

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA

MINUTES

June 16, 2014

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 Jeffrey Carpenter; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Fire Chief John Massarotti; Town of Lenox Supervisor John Pinard; Town of Lenox Councilman Anthony Palamara.

ABSENT: Trustee Rosanne Warner.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014, regular meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the following transfers for the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget: \$16,277.16 from 90608.01 (Medical Insurance); \$8,041.50 to 51104.01 (DPW Contractual); \$6,310.41 to 51824.01 (Street Lighting); \$1,925.25 to 54104.01 (Sidewalks). Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the May 30, 2014, General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$41,925.51. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the May 30, 2014, Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$27,496.88. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the June 16, 2014, General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$30,400.68. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the June 16, 2014, Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$1,660.27. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of \$1,103.93. (Note: These are expenses for Founders' Park.) Passed 4 to 0.

**Delegations.**

None

**Department Heads.**

Chief Massarotti is all set.

Mayor DeShaw congratulated Chief Zophy on catching the car thieves.

Village Historian David Sadler is still researching Canastota Knife Works. David has also researched the first female to run in an election in New York and believes that Cora Guy from

Canastota was the first in 1969. Dave reported that 2014 is the centennial celebration of the statue on the lawn in Wampsville. It was put there in 1914 by Sheriff Taylor. Mayor DeShaw told Dave that we may be calling on him for help on the Farr Brothers building.

Supervisor Pinard asked Chief Massarotti to have Chief Chafee contact Councilman Palamara regarding fire hydrants. Supervisor Pinard also reported that the Town is looking at fixing the Kawana Bay Road and needs a letter from the Fire Department. Chief Massarotti noted that the ambulance has a difficult time getting through there as well. Supervisor Pinard advised that the fire trucks cannot safely get down this road - this is a private road, so it is a touchy situation for the Town.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the attached Timber Sale Contract and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same. **Discussion:** Administrator Carpenter advised that this is the same matter that we discussed a couple of months ago - the area is between James Street and the CSX Railroad. Trustee Haddad asked if these trees were marked. Administrator Carpenter advised that they are not - there are more black walnut trees than they are going to cut, but some are smaller and not as valuable. Trustee Haddad asked if we will be on site when they are cut. Administrator Carpenter noted that we are not, but we will be checking before and after. Mayor DeShaw does not want a big hole left where the trees come down. Administrator Carpenter advised that the trees are spread out - this won't be a problem. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to authorize the ACH transfer by USDA Rural Development of \$17,517.50 from the Sewer Fund for payment of principal in the amount of \$8,000.00 (97106.02 Debt Service) and interest in the amount of \$9,517.50 (97107.02 Interest on Debt Service). (Note: This is for amounts owed on the 2003 Interceptor Pipe Project.) Passed 4 to 0.

### **Correspondence.**

- Letter from Richard Rossi regarding Kid's Day. The Mayor noted that we have budgeted \$1,900.00 for this year. Trustee Rapasadi asked about the miscellaneous expenses. The Mayor would like a breakdown of the \$3,300 miscellaneous expenses.
- Letter from Ed Brophy of the International Boxing Hall of Fame thanking the Village for its cooperation putting the weekend together. The Board discussed the events of the weekend and the attendance.

### **Administrator.**

Administrator Carpenter advised that the pool is open - it opened on Saturday. We changed companies for opening the pool and saved 1/3 of the cost. A pump burned out this year. The pool is losing about 1 foot of water every day - we are not sure where, but we don't think that it is the pool itself - it will be difficult to find. Administrator Carpenter reported that Hall of Fame Weekend went

well and the Festival seemed to do well. He thanked Clerk/Treasurer Williams and her husband, Tim, for their help that day with the rides. Administrator Carpenter is waiting for the numbers from the weekend. Administrator Carpenter gave the Board a Confirmation regarding purchasing electrical services. This is a county contract. This will be a fixed rate contract. Administrator Carpenter discussed why a fixed rate is being recommended instead of a variable rate. He explained that \$.071 is the current rate and the rate that is being proposed is \$.07095. Administrator Carpenter would like approval tonight to avoid a possible increase in the cost. Trustee Haddad asked if this price includes street lights. Administrator Carpenter stated that it does - just our big accounts.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to accept the Integrys Energy Services of New York, Inc. contract. Passed 4 to 0.

**Mayor.**

Mayor DeShaw acknowledged Administrator Carpenter's work on a grant that was due today at 4:00 p.m. We authorized this grant with Elan for the Visitor Center, Chamber offices, art center, community center and meeting space in the Farr Building. The Mayor advised that the total budget is \$638,000.00 with a 50% match. There are many pieces to this as were discussed with Oneida Savings Bank at our previous meeting. The Board discussed the budget for the purchase and renovation of the building. The end number for the Village is \$168,000.00. Mayor DeShaw stated that we will have to raise this money to finish the project. There are other grants and foundations that we can apply to for money. The Mayor asked Village Historian Dave Sadler to work with us on the historical aspect of the building. Dave asked about the bronze tablet that was on the building when the bank bought the building. The Mayor asked Administrator Carpenter to check with OSB regarding the tablet. Mayor DeShaw thanked Administrator Carpenter for working on this for the last couple of weeks.

Mayor DeShaw noted that Administrator Carpenter has also worked on the TEP Phase II Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 which was due and submitted on June 11. This project will cover Peterboro Street from Center Street to the railroad bridge for sidewalks and the continuation of the streetscaping. The Mayor is hoping that we will hear on this soon.

The Mayor advised that she attended most of the events over the Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend and she received a great response from those in attendance. The Mayor commented that people thought the Village looked nice and they liked coming here. Someone suggested to the Mayor that we get bumper stickers saying "I'd rather be in Canastota". Mayor DeShaw reported that there was some money raised at the dinner for the BHOF expansion project - about \$200,000.00 - they will continue to push forward with that.

Mayor DeShaw spoke with Supervisor Pinard about the recreation budget and the contribution from the Town of Lenox. Because the money was budgeted before Supervisor Pinard took office, he can only send us what was budgeted. Former Mayor Rouse had an agreement with former Supervisor DiVeronica and the Lincoln Supervisor and the amounts were on paper, but there were no signatures.

We budgeted the \$39,000 which was on the agreement, but the Town only budgeted \$35,000.00 so that is all the Town of Lenox can pay us. Mayor DeShaw stated that Supervisor Pinard has assured her that the Town is supportive of recreation and it will be turned around.

Mayor DeShaw advised the Board that we received a grant from Bill Magee that was applied for 9 years ago. It is for the Fire Company and was written for a skid pump. We do not need a skid pump so we have contacted Assemblyman Magee's office to find out if the grant can be amended. The Board and Chief Massarotti talked about the background of this grant, who is in charge of the grant and what the money could be used for if we can amend the grant. The Mayor asked Administrator Carpenter to find out what the facts are and if we can use the grant for something else.

### **Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Carpenter stated that the boxing weekend went very well and thanked everyone involved. He also noted how quickly the DPW had everything cleaned up.

Trustee Haddad had relatives in from out of town who were surprised at how quickly we cleaned up after the events - it was huge and duly noted. Trustee Haddad advised the Board that Little League is into All Star season and they are hoping to repeat as district champions. The games are starting this weekend - Sunday at 10 a.m. For a full schedule, you can go to the Little League website.

Trustee Rapasadi asked about the no parking sign in front of Head Start. Administrator Carpenter advised that the sidewalks are being redone starting tomorrow. The signs will go up once the sidewalk work is complete. Trustee Rapasadi asked about adult softball and Little League. Trustee Haddad stated that the scheduling was okay. Little League turned over Fridays just recently. They had some issues that they are working through. Trustee Haddad advised that they have had some problems with drinking, cigarettes and trash but that the people running the adult leagues are trying to take care of things and are very quick to respond when he calls. They have had the police come to the field. Trustee Haddad believes that some of the problems could be taking place on the weekends and at night. Chief Zophy advised that his night patrolman walks the whole property every day. He suggested that Trustee Haddad give the police department keys to the facility so that Trustee Haddad doesn't have to come down if there is an issue. Trustee Haddad is okay with the call to come down so he can inspect things and know who left things open so he can address it with them. The Mayor asked Trustee Haddad about the signs down at the field. Trustee Haddad advised that they are from the parade and the teams put them up for the season.

Mayor DeShaw thanked the police department, fire department and DPW especially for their work during Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend. The Village looked great. Mayor DeShaw thanked Administrator Carpenter for his leadership. Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that the DPW worked 16 hours that Sunday. Mayor DeShaw asked that Administrator Carpenter thank DPW Foreman Tornatore for his work.

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Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer