

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
December 15, 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 Rosanne Warner; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Chief James Zophy; Chief John Massarotti; Code Enforcement Officer Mike Adsit; Recreation Director Steven White; Lenox Councilman Anthony Palamara

ABSENT: Trustee Jeffrey Carpenter

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

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$266,388,57. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked if something were paid twice. The abstract was reviewed - the item in question was charged against the budget and to the Town of Lenox as a shared expense. There was no duplicate payment. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$55,645.71. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Upgrade abstract in the amount of \$6,500.00. Passed 4 to 0.

Delegations.

None.

Correspondence.

None.

Department Heads.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Adsit is all set.

Chief Zophy is all set.

Chief Massarotti reported that there is a problem with the roof at the Fire House. He has already discussed this with Administrator Carpenter. The Chief reminded the Mayor about the meeting with the elevator company Thursday at 4. The Mayor asked the Chief how long the leak has been going on. Chief Massarotti states that it was just today. He has a crew cleaning it up now. Administrator

Carpenter asked where the leak was located. Chief Massarotti advised that it is over the new part. They are cleaning the snow off the roof now. The Mayor asked if we had insurance for this. Administrator Carpenter will look into it.

Recreation Director Steve White reported that at the Recreation Meeting on November 24, they are planning a program to get yoga up and running after the first of the year. SnowBlast will be held on February 28. They have the approval from the school. There was a presentation at that meeting on the Spencer Street Park by Peter Finocchairo. Steve reports that the Recreation Board supports this project.

Steve will meet with Mark Taylor regarding Senior Bowling to get it running. He is also doing research and speaking with people regarding summer camp. Other programs do a lot with on-line registration - all of the information is on their website. Steve is still looking into this. The Mayor asked to meet after the holiday. She made a connection for Steve through the college. It is a video game production company. They are interested in working with the Village. The company is called Black Rocket. Mayor DeShaw asked Steve to look this up. The Mayor asked if SnowBlast is a one-day event. Steve stated that it is. The proposed list of activities was discussed. They are partnering with the Dunn Run and plan to hold a chili cook off, a meatball cook off as well as other activities. This will be the only topic of discussion at the Recreation Board's next meeting. The Mayor has had some inquiries to open the ice skating rink. Steve will look into this. Mayor DeShaw asked Councilman Palamara to check on this and follow up with Supervisor Pinard. Former Supervisor DiVeronica said that he had some of the forms for the ice skating rink. The Mayor noted that Ron Vaccaro is interested in running the rink. Mayor DeShaw talked with Recreation Director White regarding where yoga will be held.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the membership of Michael Patak in to the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department pursuant to the attached request dated December 9, 2014. (Note: A copy of his driver's license has been received.) Passed 4 to 0.

The Mayor thanked Mike on behalf of the Village Board for joining the Fire Department.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the ACH payment of \$9,337.50 from the Sewer Fund (97104.02 Interest on Debt Service) to USDA Rural Development for payment of interest owed on the 2003 Interceptor Pipe Project. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Recreation Contract in the amount of \$35,000.00, between the Village of Canastota and the Town of Lenox for the Village fiscal year 13-14 and the Town calendar year 2014. Passed 4 to 0.

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter reported that the Village's 2nd Annual Decorating Contest was judged on Friday night. The first place winner was John Cafarella, the second place winner was Larry Hastings and the third place winner was Cassandra and Matt Bolan. Mayor DeShaw asked how many participants we had. Administrator Carpenter advised there were about a dozen. The Mayor would like a picture of the winners.

Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that the brine program seems to be working pretty well. It is too early for numbers on salt savings. DPW Foreman Tornatore stated that we use two loads of salt typically on the south side. With pre-treatment we saved one load this last storm. Trustee Warner asked how many gallons were on the truck. Administrator Carpenter advised that there are 1000 gallons on the truck and it takes three (3) trips to do the whole Village. They are also using the brine on the sidewalks in the downtown.

Mayor.

The Mayor advised the Board that Christmas falls on Thursday this year. The Village office is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas (Wednesday and Thursday). She has received a request from the office staff to be open on Christmas Eve (Wednesday) and closed on Friday. Trustee Rapasadi asked about the Town of Lenox schedule. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that the Town offices are closed ½ day on Christmas Eve (Wednesday) and open on Friday.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to stay open on Wednesday (Christmas Eve) and close on Friday. Passed 4 to 0.

Trustee Haddad reported that Digital Towpath wants a resolution to move forward with the services. Trustee Haddad had previously sent a copy of the resolution to everyone. He stated that we can go ahead with the work but we need the paperwork. Mayor DeShaw commented that Trustee Haddad has done a lot of research and Clerk/Treasurer Williams found this company at the NYCOM conference in September.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Warner, that we move forward with Digital Towpath. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adopt the attached Resolution and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all necessary agreements to that effect. **Discussion:** Trustee Haddad made Clerk/Treasurer Williams and himself the Administrators on the account. Passed 4 to 0.

The Board discussed the possibilities for the new website and email capabilities of Digital Towpath.

Mayor DeShaw discussed the editorial that was recently in the newspaper regarding the lack of Christmas in the Village. The Mayor wrote a response and a resident wrote a response. Mayor DeShaw talked about a drainage issue on Belleview Drive. She believes that it is worked out - a couple of sump pumps were putting water into the road and on their neighbors properties. The discharge from the pumps were modified. The Mayor believes that this summer a catch basin may need to be put in to further help the matter.

Mayor DeShaw would like to thank everyone for the tree lighting - it was a great success. The Community Band did a great job. There were 78 kids who visited Santa. The Fire Department and Police Department did a great job also. The Mayor received lots of compliments and noted that we do need more cookies next year.

Mayor DeShaw went to Albany last Thursday for the REDC Grant announcements. The Gateway Center was taken off the priority list. The Mayor made a call to Albany and found out some information that was encouraging. There may be another opportunity for money. In 2017 there will be an International Erie Canal Conference in Syracuse for the 200th anniversary of the canal. The Erie Canal is very popular in Europe. This will be a huge celebration. Administrator Carpenter has been attending meetings. We will be resubmitting an application for grant funding for the Gateway Center. Administrator Carpenter was told that Canastota will be a big part of this celebration because we are the only village that the Canal runs through. They told us to put the shingle out and try again. The Mayor will call Tracy Carpenter, a former classmate of the Mayor and Canastota native. She is the Onondaga County Tourism Director and is in charge of the celebration. Mayor DeShaw is still trying to figure out what happened to our grant application between the local and Albany committees - this is definitely a viable project.

The Mayor thanked the trustees for coming in to look at the RFPs. She believes that it is important to keep the trustees involved in the process from the beginning to the end. She asked them to read the eight (8) proposals. Mayor DeShaw wants to set up an interview for the first meeting in January. The Board discussed how, when and with whom to conduct the interviews. The Board will meet on January 7 and 12 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct interviews. Three (3) interviews will be held on the first night and two (2) on the second night. Mayor DeShaw spoke about a time line for the project - it will be determined at a later date. Trustee Warner noted that some firms talked about drainage issues and some did not. She spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Adsit - there are no drainage problems in the Village. Mayor DeShaw believes that it is just because there are many new products when it comes to drainage that are good for the environment. The Board discussed some of these options.

The Mayor is looking for a response from the Trustees regarding a date in January to meet regarding liaison assignments. She and the Trustees talked about the proposed assignments. The Mayor also

talked about getting the younger generation involved on the young person's council. Trustee Carpenter will be on that council.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Warner noted that her questions were already answered.

Trustee Haddad asked Chief Massarotti why we don't do a fire truck with Santa through neighborhoods with candy canes. Chief Massarotti noted that it was something that they used to do and reminded the Board that Santa and Mrs. Clause were driven to the tree lighting on a well-lit fire truck this year. The Board discussed the possibility of doing an electric light parade next year like they do in Munnsville.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer