

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
April 15, 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; Fire Chief Massarotti; DPW Foreman/1st Assistant Fire Chief TJ Tornatore; Recreation Board President Mark Arner (7:33 p.m.); Village Historian David Sadler; Richard Rossi and Brandon Rossi; Bruce Burke from PAC 99.

ABSENT: None.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to honor of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing earlier today.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013, meeting. **Discussion:** Trustee Rapasadi asked about the appointment of Robert Sturdevant as Acting Justice. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that Judge Sturdevant had to decline the appointment for personal reasons. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2013, meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2013, meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the following budget transfers: \$92.84 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 85104.01 (Beautification Contractual); \$207.86 from 14204.02 (Attorney fees) to 19905.02 (OCWA Billing Fees). **Discussion:** Trustee Peters asked about the OCWA Billing Fees. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that these are the charges from OCWA for the quarterly sewer billing. Trustee Peters asked about the continuation of the billing by OCWA and the expiration of the existing Lease Agreement. Administrator Carpenter has had conversations with OCWA and believes that they are willing to work with us. He is hoping there will be a new Agreement with the same conditions. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$39,090.48. **Discussion:** Trustee Peters asked if the flags were American made. Administrator Carpenter stated that they were. Trustee Peters asked if the uniforms were encumbered. Clerk/Treasurer noted that they were. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$33,974.46. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to appoint Donna Jacuk to a 1-year term on the Housing Authority. **Discussion:** Trustee Haddad asked where this recommendation comes from. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that she is a current member of this Board. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters, to appoint Mark Arner to a 7-year term on the Recreation Commission, based on the recommendation of the Town of Lenox. **Discussion:** Trustee Peters asked why the recommendation came from the Town. Mayor DeShaw explained that he is one of the representatives from the Town of Lenox. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve payments totaling \$2,613.54 from the General fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from March 27, 2013 - April 10, 2013. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the wire transfer sent to Chase Bank in the amount of \$400.00 on April 12, 2013, from the General Fund (97107.01 Interest on Debt Service) for interest owed on the 2003 Bond for the purchase of the rescue truck. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Peters, to authorize a wire transfer to be sent to BNY Mellon in the amount of \$2,456.25 from the Sewer Fund (97107.02 Interest on Debt Service) for interest owed on the 1991 Public Improvement Bond. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to authorize payment to USDA in the amount of \$4,297.50 from the Sewer Fund (97107.02 Interest on Debt Service) for interest owed on the 1998 Rural Development Phase I Serial A Bond. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Warner, to authorize payment to USDA in the amount of \$1,417.50 from the Sewer Fund (97107.02 Interest on Debt Service) for interest owed on the 1998 Rural Development Phase I Serial B Bond. **Discussion:** Trustee Peters asked when we pay principal on this loan. Clerk/Treasurer Williams noted that principal is paid once annually and interest is paid twice annually. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence.

- Letter from American Water Resources notifying the Board that American Water Resources will be mailing information to our residents about programs available to protect our residents from unexpected service line repair bills for their water lines. The Board discussed the letter and the service offered by this company. Trustee Haddad does not believe that we should be reading this letter at our Board meeting as he does not believe that we should promote or give our residents the impression that we promote this type of business or service. Administrator Carpenter noted that we cannot stop any company from contacting our residents by mail but by reading the correspondence at a Board meeting, our residents can know that we have information about the company contacting them.

Mayor DeShaw reminded the Trustees that they can call the office before the meetings to ask questions and get more information about agenda items.

- Letter from the County Treasurer's Office regarding property at 450 NE Canal Street.

- Letter from the Recreation Commission regarding a Zumba class. The Board discussed the request.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Zumba program for \$45.00 for the entire 6-week session or \$5.00 per session should the individual wish not to sign up for the entire 6-week session, with the instructor, Julie Reksch, to be paid a 70/30 split of the fees collected. **Discussion:** The Board discussed how the fees are to be collected and to whom they should be paid. All money will come to the Village Offices and checks payable to the Village of Canastota. The instructor will turn in payments the next business day. Passed 5 to 0.

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter gave an update on the East Center Street property. The owner has to provide the Court with a plan for how and when he will clean it up - it is now up to the Court. Trustee Peters asked if this means that the property is clear of any asbestos. Administrator Carpenter said that it does not - the owner has to let the Judge know one way or another and it has to be determined by a licensed professional.

Administrator Carpenter advised that we will be having the BOCES kids again this summer. There will be between 8 - 12 students. We are looking for projects for this year - the kids have accomplished a lot in the Village previously. Trustee Rapasadi asked if they could help with cleaning up the property on James Street. Administrator Carpenter said that they could pick up garbage.

The property auction ends on April 17. The bid is up to \$5,200.00. Administrator Carpenter reminded the Board that this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. there will be a dedication recognizing the Village as the first Trail Town in New York State. The Mayor will make a presentation at the park by Key Bank. The Canal Cleanup will begin immediately following the dedication. The DPW is assisting with the cleanup again this year.

Department Heads.

DPW Foreman Tornatore advised that the bathrooms at the Rec Field are opened and the lights have been installed. He is waiting for the floors to be pressure washed so that the painting can be done. They started picking up brush today and the street sweeper is expected to be on the road next week. The sewer on James Street needs to be dug up tomorrow. Administrator Carpenter and DPW Foreman Tornatore discussed the new procedure for picking up brush.

Fire Chief Massarotti is all set.

Recreation Board President Mark Arner was advised that the Board approved the Zumba program.

Village Historian David Sadler will be attending a conference in Liverpool later this week. Mr. Sadler advised the Board that the State will soon be expanding the dates for replacing historical

markers - the current period is 1790 - 1850. Administrator Carpenter asked if we had any markers that would qualify. Mr. Sadler advised that we do not now. On Tuesday night at the Historical Conference, Mr. Sadler is up for re-election for his third and final term of office with APHNYS. Mayor DeShaw thanked Mr. Sadler for his commitment and time.

Mayor.

The Mayor updated the Board on the Barlow Street project. There will be a public hearing on the Upstate Food Hub and Restore New York Grants. Trustee Haddad asked if we could post the public hearings on our website. The Mayor advised that the budget is completed. There is a business revitalization meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. All businesses have been invited to have a guided discussion to talk about what they are feeling, experiencing and addressing concerns. There will be a discussion about future sessions. We are expecting 35 - 45 participants. The Mayor is looking forward to this meeting. There will be a presentation from the governor's Office about REDC third round. The Mayor is working on a list of agencies in the Village to put together a meeting and go after available grants.

The Board will hold a special meeting on April 22, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. to adopt the budget.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Warner asked about the proposed park on Spencer Street and the green space requirements. Administrator Carpenter does not have any answers on that yet. The Board discussed questions that need to be answered regarding the barrier free park.

Trustee Peters asked about the cost for both lots and the rest of the money for Ski Club. Administrator Carpenter noted that the bid price is for both lots. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that Ski Club did not collect all of the money that they anticipated, so one trip was forfeited. Trustee Peters asked about the status of Firemen's Park. Chief Massarotti noted that the firemen are waiting for a design and they have set aside money for the project. Administrator Carpenter added that he had a professor that was interested, but is no longer. Trustee Peters noted the Village had money invested in the project and she would like to see us move forward. The Board discussed the history of the designs for the park. Trustee Peters asked if it would still be Founders' Park. The Mayor and the Board discussed the plans for the park. Trustee Peters will be attending the Joint Facility meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Trustee Haddad asked if we had looked over the Earth Link information. Administrator Carpenter will again review the information and get back to Trustee Haddad.

Delegations.

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams/s

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Clerk/Treasurer