

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA

MINUTES

October 10, 2012

Deputy Mayor Rapasadi called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi; Trustees Margaret Peters, Rosanne Warner and Bill Haddad; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter.

ABSENT: Mayor Carla DeShaw.

Deputy Mayor Rapasadi read aloud the proposed Resolution in support of the grant application to the Erie Canalway Heritage Fund.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Peters, to adopt the attached Resolution in support of the submission of a grant application to the Erie Canalway Heritage Fund in the amount of \$7,000.00, acknowledging that the Village will administer the funds should the grant be awarded.

**Discussion:** Administrator Carpenter explained to the Board the background behind this grant. It is in conjunction with the Canal Town Corporation. Joe DiGiorgio has raised the \$7,000.00 matching funds - no Village funds are involved. We would administer the grant. Trustee Peters asked if this has gone out to bid. Administrator Carpenter noted that Joe DiGiorgio has talked with several artists. A professor of art from Cazenovia College is interested and the NYS Canal Authority is very happy that we are talking with him. Trustee Warner asked about the proposed mural. Administrator Carpenter noted that we don't yet know. We are looking to do something in Rotary Park also - decorative street lights, a bicycle rack, pavers around the area with a picnic table and park bench on the sidewalk. Trustee Peters asked when we will be notified if we are awarded the grant. Administrator Carpenter noted we will hear in January, 2013. Trustee Rapasadi asked when work would begin. Administrator Carpenter advised that we could start as soon as we are notified that we have received the grant and we have a contract with an artist. The murals will be painted on panels and installed on the side of the old Farr Building and on the east side of the canal bridge across the street from the Erie Mill so that it could be seen looking west from Peterboro Street. Trustee Peters noted that when she was at the seminar, there was a developer who she spoke to about rehab projects. He did the Rochester area work on the canal. When she told him about what we have in the Village, the Thruway interchange, International Boxing Hall of Fame Museum, Canal Museum, the Erie Canal and Route 5, he was interested in talking with us about developing the canal. Trustee Peters noted that this could be another project for down the road. Administrator Carpenter noted that Joe DiGiorgio had told him about another person who might be interested in opening the canal up and he is not in Washington, D.C. Trustee Rapasadi noted a recent article in the Observer Dispatch that talked about Utica spending \$15 million on developing their downtown. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adjourn at 4:11 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine E. Williams/s*

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Clerk/Treasurer