

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA

MINUTES

November 3, 2014

Deputy Mayor Rapasadi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Carla DeShaw (7:03 p.m.); Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi; Trustees Bill Haddad, Rosanne Warner and Jeffrey Carpenter; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Village Historian David Sadler; and Justine Mulford.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the following budget transfer: Move \$1,786.26 from 71104.01 (Parks Contractual) to 99509.01 (Interfund Transfers). (Note: This is to show the expense for Founders' Park after payment of \$1,700.00 from the Fire Department to the Village toward the loan of \$3,486.26 made from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.) **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked if the Fire Department agreed to this. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that the Fire Department just paid the Village \$1,700.00 and gave the history behind this transfer. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$43,558.19. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$94,247.38. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Upgrade Abstract in the amount of \$2,467.85. Passed 4 to 0.

Mayor DeShaw joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**Delegations.**

None.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to appoint Mark Maxwell to the position of MEO at Step 6 with an hourly rate of \$21.67 effective November 6, 2014. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked what Jake Hatch was when he left. Administrator Carpenter advised that he was a Step 2 and Mark was a Step 6 mechanic - we moved him laterally. Mark took a pay cut of about \$.40/hour. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the use of the Canastota Firehouse by Steve Perry on December 7, 2014, pursuant to the attached request of the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department. (Note: proof of insurance has been received.) Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the attached 5-year Pool Service Contract with The Pool Center at Cleanall, for services and supplies at the rates described therein and to authorize the Mayor to execute same. **Discussion:** Mayor DeShaw thanked Administrator Carpenter for looking into this and for saving the Village money. Trustee Rapasadi asked if this price is frozen for five (5) years. Administrator Carpenter confirmed that it is and that is why he negotiated this agreement. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to appoint Tammy Watson to the position of Office Assistant II, at a salary of \$15.80/hour effective November 17, 2014. **Discussion:** Mayor DeShaw advised the Board Tammy is a replacement for Chrissy Palamara. Trustee Rapasadi asked about the number of hours per week for the position. The Mayor advised that it is 37.5 hours per week. She, Administrator Carpenter and Chief Zophy conducted interviews this past week and they found Tammy to be the most qualified. Administrator Carpenter feels that she is an outstanding candidate. Passed 5 to 0.

### **Correspondence.**

- The Mayor received a thank you letter from the homeowners on Maple Avenue for the work that we did to correct the erosion of the creek behind their homes.

### **Administrator.**

Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that the BOCES kids are here and they are working on one of the roofs at the Recreation Park. The Mayor is excited to have the kids working here.

### **Mayor.**

Mayor DeShaw advised the Board that there is an annual Canal Town Dinner on November 12 and asked that the Trustees let her know if they would like to attend. She reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

### **Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Rapasadi asked if the new person on the Recreation Commission is creating a yoga class. The Mayor is setting up a meeting with him - he is working on this. The Mayor stated that he will be at our next Board meeting. Trustee Rapasadi asked for the status on Mrs. Patane's concerns. Administrator Carpenter advised that he and the Mayor did visit the property and noted that a lot of the problem is from the bags and papers blowing across the street from Tops. Trustee Rapasadi asked if the Mayor spoke with Tops. The Mayor suggested to Trustee Rapasadi that he could talk with Tops about this if we wanted to. The Board discussed this matter and the history of the issues.

Trustee Warner asked if Mark Taylor brought in registration forms for senior bowling. Administrator Carpenter advised that we have not received any. The Mayor further advised that she

has not heard from him since the last meeting. Trustee Warner would like to have a discussion when the forms come in and look to see where we can take the money from. The Mayor would like Trustee Warner to do this. Trustee Warner would like to see it back in the budget for next year. The Mayor explained that most of the problem was that the people did not want to fill out our forms and document the bowling. This is no more than we ask from any other program. Trustee Warner asked if they were aware of this and did we tell them that we were pulling their money. The Mayor stated that she did talk with them when she was Recreation Director. She reviewed the process and her actions with the Board. The Board discussed the situation with the contributions to the Recreation programs from the Town of Lenox and Lincoln. Administrator Carpenter would like the Board to consider subsidizing the cost of bowling instead of making it free. There are 7-8 individuals participating and we are paying \$900.00 a year for the program. He would like us to give a dollar or two per game and maybe more seniors could play. Trustee Warner read in the OCWA Newsletter that Queensboro Farm Products in number 5 in the top 10 water customers and they use over 150,000 gallons of water per day.

Trustee Haddad advised that Little League elections are on Wednesday. He further advised that the last press release that he posted to our FaceBook page had 2,400 views and 648 likes. There were also some comments. The Mayor stated that she got a lot of comments back on the proactiveness of our work in the downtown area. Trustee Haddad was asked by the Mayor for help with email, shared contacts and shared calendars. MAPolce gave Trustee Haddad a price of \$120/month and \$350 one-time setup fees to change the addresses, spam filters and email filters and 5 people sharing contacts and calendars. The Mayor asked about the other options. Trustee Haddad stated that we could do this ourselves if we had someone who could do it. The cost is about \$3,000 one time and we would need to have someone maintain it. The Board discussed our current costs and the proposal. The Mayor would like to us to become more efficient in the office now.

Trustee Carpenter is all set.

Village Historian David Sadler noted for the Board that 140 years ago, Noyes Palmer Chapman invented the 15 Puzzle or the gem puzzle. He was a postmaster and a Clockville native. The Mayor thanked David for the trivia fix this evening.

Trustee Haddad asked if the Village had been contacted about Veterans' Day. The Mayor has not been contacted.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine E. Williams*

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Clerk/Treasurer