

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA

MINUTES

March 18, 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 Zophy; Fire Chief Massarotti; DPW Foreman/1st Assistant Fire Chief TJ Tornatore; Recreation Board Member Jason Evans; Ann Marie Rossi; Bruce Burke from PAC 99.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **Discussion:** Trustee Peters noted that the minutes don't reflect that the Sheriff's Department doesn't have tasers. Mayor DeShaw noted that not all discussion is captured in the minutes and asked that Clerk/Treasurer Williams take note of Trustee Peter's requested change. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the following budget modifications: Increase 73104.01 (Recreation Contractual) by \$8,000.00. **Discussion:** Mayor DeShaw advised the Board that this is a result of the pool work for the concrete and fencing. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$86,647.92. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$34,562.19. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Upgrade abstract in the amount of \$56,952.50. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to authorize the one time reimbursement of sewer rents to Robert and Linda Foglino in the amount of \$123.63 due to a leak in a water pipe. (Note: OCWA gave a one-time adjustment of 49.5% of the water usage due to the leak.) **Discussion:** Trustee Rapasadi asked for the location of the property. The Mayor referred the Board to the letter in their agenda packet. Trustee Haddad asked if this is a normal course of action. Trustee Rapasadi noted that normally the Board will follow what the water company does. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to authorize the following street closure on Saturday, March 30, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the request of Chief Zophy for the Town of Lenox Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Railroad Street between Main and Peterboro Streets, Depot Street at Railroad Street and the Municipal Parking Lot. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence.

- Letter from Robert and Cindy Stadelmaier complimenting the DPW for their work and efforts removing piles of sticks and a broken tree limb from their yard. Mayor DeShaw thanked DPW Foreman Tornatore and asked him to pass on the thanks and compliment to the members of his staff who were involved. Foreman Tornatore believes that it was Tom DiGaspari and Reuben Pluff.

- The Mayor received a letter from CCS thanking the Village for participating in the Health and Wellness Fair. Chief Zophy advised that Officer Sean Barton staffed the booth on behalf of the Village.

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter passed out a packet of information to the Board Members regarding a request from Prime Materials for a reduction in their assessed value. The Village would lose \$6,421 per year in taxes if there was a reduction in assessed value. The Town wants the Village and School District to share in the cost of the defense of this action. The total cost of defending the action is estimated at \$4,000.00. The Village would be responsible for 23% of the cost. The Board discussed the option of whether to participate or not. The Mayor asked when the Town needs our answer and asked Administrator Carpenter if he could get more information and report back to the Board at the next meeting. Mayor DeShaw believes that we need to participate and be a part of the team and is concerned about the precedence it would set if we did not defend it. Trustee Peters asked if there are any PILOTs in the business park now. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that there is only one PILOT in the Village and it is not in the park. Trustee Rapasadi is concerned that the cost could go over the projected \$4,000. Mayor DeShaw asked Administrator Carpenter to find out who the attorney is, if this is the last step and if not, what are the next steps. The Mayor would also like to make sure that the County, Town and School are all participating.

Department Heads.

Chief Zophy advised that all of his officers have completed the taser training. Chief and five (5) officers volunteered and were tased as part of the training. Once the Board approves the policy, use of the tasers will be implemented. A copy of the policy was provided by the Chief at the last meeting. The Mayor asked that this item be placed on the agenda for our next meeting. Trustee Peters asked about the date of the purchase - the tasers were ordered in December - was there a policy in place then? Chief advised that there was no policy at that time. He has used the policy of the International Chiefs of Police which is used by other agencies in the area. The tasers will not be taken out of the office until the policy is in place.

Chief Massarotti noted that the Fire Department Banquet is all set and the gear has been ordered.

DPW Foreman Tornatore advised that his department is working on cleaning up the Village. The Mayor asked him if he made calls on the pool. Foreman Tornatore is waiting for return calls.

Mayor.

Mayor DeShaw received a late request that she believes is important to bring to the Board. Corky Goss, the artist working on the Canal Mural Project, is seeking payment of the second installment on the contract in the amount of \$1,833.33. The Mayor advised that she saw renderings today and she asked Administrator Carpenter if he would email those to the Trustees. The next step was to sit down with the artist and make some suggestions.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve payment to Corky Goss for the continuation of the Canal Mural Project. **Discussion:** Trustee Peters asked if this was in compliance with the contract that we have. Administrator Carpenter advised that it is. Trustee Haddad asked when the project would be done. Administrator Carpenter noted that a dedication is planned in August. We should be done by then. Passed 5 to 0.

The Mayor had a discussion with Peter Finocchairo about a handicap playground at the Spencer Street Park. There is money available from Rotary International and the local Rotary chapter is hoping to support it also. The preliminary idea for the park was discussed - there would be a jungle gym and some swing sets with special materials placed on the ground. The Mayor has asked Rotary to come in with a presentation for the Board. She is interested in another piece of equipment for the park and plans to meet with Administrator Carpenter and the County about possible funding - adding that many questions will have to be asked and answered with the presentation. Trustee Haddad asked about the potential cost to the Village. The Mayor does not yet know if there will be any cost to the Village. Chief Zophy asked that we look at our local laws relative to the time that our parks close and suggested that the existing laws may need some revision to accommodate the new park.

Mayor DeShaw reported that she, Administrator Carpenter and Clerk/Treasurer Williams will start finalizing the tentative budget. She hopes to have it filed with the Clerk/Treasurer tomorrow. The Mayor suggested that the Board hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at 4:00 for the Clerk/Treasurer to distribute the Tentative Budget to the Board. The Board discussed availability and alternate dates and times. It was determined that the Special Meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and the only item on the agenda will be the passing out of the budget.

The Mayor had a meeting with Bob Napoli of Stoneleigh Housing to understand what his organization does. They talked about Barlow Street and a possible CDBG grant. Mr. Napoli is sending information to us for the newsletter - the program is targeted to income eligible property owners.

Mayor DeShaw has had a lot of meetings regarding the sewer project. They are working out billings on the grants to maximize all of the grant money that we can. She met with representatives of Queensboro regarding their billing - the meeting was mostly about fines - Queensboro is looking to reduce their fines.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Haddad wants to know what the Village will be doing with the Rec Park beginning April 1, 2013. Mayor DeShaw answered that at this point, we are keeping things the same in the budget. She has found out that there are legal matters that will have to be worked out before a decision can be made. The Mayor believes that there is a way that we can come to a collaboration on this. Trustee Peters went to the County to see what deed restrictions were placed on the land when it was deeded to the Village. The County will get back to us on that. Trustee Haddad noted that Little League is not looking to modify anything down there - they just want to mow, clean and line the fields. Trustee Haddad is making progress with Earthlink and expects to hear back from them later this week.

Trustee Peters met with Liz Garafalo and the FBLA kids are excited about the computer project at Stoneleigh. They are preparing a packet and a booklet and are working on a schedule to partner one on one with the interested residents. Wi fi has been installed at Stoneleigh. The computers will be going down. Students will be required to have a permission slip. Transportation of the students from the school to Stoneleigh was discussed. The Mayor asked Trustee Peters to have Liz Garafalo contact her regarding this matter. The Mayor will talk with Superintendent Bragan tomorrow night.

Trustee Peters has a concern about the addendums at the meetings. Administrator Carpenter reminded the Board that it can choose not to vote on something that is brought up at the meeting. Trustee Peters feels that when it is with personnel, sometimes the Board needs more time and if it is an emergency situation, it makes sense. Administrator Carpenter noted that he and the Mayor are allowed to bring up items under their comments for the Board's consideration and added that we do our best to make sure that all information is given ahead of time. Mayor DeShaw asked the Department Heads to try to limit last minute items and to try to get their requests in before the meeting.

Trustee Peters asked about the environmental issues at the Food Hub. The Mayor advised that the parties are working it out and doing the Phase II work. Administrator Carpenter added that the funding is conditioned on that being resolved. Mayor DeShaw advised that things are moving forwarding.

Trustee Warner asked Administrator Carpenter for an update on the Terrace properties. Administrator Carpenter responded that letters have gone out and the sale should be on the Auctions International website this week. Trustee Warner asked about the mess at the sewer plant - did we talk with the contractor? Administrator Carpenter spoke with the contractor on Friday. There is also a pile of stuff in the back that will be scrapped. The contractor knows that the Board is concerned about the mess. They are waiting for the ground to harden up and will take care of it.

Trustee Rapasadi asked about the status of the building on the end of Center Street. Administrator Carpenter advised that it is in the Department of Labor's hands because of the potential for it to be hot. The property owner is trying to see if he can get the property tested so it can be taken care of.

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Delegations.

Jason Evans of the Recreation Commission came in with a proposal for co-ed softball. The Rec Commission has approved this.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the co-ed softball league on Thursdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. on April 18, 2013 thru August 10, 2013. **Discussion:** Jason Evans noted that the lights will be off by 10:30 p.m. and that no inning can be started after 10:15 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Ann Marie Rossi would like to have a meeting with the people who signed up last year to be a part of the Beautification Committee. She is thinking about doing something at Clark Park this year and would like to start working on the Village flower pots - can we talk with Debrucques? Many people on the committee were concerned about where the pots were placed. Mrs. Rossi suggested that perhaps we should be redistributing the pots on Peterboro and Main Streets. The Mayor would like to get together with Mrs. Rossi to schedule a date for the committee meeting.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams/s

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Clerk/Treasurer