

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA

MINUTES

January 23, 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 Margaret Peters, Bill Haddad and Rosanne Warner; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Police Chief James Zophy; DPW Foreman/1st Assistant Fire Chief TJ Tornatore; Canastota Canal Town President Joe DiGiorgio and Board Member Richard Kelly; Bruce Burke from PAC 99.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Rosanne Warner, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed 4 - 0 - 1. Trustee Peters abstained.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$117,937.09. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$92,953.25. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Upgrade abstract in the amount of \$157,405.97. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve payments totaling \$1,643.24 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from January 1, 2013 - January 15, 2013. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion to declare property owned by the Village and located on the Terrace bearing tax map numbers 36.70-1-33 and 37.70-1-34 of no value to the Village and directing them to be sold as surplus. **THIS WAS TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING PENDING RECEIPT OF AN APPRAISAL.**

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the membership of Joseph K. Schenk to the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department, based upon the attached recommendation and request. (Note: A copy of Mr. Schenk's driver's license has been received.) Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to authorize the following members of the Canastota Fire Department to attend the New York State Fire Academy training being offered by the NYS Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services in Montour Falls, New York, on February 8 and 9, 2013, at a cost of \$96.00 per person for a total cost of \$768.00: Chief John Massarotti; Captain Frank McFall; Lieutenant Greg Hanley; and Firefighters Michael Burch, David Hamilton, Ted Lewin, Randy Tallman and Ron Tallman, Jr. Authorization is also given to use 125-1 (van) for transportation. **Discussion:** Trustee Rapasadi asked 1st Assistant Fire Chief Tornatore if he was attending this training. Chief Tornatore will be attending the National Training Academy held in March. The capacity of the van was discussed. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Warner, to authorize the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department to hold their annual Fish Fry Dinner fund raisers every Friday starting February 15, 2013 and continuing until March 29, 2013. Passed 5 to 0.

Administrator Carpenter and Canastota Canal Town President Joe DiGiorgio gave a presentation on the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor grant awarded to the Village in the amount of \$7,000.00. Administrator Carpenter noted that the maximum grant was \$7,000.00 and only three (3) maximum grants were awarded. The Mayor congratulated them on the award. The grant required matching funds. Canal Town has raised a total of \$9,000.00 in matching funds from the following organizations: Canastota Canal Town Museum, Oneida Savings Bank, Alliance Bank, Canastota Community Chest, VFW Post 600 and Canastota Rotary Club. As part of the project, murals will be placed on the north wall old Farr Building (currently owned by Oneida Savings Bank) and on the east side of the Main Street bridge over the Erie Canal. The artist, Corky Goss, has painted other historical murals in the area. The grant committee was happy about our choice of artists. The Farr Building mural will be done on panels so that if, in the future, the status of the building changes, the mural could be preserved and moved elsewhere. The mural on the canal bridge will be painted on the bridge. The artist will come back and touch up any areas on the bridge that become damaged from repairs or maintenance on the bridge. Canal Town has made arrangements for the existing mural on the Farr Building to be replicated on a 4 x 8 foot banner which will hang at outside at ZEMS from spring to fall and be brought inside during the winter . The artists and organizations originally participating in that mural project have consented. There will also be decorations placed in the park next to Key Bank. The Village will not be required to expend any funds for this project. However, there may be "lag" time between receipt of the grant monies when expenses for the decorations will be due and the Village may need to pay the expenses in anticipation of receipt of the grant monies. Mr. DiGiorgio noted that Canastota will be the first community east of Syracuse to have a mural. They hope that the Canastota murals will spur interest among Canal communities to the east and as a result that other murals will be painted. Administrator Carpenter added that this has been a great partnership between the Village and Canal Town.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Erie Canalway Grant Program Contract with the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor in the amount of \$7,000.00. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Warner, to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Contract with Corky Goss, in the amount of \$8,000.00, for the design and fabrication of two mural paintings in the Village, one on the Main Street Bridge across the Erie Canal and one on the north wall of the former Farr Building on Peterboro Street, to be paid for in part by the Erie Canalway Grant from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. **Discussion:** The Board discussed the age and condition of the bridge and how the matching grant will work. The Board is concerned about graffiti and how the paint will wear on the bridge. Mr. DiGiorgio noted that the bridge will be prepared prior to painting and that there are preservatives and coatings that will be used to prevent sun damage and fading. Administrator Carpenter also noted that since the railroad bridges over Peterboro and Main Streets have been painted, there has been no graffiti - those areas

were very prone to graffiti. Mr. DiGiorgio further noted that the signs on the Canal have been up for almost seven (7) years and have not ever been vandalized. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to \$.565/mile pursuant to the IRS rate which increased effective January 1, 2013. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence.

– None

Department Heads.

Chief Zophy gave the Board a report of arrests and incidents during 2012. They investigated 1,731 complaints, made 206 arrests of adults and 3 arrests of juveniles, issued 755 tickets and responded to 58 MVAs. The Mayor asked that the information be provided to her office. A copy of the report has been received and is attached to these minutes.

DPW Foreman/1st Assistant Fire Chief is all set. Administrator Carpenter asked how the new plow shoes were working out and asked him to give the Board a report. The new shoes are a little more expensive, but we are not changing them as often - the new mechanic is working out well.

The Mayor advised that Fire Chief Massarotti is at a meeting tonight and that he let us know that he would not be able to attend our meeting.

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter advised that the bid on the old PD radios was \$430. He investigated Trustee Rapasadi's request regarding the trees on James Street. A forester came in and looked at those trees and some in the Business Park and determined that we had about \$2,000.00 worth of trees. Administrator Carpenter does not feel that it is worth selling the trees for that amount of money. Trustee Rapasadi asked if we could clean up the fallen trees along James Street - they are an eye-sore. DPW Foreman Tornatore has this on his list of projects for the spring and summer. Trustee Peters suggested using the area along James Street as a community garden. Trustee Rapasadi is concerned about the dumping that occurs in the area. After discussion, the Mayor asked Administrator Carpenter to draft a letter to the property owners along that area of James Street reminding them that dumping is not allowed. Chief Zophy noted that CSX has a lot of metal in that area between James Street and the railroad tracks from the derailment a few years ago. He has had problems with people stealing the metal.

Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that the Village has an opportunity to become a part of the North Country Scenic Trail. The trail will come down Mount Pleasant, across Route 5, down Peterboro Street and connect with the Canal. We will be the only community where the trail connects with the Canal. We can become a Trail Town. This is a great opportunity for Canastota. In order to participate, there is a Memorandum of Understanding that the Village needs to execute.

It asks us to promote the trail and monitor the trail. Trustee Peters asked if we have to build anything. Administrator Carpenter advised that there is no monetary obligation on the part of the Village. We just need to include the Trail in our marketing of the Village. Trustee Rapasadi asked if it will follow the existing trail. Administrator Carpenter advised that it will follow the Links Trail. The Mayor noted that the North Country Trail Association has hundreds of volunteers that maintain the trail. Mayor DeShaw will ask Al Lahrman of the North Country Trail Association to come in and give a presentation to the Board.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the designation of Trail Town for the North Country Scenic Trail. Passed 4 to 1. (Trustee Warner voting nay.)

The Mayor discussed how the hiking trails and the snowmobile trails are working together.

Mayor.

The Mayor has spent the last two (2) weeks working on the Lit Zone Grant applications - they are coming along nicely. There are 19 partners in the Grant and they are applying for up to \$60,000.00 in Workzone Investment Act funding and \$100,000.00 Literacy Zone funding. We need the WIA grant in order to qualify for the Lit Zone grant. The Mayor discussed the purpose and focus of the grants and the partner required to be involved and their contributions. Joel and Lorraine Arsenault, the owners of the old pharmacy building on the corner of Peterboro and Center Streets, have offered the site for a very low rent which will make our grant application competitive. The Mayor noted that they are both former teachers and have shown great interest in this project and its potential benefits for the community.

There will be a memorial service for Carmen Basilio at 11:00 on February 9, 2013 at St. Agatha's.

The Mayor has been in close conversation with the Upstate Food Hub team. They are moving forward. An agreement has been reached on the Zupan property on Barlow Street and they are moving to the design phase of the project. They are hoping the project will be up within a year - maybe sooner. The Mayor has not heard anything on the Boxing Hall of Fame project. She has reached out to Executive Director Ed Brophy and offered whatever help was needed.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Warner is all set.

Trustee Peters needs to talk to Trustee Haddad for an update on the internet services at Stoneleigh. Trustee Haddad reached out to Stoneleigh and they put him in contact with Catholic Charities in Syracuse - they are working on it. The computers will be coming soon. The Mayor is providing a copy of the curriculum from the college regarding computers for seniors.

Delegations.

- None

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer