed by the Nation regarding the Town of Sullivan matter trying to make sure that nothing interferes with artifacts. The Mayor noted that the area at our Recreation Park has been dug up numerous times already. We are hoping to resolve this soon so that we can proceed to closing.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Rossi is all set.

Trustee Sweeney commented that it is nice to see some people at our meeting.

Delegations.

Justine Mulford, Margaret Peters and Mary Adasek addressed the Board regarding the school's anticipated expansion project, asking if the Village used the same company used by the School (HMH) for the conceptual plan for the Park and about the location of the parcel owned by the Village. The Mayor explained that Village and School did not use the same company and that the property is located on the south side of Roberts Street adjacent to our DPW facility.

Mary Adasek addressed the Board regarding the purchase of the truck for the DPW. The Mayor advised that the truck was purchased from the State Contract and was a budgeted item. Administrator Carpenter added that an equipment inventory is conducted yearly to plan a replacement schedule. The truck that we are retiring needed to be replaced.

Mary Adasek is concerned about spending especially with the upcoming WWTP expenses. Trustee Sweeney asked if there was something specific that she was concerned about.

Mark Dennis, Melanie Dennis and Ron Vaccaro had concerns about the location of the proposed Recreation Park in the Business Park and asked if a road would be installed from Belleview Drive to access the proposed Park. Mayor Rouse explained that there are no firm plans to place the proposed Recreation Park in the Business Park. That location was used as "proposed" because it was vacant land owned by the Village. The plan could be modified to be used in any location. This was just a concept based on the request of local organizations to get an idea of what the organizations needed and wanted. The plan was also necessary for the grant application that the Village has filed to help offset the costs

Ron Vaccaro is concerned about the potential for increased crime in his neighborhood if the proposed Park is placed in the Business Park.

Mark Dennis, Melanie Dennis and Mary Adasek asked about the source of funds for the conceptual drawing for the proposed Recreation Park. The Mayor responded that these funds came from the Recreation Budget and will be either reimbursed from the proceeds of the NYS Parks and Recreation Grant that was applied for or from the monies left from the Silver Covenant Grant if the NYS Park and Recreation Grant is denied.

Melanie Dennis asked who would be served by the proposed Park and wants to make sure that we include the other communities in the planning and paying for the Park. Mrs. Dennis also asked if the committee of community members had been put together yet to look at this Park. Mayor Rouse explained that the Park would serve all of the children in our school district. That is the way the charters are set up for Little League and Pop Warner. The Towns of Lenox and Lincoln currently contribute yearly to the Village's recreation programs. No committee has yet been formed as we are not at that part in the planning process.

Mary Adasek and Jim Adasek expressed concern over the cost of the proposed Park. The Mayor explained that we don't know how much the proposed Park will cost because we are just in the conceptual/planning stages. We have applied for a grant to help with the planning costs. Melanie Dennis, Mark Dennis and Ron Vaccaro would be in favor of constructing new fields but in a different location.

Margaret Peters questioned why the Village purchased a new truck and why we didn't go out to bid instead of using the State Bid Contract. The Mayor explained that the State Bid is the best price that can be given to a municipality. The State takes care of the bidding procedure and awards the contract to the lowest bidder. The purchase of the truck was a part of the current year's budget.

Jim Adasek asked if local dealers were contacted regarding the purchase. Mayor Rouse reiterated that we purchased the vehicle from the State Bid.

Margaret Peters asked if we could have saved money purchasing a 2009 instead of a 2010 or if we could have purchased a smaller truck. Mayor Rouse explained that if the 2009 models were available, we would have been notified. It is typical that leftover models are available early in the year, but because of when our tax year begins in June, they are usually not available when we are ready to purchase. The reason we are getting an F350 is because we need the truck for plowing.

Jim Adasek was concerned about increasing taxes and asked the Mayor if the Village could equalize the tax rate like the school does. Mayor Rouse explained that the school equalizes the

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rate because it has 5 different municipalities in its taxing jurisdiction. The Village has only the Village so there is nothing to equalize. Mr. Adasek stated that the school equalized the rate so the Village should be able to do so as well. The Mayor explained that that process does not apply to villages, only to school districts.

Mary Adasek asked how many police vehicles were owned by the Village. Mayor Rouse stated that we have 2 SUVs and 2 Crown Victorias.

Mary Adasek was concerned about the money spent on the flowers and for watering the flowers. Trustee Rossi commented that the Village receives many positive comments every year from people traveling through our community about how nice our downtown looks because of the flowers. She feels it is important to be able to attract people to the community.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to enter Executive Session regarding the potential purchase of property at 9:07 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to exit Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer