

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
January 5, 2015

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.

ABSENT: Trustee Jeffrey Carpenter

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, 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 \$35,638.91. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$5,099.18. Passed 4 to 0.

Delegations.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, approving the attached DOT Consortium Agreement for the Substance Abuse Testing Program between Industrial Medical Associates and the Village of Canastota for calendar year 2015 at a cost of \$60.00 per employee enrolled for a total of \$300.00, and authorizing the Mayor to execute same. (Note: The cost of this testing is the same as last year.) Passed 4 to 0.

The Board discussed pre-employment drug testing. Administrator Carpenter will check with DOT to determine what is required of pre-employment drug testing.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve payments totaling \$6,472.43 from the General fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from November 1, 2014 - November 30, 2014. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence.

None.

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter reported that we have received notification from the Retirement System that Tom DiGaspari retired as of December 27, 2014. We have requested a letter from Tom and we will be hiring for his position.

Administrator Carpenter advised that \$3,000 is the cost of the repair for the fire house roof. This is the original roof and these are temporary repairs. The roofing company is recommending re-roofing in the spring. Trustee Rapasadi asked about the cost of replacing the roof. Administrator Carpenter is awaiting a quote.

Administrator Carpenter spoke about solar power programs with Madison County. There are residential and municipal programs. The County is looking to come up with 2 megawatts of power so that they can produce and sell back power to the grid at \$0.125 and then buy it back for \$.06. Administrator Carpenter reviewed the programs. The Regional Economic Development Council is proposing to take over the program previously administered by Madison County with more tasks being placed on local municipalities. When the County administered this program, they took on all of the tasks. Administrator Carpenter is attending another meeting at the County tomorrow. Planning Director Scott Ingmire is going to send a letter to the Council asking if the Council can handle all of the requirements that are currently proposed to be tasked to the municipalities. The Board discussed the programs and the current incentives that are available. Mayor DeShaw asked Administrator Carpenter to come back to the Board when he has more details on what the programs will be.

Mayor.

Mayor DeShaw advised that the next round of CDBG grants are out again and asked Administrator Carpenter about this. Administrator Carpenter has spoken with CAP and is waiting to hear from them to see if they will partner with us again. The Mayor would like to resubmit the application for the Barlow Street area based on the comments that we received on our last application from the evaluators.

Administrator Carpenter attended a meeting at the fire house on behalf of the Mayor regarding an elevator for the fire house. Chief Massarotti had a company come over to look at the shaft where the elevator would go. The response was that it could cost a lot less than we had originally anticipated. It would not be an elevator like we have in the Municipal Building, but a lift. The cost was about \$25,000.00 for the lift and about \$10,000.00 in infrastructure work to accommodate the lift. The Mayor will talk with Chief Massarotti about doing some fund raising for this project. She believes that it is a reasonable goal and thinks that it is a good project. Administrator Carpenter advised that the lift would go into the soda room. Trustee Haddad asked if there could be grant money available for this project. The Mayor does not believe that there is, but we can look into it. She has been looking since she became Mayor.

The Mayor noted that the County RFP for youth recreation is out and due on January 21. This is a very small amount of money that the County gives out. We are going to try it again this year for our summer youth programming. The RFP is open to not-for-profits, libraries, community action, and

similar organizations. There is a wide eligibility criteria and not a lot of money. The County Director has encouraged us to submit a project - they are looking for creative programming ideas. Trustee Haddad would like to see the list of projects that receive funding for this year. The Mayor asked if Trustee Haddad had time to help with the grant. The Board discussed some of the proposed programming that the Rec Board is looking into and also discussed the County's funding of rec programs and other programs.

Mayor DeShaw has received calls about the ice rink and she has a volunteer. She asked Trustee Warner to check with Lenox Councilman Palamara about the forms for the rink. The Board discussed the process for preparing the ice rink. They would like to proceed with the ice rink. Mayor DeShaw would like to use the room that contains the Pop Warner equipment for the warming room like it was in previous years.

Mayor DeShaw asked the Board members for their availability for evening meetings. She wants to get the meetings scheduled for the economic development committee.

The Mayor reminded the Board about the upcoming interviews on Wednesday and Monday.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi asked about the yoga program that Recreation Director Steve White talked about. He has had some people ask him about the program and has also been contacted by a Canastota resident about a hula hoop group. Trustee Rapasadi directed them to contact Recreation Director White after tonight's meeting.

Trustee Warner asked the Mayor about a text message that she sent to her regarding Mrs. Mitchell on Main Street. Mrs. Mitchell is over 100 years old and Trustee Warner asked if we still did citations for residents who reach milestones. The Mayor would like the Trustees to come up with a criteria and decide if they want to issue citations or proclamations. The Board suggested that an honoree would have to live in the Village and be over 100 years old. It was determined that we would either have to receive a recommendation or a request for the recognition to be given. Trustee Warner asked for an update on the Greek yogurt plant. The Mayor advised that they are still working on the design and getting things ready. She will call them again this month. Trustee Warner asked about updates on the newsletter. The Mayor reported that the final draft was received today. Administrator Carpenter has it in an email. The Mayor will forward a copy to the Board members tonight.

Trustee Haddad attended the Rec meeting on December 29. There was not enough people to hold the meeting. The Mayor has received responses to her request to the Rec Board members that they let her know if they are able to participate. Trustee Haddad asked youth recreation insurance, stating

that he was told that we did not have a youth Zumba program because of an insurance issue. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that when the Zumba program was put into place, the instructor wanted the cutoff age to be 18. Mayor DeShaw is in favor of a kids' Zumba program. Trustee Haddad advised that the Rec Commission is going to submit a report to the Town of Lincoln in March with numbers and sheets for the year 2016. The Board discussed Lincoln's decision to withdraw from participation with the Village and Town of Lenox recreation programs. Mayor DeShaw asked Trustee Haddad to advise the rec board members that no presentations are to be made to any other municipality without her office first knowing about it. Trustee Haddad asked for updates on the snack shack and press box at the Recreation Field. Administrator Carpenter will follow up on that and get back to Trustee Haddad. The Board discussed the problems with attendance at meetings by Rec Board members and their inability to get things done. Mayor DeShaw knows some people that are interested in participating in the Rec Commission. Mayor DeShaw advised that the architect has made a proposal regarding the snack shack and Administrator Carpenter has made some comments on that proposal. We are waiting to hear back from the architect. Trustee Haddad asked if it will be ready for the upcoming season. Administrator Carpenter does not believe that it will. The Mayor stated that she is aware that the snack shack is a significant source of revenue for Little League and will keep that in mind when scheduling the work to be done. The secretary stipend and attendance at the rec meetings was discussed.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer