

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
February 2, 2015

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

PRESENT: Mayor Carla DeShaw; Deputy Mayor Rapasadi; Trustees Bill Haddad, Rosanne Warner and Jeffrey Carpenter; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Anthony Palamara, Lenox Councilman; and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

ABSENT: None.

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

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the following budget transfer: move \$4,524.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 85604.01 (Tree/Stump Removal). Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$135,917.16. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$8,801.35. Passed 5 to 0.

Delegations.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to reschedule the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. to Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. **Discussion:** Trustee Rapasadi will not be here that evening. Trustee Warner has to work that night. Trustee Carpenter will let the Mayor know if he cannot be here as well. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Online Auction Contract with Auctions International, Inc. for a period of two (2) years. **Discussion:** Administrator Carpenter explained that our contract expired and we need a new one. This is a general contract and not for a specific purpose. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to appoint John Twomey as an MEO with the Department of Public Works, at Step 6, effective February 4, 2015. **Discussion:** Administrator Carpenter explained that John left two years ago to go on his own. He wants to come back and we would like to have him back. His pay will be Step 6 and he will be a new employee for benefits. Mayor DeShaw advised that she interviewed John and she has always felt that he has great skills and does great work. The Board discussed his time off. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence.

- Request for Village Tree Removal/Trimming from Mary Lee Bertolino of 203 New Boston Street. Administrator Carpenter advised that the DPW is taking a look at it and if we need to do something we will. If not, it will have to wait for the next budget.
- Letter from the Fire Department regarding donation letters. The Mayor asked if we had see a copy of the final draft. Administrator Carpenter will follow up with the Fire Department. The Mayor asked about the final decision regarding what the Fire Department is using the money for.
- Notice regarding the Onondaga County Planning Federation

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter advised that Code Enforcement Officer Adsit fell today and broke his leg. We don't know how long he will be out.

At the last meeting we talked about solar energy. Administrator Carpenter had sent a letter of interest to the Regional Economic Development Council. They had a need to contract with NYSERDA. Administrator Carpenter stated that the letter of interest does not bind us to anything. He talked about the public utility that the county established many years ago and the County's plans over the years. The County is going to try to use the public utility to make solar power and sell it back to the grid for \$.12 and then buy it for \$.06. They would like to sell it to the municipalities and we could save 60%. Administrator Carpenter will keep us informed.

Mayor.

The Mayor talked about the insert that recently went into the Albany Legislative Gazette featuring Canastota. The Mayor explained the process for putting this together. She talked about what we are planning to do with our 4,000 copies, such as hand some out for the Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend. Mayor DeShaw is going to work with Ed Brophy to put something together to send with the tickets for Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend. She would like to have a Village information booth during Hall of Fame. She will need to talk with Ed Brophy about that, too. The Board asked for an electronic copy of the Gazette.

The Mayor informed the Board that the newsletter was at the printers. A change was made in the size of the picture of the Trustees on the last page. For the next newsletter, the Mayor wants individual pictures made of the Trustees for information regarding liaison assignments for the newsletter. She will have a professional photographer come in. The next newsletter will be in April.

The Mayor would like this to have more information on programs and our summer activities. The current newsletter should take about a week to be ready and send out.

Mayor DeShaw talked with the Food Hub about a ribbon cutting - they will get back to her. They are in the PyroTech Building - they closed and are getting set up. The Mayor will follow up with them at the end of the week.

The Mayor spoke with the yogurt team. They are getting their financing together and moving forward. They are waiting for the weather to get better to come up and meet with the Mayor and Administrator Carpenter and Trustee Rapasadi to talk about the next step. The Mayor is waiting to hear from them again.

Mayor DeShaw met with Jeff Mitchell who is opening Micelli's in the old Leandro's restaurant. He is having a soft opening and then a grand opening. He will let the Mayor know. He may have a special event - the Mayor will let the Trustees know. He plans to build a patio out back in the spring.

The Mayor is meeting on Tuesday with another group interested in the business park. She can't discuss this yet but will let the Board know the outcome after the next meeting.

Mayor DeShaw wrote up what the referenced said to her with regarding to the firms that we interviewed for TAP and TEP. Overall they were all great references. The Mayor believes that anyone of the firms could do the job. She believes that Delta is the firm that is best suited for this project. Mayor DeShaw likes the way they incorporated the historical aspect of the Village into the project. The City of Syracuse said that they were above average and exceptional in that area. The Mayor would like to make a decision if the Board is comfortable. Administrator Carpenter advised that we just need the recommendation to move forward. We need to talk with the firms to make a contract. Administrator Carpenter likes Delta and would be comfortable to work with them. He feels that Delta has the more creative ideas for this project. The Mayor talked with the board about the landscape architects and what she discovered through the reference checks. The Board members are comfortable with Delta. The Board discussed how the cost of the engineering and negotiating will work once an engineer is chosen.

Administrator Carpenter meets monthly with the old Erie Canal Corp. The group expanded to 44 people at the meeting. There is a lot of interest and good ideas. They talked about the overnight bike ride on Friday, July 17, 2015. Dewitt is having its Canal Days and now they are talking about ending the ride in Dewitt. Administrator Carpenter spoke with Rick Stevens about having the entertainment. The riders will start in Rome on Friday night and stay at ZEMS. Rick will open the game room and show a movie. They will put together a tourism package with the Boxing Hall of Fame, the brewery and museum. It is looking promising.

Administrator Carpenter advised that there is a possible new tenant for the Titan Motor Homes building - the offer has been accepted.

The Mayor had a meeting with the Children's Council - Mary Rouse, Linda Gleason and Jackie Hood. Children's Council is in the red. When the Mayor took office, there was \$10,000 in the Village budget for Children's Council and the school had a \$10,000 budget for them. Children's Council had a \$60,000 fund balance and they did not take our money for a couple of years. The last two (2) years re reduced the budget to \$5,000 and they did not take the money. Children's Council's numbers went down and they started losing support. They have not put on a musical for the last couple of years as they do not have help. Mary Rouse, Linda Gleason and Jackie Hood would like to hand Children's Council over, but they have no one to hand it over to - it is hard to find anyone. The Mayor noted that there are not a lot of people with a lot of time to spend on this. They talked about the Mayor's ideas to put together a full-time program for kids this summer. The Mayor would like to work on joining efforts and not duplicating efforts. The Mayor spoke with June Clarke, the Superintendent at the school, and the Children's Council spoke with June. The school is aware that it will not happen this year. Children's Council had been paying a director and paying teachers. The Mayor suggested that June Clarke, Children's Council and she sit down to talk about a comprehensive curriculum and how to make it affordable on a sliding scale. They should also talk about looking at a budget. The Mayor talked about hiring an intern to run the program. There will be more meetings over the next week to 10 days to talk about putting a program together. The Mayor wants to have a program for our community. Currently Children's Council serves K-8. The Mayor thinks that is too broad and she is looking to put together a program for K-6. Trustee Haddad asked what the Children's Council wanted from the Village. The Mayor advised that they wanted their money. The Mayor asked if the program would be running. The Council could not answer that question. The Mayor will not give the money if it is not going to run this year. Trustee Haddad noted that he does a lot of volunteering in the community, but he did not know that Children's Council was looking for people.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Warner asked for an updated on the ice rink. Administrator Carpenter advised that we found some forms - 14 4-foot lengths. The Mayor advised that because it has taken us so long to get going and because the warming room is not available to us, she would like to wait until next year and do it right. We can possibly have Pop Warner use a room in the OCWA building. Trustee Warner asked with Code Enforcement Officer Mike Adsit being out, what is our plan. Administrator Carpenter noted that we are using the Town of Lenox Code Officer, Scott Henderson, and there should not be an issue. Lenox Councilman Anthony Palamara noted that there should not be a problem. Trustee Warner advised that the crosswalks in Syracuse that are burnt into the road seem

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to be staying - they are stamped into the road.

Trustee Haddad talked about SnowBlast. Plans are moving along. It will be held February 28, 2015 - one day and evening. The festivities are 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the school and an adult reception at Rusty's at 8 p.m. with a band - The Wayback Machine. There will be chili and meatball cook offs, kids activities - they are meeting again this week. The school is helping to promote this. There will be snowmen that you can decorate and will be displayed at the school. The Rec Board is learning to work together with new people on the Board. The Board discussed the events and the need to put a flyer together.

Trustee Carpenter has no comments tonight.

The Mayor spoke with the Trustees about upcoming meetings for the new councils.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer