

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
October 21, 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, Rosanne Warner and Bill Haddad; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; PD Chief Zophy; DPW Mechanic Mark Maxwell; Isaac Smith, Intern for Village Of Canastota; Justin Mulford, Resident; Bruce Burke from PAC 99.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Haddad to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the following budget modification: Increase 99509.02 (Transfers to Capital Projects) by \$300,000.00. (Note: This is to accommodate the final change orders to complete the WWTP CSO Abatement and Capital Upgrade Project.) Discussion: Trustee Peters asked if the money was coming from fund balance? Village Administrator Carpenter agreed. Trustee Peters asked if the lead agency wants to complete an audit? Village Administrator Carpenter said they have not asked yet but they will request audit. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the following interfund transfer: \$300,000.00 from the Sewer Fund to the WWTP Capital Upgrade Fund. Passed 5-0

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$38,725.23. Discussion: Trustee Peters asked if there was any money left in the tree line because we are paying just over \$9000.00 and the budget update says there is only \$3000.00 remaining. Deputy Village Clerk advised Trustee Peters that the budget update shows \$ 6,000.00 is already encumbered in the \$ 9000.00 we will be paying now so the \$3000.00 is available if needed. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$84,733.81. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Peters, to approve the Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of \$31.53. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Haddad to approve the WWTP Capital Upgrade Abstract in the amount of \$76,260.00. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Peters to approve payments totaling \$6,360.70 from the General fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from August 1, 2013 - August 31, 2013. Passed 5-0

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad to authorize a wire transfer to be sent to BNY Mellon from the Sewer Fund for payment of the sum of \$25,000.00 (97106.02 Debt Service) and \$2,456.25 (97107.02 Interest on Debt Service) owed on the 1991 Public Improvement Bond.

Discussion: Trustee Peters asked what this is for and Village Administrator Carpenter advised it is for the Bruno Road Project. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Haddad to approve the wire transfer sent to Chase/DTC from the General Fund in the amount of \$400 (97107.01 Interest on Debt Service) for the final payment on the 2003 General Obligations Bond for purchase of the rescue truck.
Passed 5 - 0

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Peters, to authorize Clerk/Treasurer Williams to turn over to the Madison County Treasurer the unpaid taxes for fiscal year 2013-2014 as follows: \$139,303.21 in unpaid taxes with interest thereon at the rate of 8% in the amount of \$11,144.26, for a total of \$150,447.47 and to authorize the Mayor and Trustees to execute the attached Certification and Verification as to Unpaid Village Taxes. Discussion: Trustee Peters asked if the 8% interest is state law. Village Administrator Carpenter said yes. Passed 5-0.

Correspondence.: None

Department Heads:

Chief Zophy said everything is good.

Administrator:

Village Administrator Larry Carpenter said the DPW is ready for snow. Plow trucks have been tuned up, plow blades have been repaired and we have ordered treated salt.

DPW Foreman TJ Tornatore is at a seminar in Lake Placid. He is staying at the Econo Lodge of Lake Placid and they have asked for payment now of \$ 239.85.

Motion by Trustee Peters, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi to issue payment to Econo Lodge of Lake Placid in the amount of \$239.85. Passed 5-0.

The owner of the downed 5 story building on East Center has received permission from the DOL to begin cleanup. He will begin October 28th.

The Sidewalk Project on Main Street has been completed. As of today 7 homeowners still owe from work completed last fall. They have been billed several times for a total of \$6274.00. The homeowners from work done currently have also been billed a total of \$52,000.00 and 8 have already made some payment.

Cerio's Market is the only one not done at this time. Mayor DeShaw commented that this project replaced 25,294 sq.ft. of sidewalk, and some curbing. This was a joint effort of Code Enforcement, Village Administrator, clerical staff and the DPW. I think the sidewalks look very nice.

Trustee Peters asked if Cerio's has to go from building to road. Village Administrator Carpenter said yes and that the owner is aware of this. Trustee Peters asked when the DPW was going to

clean up the areas of Main Street that need soil replacement. Trustee Peter said this should have been done already. Mayor DeShaw said that the DPW did put down sand and soil however the ground may have settled and areas need more top soil. Mayor DeShaw said this will be completed. Trustee Peters asked if there are any Safe to School grants available? Trustee Warner responded no.

Village Administrator Larry Carpenter asked for a discussion regarding the purchase of the new loader for the DPW. We have already had numerous discussions and we need to make a decision. The lease for \$122,230.42 less the sale of the old loader would be for five (5) years. The first payment of \$25,000.00 in 2014-2015 and the second \$25,000.00 payment in 2015-2016 w come from budgeted money. We have a healthy fund balance and will be able to make remaining payments from this. Trustee Peters asked what the beginning auction price is on the old loader. Trustee Peters asked how much was the appraisal of repairs and how many years have we had old loader? Mark Maxwell, DPW Mechanic, said repairs would run \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 Mark referenced repairs mentioned at previous meetings. Trustee Peters asked if the old loader has only 7000hours which is equivalent to 8hrs a week why do we need a new one and what is it used for during the 8 hours a week. Village Administrator Carpenter said it is used to load other trucks and move things around in the DPW yard. It is also used for back fill of sewer repairs. Trustee Warner asked if parts are compatible like the forks. Mark Maxwell said the forks are the only compatible items. Trustee Peters asked if we have checked with other companies to see if they would purchase new or just do repairs. Trustee Rapasadi also suggested we ask other companies like CCI if they would put \$15,000.00 in old equipment. Trustee Haddad asked if the loader is used for 8 hours a week lets find out it would be to rent for a day, week, or month. Mayor DeShaw suggested we table this till our next meeting, November 4, and asked Village Administrator Larry Carpenter to ask for second opinions.

Mayor:

Mayor DeShaw informed the Board that she along with Village Administrator Larry Carpenter and the Village Code Enforcer, met with the Company that is purchasing Diemolding (On Rasbach). They expect to close at the end of October. During our lunch at Graziano's they expressed their excitement about coming to Canastota. They expect to employ 35 the first year and increase yearly after that. The Food Hub is also moving forward. The two attorneys are working towards an agreement. Another new business is due to open November 1st at the corner of Peterboro St. and Center St. It is called the Red Onion and will carry a line of woman clothing as well as an internet business out of the back. Also, in the old Chatterbox store front, Liz Metzger, Director of Canastota Library, is opening an Antique, Holiday shop.

Mayor DeShaw also wanted the Board to know that Clerk Treasurer Cathi Williams will be out of the office for a few weeks.

Mayor DeShaw said they have a final draft of the new Leash Law and asked if there is any discussion before a public hearing is set up. Trustee Peters said she has not had a chance to look over the changes and would like time to do so. Trustee Haddad has several questions and comments. First there is no mention of invisible fences and nothing about height of other fences. Chief Zophy said that containment area is that fence has to contain dog. Mayor DeShaw asked if

we have a containment law and Chief Zophy said we currently have leash law. Trustee Haddad said 56.10 typo's, and questioned 56.12 impound fees. Chief Zophy said that fees are the responsibility of the town so we should match them. Trustee Haddad said that the Agr & Mkt has laws on this. Chief Zophy said if we have tougher laws than Ag & Mkt we will have the expense of attorney fees which we do not have now. Trustee's asked how we will notify residents of the new leash law? Trustee Warner said add it to our website or at time of license renewal. Mayor DeShaw asked Board members to please review and get back to Village Administrator Larry Carpenter by Wednesday so we can have final copy at next board meeting.

Trustee Comments:

Trustee Rapasadi said pile of junk is getting bigger on Hardwood Island Road.

Trustee Warner asked when will house on Canal Street be taken down. Village Administrator said to the best of his knowledge it has been already but he will ask the Code Enforcer to verify. Trustee Warner also wanted to advise DPW that there is a TV in the canal.

Trustee Peters said that Liz Gralofolo has been given one computer and will be meeting with students to update the systems.

Trustee Haddad asked if the accountant will be coming to next meeting and if they are we should have them set up a power point so everyone can see what they will be explaining to the Board.

Trustee Warner asked about Firemen's Park and why we are paying Brandon Rose on the Abstract. Village Administrator Larry Carpenter said the Fire Department is moving forward with this and that he has emailed Jay Cowan this is the final bill for Brandon Rose that the Village will pay.

Delegations:

None.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully,

Karen Bombard
Deputy Village Clerk