

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 31, 2015

Deputy Mayor Rapasadi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Carla DeShaw (6:40 p.m.); Deputy Mayor Rapasadi; Trustees Bill Haddad, and Jeffrey Carpenter.

ABSENT: Trustee Warner; Administrator Carpenter.

Presentation of 2015-2016 Budget to Board of Trustees.

Clerk/Treasurer Williams presented the Trustees with a copy of the Mayor's Tentative Budget and gave a brief overview. The Mayor has proposed a tax rate of \$9.54 which would keep the tax levy close to last year's levy. The taxable assessed value of properties in the Village went down this year as the Oneida Indian Nation properties have been removed from the assessment roll and we had a few structures that were demolished and those properties are now assessed as vacant properties. Clerk/Treasurer Williams noted that the budget is in consolidated format and directed the Trustees to the Budget Comparison for a detailed breakdown of the budget.

Mayor DeShaw joined the meeting and advised the Board that it is her plan to have a relaxed year as far as new projects are concerned. She wants to concentrate on what we have before us currently and not over-tax our staff any more than they are currently. The Mayor believes that County taxes are going to continue to increase and prospects for additional revenue are sparse.

The Mayor talked about her decision to hold back on new projects other than those that we are currently involved in, such as the Downtown TEP/TAP projects. Mayor DeShaw explained her decision to wait on the purchase of the police car and she spoke about the concession stand project for the Recreation Field. Her priorities are the concession stand and the purchase of the police car.

Mayor DeShaw spoke about the Recreation Program and the loss of the revenue from the Town of Lincoln. She wants to work with the Little League and Pop Warner programs regarding charges for these charter programs.

The Mayor would like us to update our local laws as she feels that many of them are out of date. Mayor DeShaw and the Board discussed the decision to bring the tax rate to \$9.54. They talked about the priorities for projects and/or purchases to add back into the budget. The Board talked about the possibility of increasing staffing and projects for the next year.

Mayor DeShaw has a meeting on Monday regarding the future of Children's Council.

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Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine E. Williams", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer