

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
September 5, 2012

Mayor DeShaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Carla M. DeShaw; Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi; Trustees Margaret Peters, Bill Haddad and Rosanne Warner; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; James Stokes, Esq.; Kathy Stagnitti

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. **Discussion:** Trustee Peters asked about approval for the ad to Canastota Football. The Board discussed whether the ad should be paid for from the Village budget or if the Board should make personal contributions for the ad. It was determined that the Board would make personal donations for the ad. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$27,248.53. **Discussion:** Trustee Peters asked if the Hancock bill was still for the former police officer. Administrator Carpenter advised that it is. Trustee Peters asked about the proposed local law change from Attorney Chatfield. Administrator Carpenter has the changes. He is holding them and will present them at another time. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$8,310.66. **Discussion:** Trustee Peters asked about the manhole covers and why they are showing up on both abstracts. Administrator Carpenter advised that if the repair for something below the road it is charged to sewers and if it is for something at or above the road surface, it is charged to general. Passed 4 to 1.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Upgrade Abstract in the amount of \$130,532.34. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve payments totaling \$1,294.60 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from August 17, 2012 - August 30, 2012. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to accept the attached Agreement from James T. Stokes, Esq. of Stokes Youngs PLLC for legal services and to authorize the Mayor to execute same. **Discussion:** Trustee Peters asked about item 4 in the Agreement. Attorney Stokes explained that there will be fixed prices established for certain matters, such as those having to do with bonding, which will not be subject to the stated hourly rate. Mayor DeShaw advised the Board that she has appointed James Stokes as Village Attorney to replace Jerry Taylor, who resigned last month. Passed 5 to 0.

Discussion on the Cold War Exemption. Administrator Carpenter recapped for the Board, the previous discussions on the Cold War Exemption. After some research, it has been determined that

there are approximately 20 individuals who would be eligible for the exemption. The estimated impact on the Village is \$1,511.00 total. Currently, there are only 3 other municipalities in Madison County who offer the exemption. Trustee Warner asked for the amount of the exemption. Administrator Carpenter advised that it is capped at \$8,000.00 and depends on eligibility. The Board asked Administrator Carpenter to move forward on preparing a proposed Local Law.

**Correspondence.**

– None.

**Department Heads.**

– None.

**Administrator.**

– None.

**Mayor.**

The Mayor and Trustee Peters will be attending the NYCOM Main Street Conference on October 1 and 2 in Syracuse. Mayor DeShaw is hoping to get some good information on downtown revitalization.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve Mayor DeShaw and Trustee Peters to attend the NYCOM Main Street Conference at a total cost of \$350.00, plus mileage. Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor DeShaw updated the Board on the sidewalk project. Everyone worked hard this week to get it finished. There is a map at the Mayor's office for the Board to review. The Mayor noted that only the sidewalks will be replaced this year. Paved driveways over the sidewalk will be looked at over the winter. We are not putting sidewalks in where there are no sidewalks or taking out any driveways right now. We have estimates for the concrete. The Mayor has been working with DPW Foreman Tornatore, Code Enforcement Officer Adsit and Administrator Carpenter to estimate costs. The Mayor and the Board discussed options in the event that the costs for the sidewalk replacement project run over what was budgeted. Administrator Carpenter noted that the cost of the concrete replacement project at the pool came in at about ½ of what was anticipated, which could be a source of additional funds if the sidewalk project costs exceed what was budgeted. Mayor DeShaw noted that the process of putting together the sidewalk replacement program has taken a long time and she appreciates the patience of everyone involved. Trustee Peters commended and thanked the Mayor for accomplishing more since she took office regarding sidewalks than other administrations did in the 30-40 years prior. Trustee Haddad asked if property owners can still come forward and use the

sidewalk replacement program if they are out of the target area. The Mayor noted that they can and they are. Mayor DeShaw will bring the map to the next meeting and go over the letters and the progress to date.

Mayor DeShaw updated the Board on the Barlow Street project. We are still a priority project. More information has been requested and supplied. The Mayor believes that we should soon know how the project scored in Albany. The last update that the Mayor had on the Boxing Hall of Fame application the State was looking for more information - she does not know the current status, but expects to have more information by the end of September. The hops and barley part of the project was discussed. The Mayor will check with the people involved to determine the status of the project.

### **Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Haddad has a conference call on Friday regarding the website.

Trustee Peters thanked Trustee Warner for attending the Recreation meeting. Trustee Peters asked Administrator Carpenter for the locations of the manholes that were worked on. Administrator Carpenter advised that they are all over the Village - some were lowered and some were raised.

Trustee Warner reported that the firemen did not meet last month and asked about the status of the memorial. Administrator Carpenter noted that they met last night and, according to Chief Massarotti, they are moving forward. Trustee Warner asked for the status of the newsletter. Mayor DeShaw advised that she has had Jo Pal make a design for the top of the newsletter and showed the design to the Board members. The Mayor now has everything that she needs for the newsletter and will get it to the publisher soon.

Trustee Warner asked Clerk/Treasurer Williams about a letter from the County Clerk regarding the filing of oaths of office with the County. Clerk/Treasurer Williams received the letter and spoke with the County Clerk's Office.

Mayor DeShaw met with the firemen last Thursday regarding the training facility. There are questions to be asked and answered yet. When final plans are provided, the Mayor will provide copies for the Board. Trustee Peters asked if the surrounding fire departments are on board to participate with the cost and planning. Trustee Peters asked Clerk/Treasurer Williams to check to see if the property in the Business Park was dedicated to this project.

Trustee Rapasadi asked Administrator Carpenter if we had investigated the co-mingling of trash and recyclables. Administrator Carpenter has spoken with the trash hauler who advised that the combined trash and recyclables were taken to another location and separated. Mayor DeShaw asked Administrator Carpenter to follow up on this matter.

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Trustee Peters asked about the status of SuitKote. Administrator Carpenter will provide an update to the Board at our next meeting.

**Delegations.**

Kathy Stagnitti told the Board that she is thrilled to hear about the progress on the sidewalk project. She has heard many positive comments about our swimming program. Mrs. Stagnitti asked about the progress of adding minutes to the website. The Mayor advised that we are working on getting a new website to fix this problem. Mayor DeShaw thanked Mrs. Stagnitti for her comments.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine E. Williams/s*

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer