

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA

MINUTES

January 7, 2013

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

PRESENT: Mayor Carla Deshaw; Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi; Trustees Bill Haddad and Rosanne Warner; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Bruce Burke from PAC 99.

ABSENT: Trustee Margaret Peters.

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012, meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 joint meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the transfer of \$23,713.75 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for the purchase of the fire department radios. (Note: This purchase was approved and the budget modified by motion dated 10/15/12.) **Discussion:** Mayor DeShaw asked Trustee Warner if she was aware of this. Trustee Warner noted that the Fire Department did not have a Council meeting last month, but she is okay with the purchase. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the following budget modification: Increase 73104.01 (Recreation) by \$2,994.00; increase 2002.01 (Ski Club Fees) by \$2,994.00. (Note: This modification is to accommodate the Ski Club program expenses. Fees are being collected from the participants. The Village will only pay those expenses for which fees have been collected in advance.) **Discussion:** Trustee Rapasadi asked if this were the same as last year. The Mayor noted that it was and asked Clerk/Treasurer Williams how many kids were participating. Clerk/Treasurer Williams believes 24 - 26 kids. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$66,948.39. **Discussion:** The Board discussed the invoice to American Rock Salt. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$5,331.11. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of \$23,713.75. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve payments totaling \$4,838.99 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from November 26, 2012 - December 31, 2012. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner was concerned that the amounts on the report and in the motion don't match. Clerk/Treasurer Williams noted that on the report the credit balance needs to be subtracted from the debit balance and then the amounts balance. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence.

– None

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that three (3) quotes for the cleaning contract were received. Joe Stagnitti quoted \$1,200; Sparkle quoted \$2,450; and Boo's Cleaning quoted \$1,408.34 monthly and \$350 quarterly. The quotes were opened and examined by Administrator Carpenter and Lois Brown of the Town of Lenox. Boo's Cleaning quote was determined not to be in compliance with the request. Administrator Carpenter asked the Board to award the contract to Joe Stagnitti in the amount of \$1,200.00/month for three (3) years. The Town is going to take up this matter at its meeting on January 14, 2013.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to accept the quote from Joe Stagnitti for three (3) years in the amount of \$1,200.00/month. **Discussion:** The Mayor asked if the contract that was presented was the contract that was approved by the Board. Administrator Carpenter noted that it was. Passed 4 to 0.

Administrator Carpenter presented the Board with a map and information on vacant property belonging to the Village and located behind the Skate Park on the Terrace. This property was purchased by the Village in 1981 for \$2,600.00. Administrator Carpenter feels that this property is of no value to the Village and suggests that the Board consider surplussing it and getting it back on the tax rolls. The property is serviced by water but not sewer and likely could not be built upon. The Mayor asked if an appraisal had been done on the property. Administrator Carpenter has not yet requested an appraisal. He will have that done before the next meeting. The Mayor asked the Board members to take a look at the information and the property and consider Administrator Carpenter's recommendation. This will be placed on the Agenda for our next meeting.

Mayor.

The Mayor advised the Board that the Village received two (2) grants from the Regional Economic Development Council. Central New York was a top performer. The Upstate Food Hub received \$1.5 million and the International Boxing Hall of Fame received \$1 million. The Food Hub will use the Restore New York Grant previously awarded as part of its matching funds and is negotiating a purchase price with the owners of the Barlow Street property. The Hall of Fame has committed to raising a large amount of matching funds - \$2 million must be raised by the Hall of Fame. The Mayor noted that they have option and ideas for the fund raising.

The Mayor is hoping to schedule the meeting with local business owners for the end of the month. The meeting will be held at the corner drug store. Mayor DeShaw believes that receipt of the two (2) REDC grants will motivate other businesses and spark interest in the Village. The Mayor is looking at a group of projects for Hall of Fame Weekend.

The Village representatives to the Joint Fuel Facility Committee will be the Mayor, DPW Foreman TJ Tornatore, Administrator Carpenter and Trustee Peters. The Mayor has forwarded these names to Superintendent Bragan so that meeting notices can be mailed.

The Literacy Zone grant deadline has been extended to January 25, 2013. Another meeting was held at the school. The Children's Council and representatives of the school are working on plans. MVCC will be the post-secondary partner and SUNY Oswego has expressed an interest in partnering as well.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Haddad has a call tomorrow with senior housing regarding its internet service. Trustee Haddad would like to have a meeting with the Mayor about items to be added or included in the budget next year such as more money for our internet/website and projects at the Recreation Park. The Mayor has had recent discussions with Administrator Carpenter about the budget process and is trying to plan how it will work. She would like to involve each liaison when she gets to their department's budget.

Trustee Warner is all set.

Trustee Rapasadi asked Administrator Carpenter about the gentleman who approached the Board regarding purchasing some black walnut trees belonging to the Village and located along James Street. Trustee Rapasadi thought it might be worth reconsidering the gentleman's offer in an effort to clean up that area and make some revenue for the Village. Administrator Carpenter does not remember this, but will research it.

Trustee Rapasadi commended the DPW for doing a good job maintaining roads during the recent storms. He also noted that the fire hydrants have been cleared out and the sidewalks are in pretty good shape. Administrator Carpenter noted that Fire Department volunteers cleared many of the hydrants. Mayor DeShaw would like to have the snow cleaned up around the 911 Memorial in Reflection Park. Administrator Carpenter will advise the DPW.

Delegations.

- None

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams/s

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer