

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
March 2, 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, Rosanne Warner and Jeffrey Carpenter; Town Supervisor John Pinard; Anthony Palamara, Lenox Councilman; and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

**ABSENT:** Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Clerk Treasurer Cathi Williams

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked if Clerk Treasurer Cathi Williams should have been listed as absent. Deputy Village Clerk Karen Bombard will look into that and amend minutes if required. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$100,173.32. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked why we purchased three water coolers. Mayor DeShaw stated that the Village had changed companies and confirmed Trustee Rapasadi's comment that we had purchased water coolers as it was more cost effective. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$4,578.57. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Fire Contract with the Town of Lenox in the amount of \$166,085 for the year 2015. Passed 5 to 0. **Discussion:** Town of Lenox Supervisor Pinard said he thinks amount is incorrect and should be \$ 90,150.00 plus \$7,500.00(for the new Pumper). Village Board members discussed the contract and agreed to amend previous motion.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter to amend the motion to \$90,150.00 plus \$7,500.00 as the Town of Lenox payment to the Village of Canastota for the Fire Department and to authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Fire Contract. Passed 5 to 0.

**Mayor comments:**

Mayor DeShaw stated that we have a Public Hearing set for this evening at 7:15 PM so until then she will keep going with agenda. The snow event and Village response will be postponed until March 16, 2015 when Village Administrator Carpenter will be present.

Mayor DeShaw read aloud a thank you card from the Whaley family thanking the Village employees for their generosity since the passing of Clinton Whaley. Clint was a crossing guard for the past nineteen years.

Mayor DeShaw has invited Bill Buchan, attorney representing Madison County to give a presentation on solar energy project opportunity at 7:25 PM.

Mayor DeShaw asked Trustee Rapasadi if he had anything for discussion. He stated he was all set.

Mayor DeShaw asked Trustee Carpenter if he had anything for discussion. Trustee Carpenter said he attended the SnowBlast events on Saturday at Robert St. Elem School and that they were very nice.

Mayor DeShaw said that she also attended the SnowBlast events and that she also thought they were very nice. The wooden snowmen that were decorated by students looked great. The Boy Scouts offered hot food. The DJ "Max FX DJ" performed most of the day. Michaela Muench had Café A decorated for winter fun with coffee filters donated by Jreck's Sub. Michaela had activities, such as pinecones with peanut butter and birdseed for the children to make and the Dunn Run took place early in the day. The event's revenue covered all expenses.

Trustee Warner asked about the minutes from the last meeting and what is the \$1500.00 fee for the Black Rocket Camp. Mayor DeShaw stated that the \$1500.00 fee is a one-time fee to become an educational partner with the Black Rocket company. The Mayor stated that she is connecting the Village's program with the college program and Black Rocket will be offered through a partnership with the college. The Mayor stated the Village will not be paying the fee. Trustee Warner asked if the information regarding the procedures for the Planning Board and Codes were given to the owners of the yogurt plant. Mayor DeShaw stated that she has been in communication with the owners and will send a letter once she has finalized the information. Mayor DeShaw also mentioned that the owners will be making a trip to the village soon.

At 7:15 P.M. Mayor DeShaw opened the Public Hearing. Mayor DeShaw read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing on "A Local Law to Amend Village Code Chapter 230 (Zoning) and Zoning Map of the Village of Canastota." PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Canastota, at a regular meeting held on March 2, 2015, adopted Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2015 of the Village of Canastota entitled, "A local law to amend Village Code Chapter 230 (Zoning) and Zoning Map of the Village of Canastota". The purpose and effect of the local law is to create two new zoning districts to be known as the "Industrial Park Development District A" and the "Industrial Park Development District B" and to change the zoning district classification of all lands presently within the existing Industrial Park Development District to one of the two new zoning districts. The legislation also establishes new schedules of permitted uses for each of the two new zoning districts. The complete text of local law 2015-1 as adopted is available for review at the Village Clerk's office during the Clerk's regular business hours.  
Dated: March 5, 2015 Karen Bombard, Deputy Village Clerk

Mayor DeShaw then asked the Public if anyone had any comments or questions. No Response  
Mayor DeShaw asked the Public for the second time if anyone had any comments or questions. No Response  
Mayor DeShaw asked the Public for the third and final time if anyone had any comments or questions. No Response  
Mayor DeShaw closed the Public Hearing at 7:18 P.M.  
Mayor DeShaw said that Jim Stokes, Atty. for Village of Canastota sent an email asking her to have the Board review the EAF. Atty. Stokes suggested that all answers in Part 2 of the SEQR are no. All Trustees reviewed the Resolution packet before them.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi to adopt the Resolution and to adopt Local Law No 1 of the Year 2015, "A Local Law to Amend Village Code Chapter 230 (Zoning) and Zoning Map of the Village of Canastota."

RESOLUTION NO.   1   of 2015  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
A RESOLUTION MAKING A DETERMINATION OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL NON-SIGNIFICANCE UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
REVIEW ACT AND ENACTING  
LOCAL LAW 2015-1 TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF  
CANASTOTA

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Canastota ("Board of Trustees") has developed proposed local law 2015-1 to change the zoning classification of the parcels currently zoned Industrial Park Development District, to Industrial Park Development District A and Industrial Park District B in accordance with the map attached to said local law as Schedule A ("Premises"), and

**WHEREAS**, local law 2015-1 also establishes an amended schedule of permitted uses for Industrial Park Development District A and Industrial Park District B, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Planning Board has reviewed proposed local law 2015-1, and its comments have been considered and taken into account by this Board of Trustees, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed local law does not contemplate the immediate construction of any new buildings or facilities upon or within the Premises, and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has reviewed the full environmental assessment form and has considered the likelihood of any potential adverse environmental impacts that might result from the adoption of Local Law 2015-1, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a referral duly made pursuant to the provisions of Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law, the Madison County Planning Agency has reviewed proposed Local Law 2015-1, and has recommended that the question of the adoption of this local law be returned to this Board of Trustees for local determination, and

**WHEREAS**, in making its recommendation, the County Planning Agency stated, "The proposed amendments to the zoning to read as 'District A and District B' will clarify allowed uses and adhere to the primary intent to entice new industry and industrial related businesses into the Industrial Park, as well as allow existing industries and businesses to undergo expansion", and

**WHEREAS**, upon notice duly published and posted, a public hearing on the adoption of proposed Local Law 2015-1 was duly held by this Village Board on March 2, 2015, at which time all those wishing to be heard were heard by this Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing has been, or hereby is closed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the enactment of Local Law 2015-1 is a Type 1 action for purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. There are no involved federal agencies, and there are no other involved agencies. The enactment of Local Law 2015-1 does not affect any lands located within New York State agricultural districts and does not involve The exercise of eminent domain or other public acquisition of land or the advance of public funds for any construction.

2. That the enactment of Local Law 2015-1 will not have any significant adverse effects upon the environment. A negative declaration pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be prepared and filed in accordance with SEQRA'S implementing regulations. The reasons supporting this determination are that the action consists solely of a legislative enactment designed and intended to achieve the goals and objectives of the Village's Industrial Park and to promote economic development within the Park. No particular development project is envisioned by this legislation, and no particular development project is made more likely by the adoption of this legislation.

3. That the amendments of the Village Zoning Code and Zoning Map contemplated by Local Law 2015-1 are intended to provide for the orderly growth and development of the Premises and to facilitate the achievement of the goals and purposes of the Industrial Park, and as such are in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the Village of Canastota. This local law will promote and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the Village of Canastota.

4. That Local Law 2015-1 entitled "A Local law to amend Village Code Chapter 230 (Zoning) and the Zoning Map of the Village of Canastota", is hereby adopted, to be effective immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State, and that the Village Clerk be, and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Village of Canastota, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the public and to the Secretary of State.

5. That upon the effective date of this local law as stated herein, the Zoning Map of the Village of Canastota shall be, and hereby is amended to change the zoning classification of the parcels currently zoned Industrial Park Development District, to Industrial Park Development District A and Industrial Park District B in accordance with the map attached to said local law as Schedule A, and the Village Clerk is hereby directed to attend to the revision of said Zoning Map and to file same in the office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Canastota. Dated: March 2, 2015

Mayor DeShaw asked each Trustee  
Trustee Haddad voted Yes  
Trustee Carpenter voted Yes  
Mayor DeShaw voted Yes  
Trustee Rapasadi voted Yes  
Trustee Warner voted Yes.  
Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor DeShaw introduced Bill Buchan. Bill Buchan is a partner with Buchan & Sutter, P.C. and is a predominant Environmental and Energy Attorney who represents many communities around the state of New York including the Madison County Environmental Council as well as the Madison County Landfill. Bill Buchan discussed the many advantages of the Power Purchase Agreement and highly recommends that the Village of Canastota become a part of this solar power sharing. Bill recommended that the Village Board put together their letter of intent and the request for proposal as soon as possible. Mayor DeShaw thanked Bill Buchan for his presentation.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor DeShaw stated that she met with Yotin Padungtin regarding the TEP & TAP grants in the amounts of \$650,000 for Canal St. to Center St. and \$350,000 for Center St. to Railroad St. The Mayor stated we have not received the cost proposal from Delta as this time. The Mayor stated that once we have Delta's cost proposal, we can move forward with the community and business steering committee.

Trustee Haddad asked if we could consider putting internet on the new light poles. Mayor DeShaw stated that we are currently looking into who will own the light poles; National Grid or the Village. Mayor DeShaw stated that if we decide to invest additionally to the downtown, we could bond for the additional items. The Mayor commented that it is not often that a village has the opportunity to reconstruct its downtown. The Mayor shared with the Board that she hopes to leave future generations with a nice downtown that can work well for current and future Residents and businesses.

Mayor DeShaw has done research on the National Centenarian Awareness Program. The Mayor continued the discussion about Rosalle Mitchell a Village resident who will be turning 105. Rosalle's family is planning a celebration at her great grandson Jeff Mitchell's restaurant "Micili's". Trustee Haddad stated that some criteria should be put into place if we are going to be honoring the older residents. Trustee Haddad gave an example and suggested "how long have they lived in Village." Mayor DeShaw suggested Trustees think about criteria and bring their information to next meeting.

Mayor DeShaw handed the Trustees a copy of the Madison County Tourism Magazine. The Village of Canastota is listed on Page 2. Mayor DeShaw will contact the Madison County Tourism and ask them to please advise us when next issue is being put together so that we can give them more complete information about our Village.

Mayor DeShaw stated that the former JUMO building in the Industrial Park is being sold to Subaru International. The company considered other sites and ultimately chose Canastota for its location and business friendly approach to its representatives. The Mayor stated that Subaru will be renovating to create a Northeast Regional Training Center for their certified mechanics. The Mayor shared that on a weekly basis there will be 12-15 mechanics being trained at the facility and the mechanics will need lodging and meals. The Mayor shared that this should help increase motel and restaurant business in the village Subaru representatives are currently working with the Village of Canastota Planning Board for approval to raise the roof to accommodate the vehicle lifts. The Mayor also shared that she will be working with Subaru International to introduce and connect them with SUNY Morrisville and the BOCES. The Mayor is hopeful the project will be completed within 60 days

Mayor DeShaw said there are no new updates from the last board meeting on the yogurt plant. The Mayor stated that the first step in moving the project forward will be to collect the BOD information for waste. Mayor DeShaw will continue to keep the board updated.

Mayor DeShaw said an email was sent out to all Department Heads regarding preparing their Budget for 2015-2016. Mayor DeShaw will begin to meet with the Department Heads next week. Mayor DeShaw stated that initially the Fire Department was requesting a 15% increase. Mayor DeShaw asked Village Administrator Carpenter to communicate to the Fire Department that they needed to reduce their request. Mayor DeShaw asked Trustee Warner if she attended the council meeting. Trustee Warner stated she will get in touch with the Fire Department to see why the request was

15% higher. The Mayor shared that the Greater Lenox Ambulance Service is asking for consideration in an increase to their contract. Mayor DeShaw will be attending the GLAS board meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss their request.

Mayor DeShaw notified the Trustees that Chrissy Palamara has resigned as the Recreation Department President. The Mayor shared that two vacancies currently exist on the Recreation Commission board. The Mayor suggested that it may be the appropriate time, with the Town of Lincoln exiting, to look at changing the by-laws of the Recreation Commission to require five members instead of seven. The Mayor shared that there has been a continuing issue with board member attendance and the commission being able to have a quorum. The Mayor stated she will be meeting with Steven White, Recreation Director and John Pinard, Town Supervisor to discuss recreation.

**Additional Comments.**

Trustees – None.

Town Supervisor John Pinard stated that last week he received a call from someone posing as the IRS. The caller said Mr. Pinard needed to wire money right away to avoid further action from the IRS. Mr. Pinard notified the State Police while still on the call. Mr. Pinard wants to make sure that everyone is aware of this scam.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m.  
Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully,

Karen Bombard  
Deputy Village Clerk

Future Meetings: March 16, 2015; April 6, 2015 (Organizational); April 20, 2015.