

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
November 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 Rosanne Warner, Jeffrey Carpenter and Bill Haddad; Administrator Larry Carpenter; Chief James Zophy; Historian David Sadler; Chris Wright of the Tri-Valley Trail Riders; Teighlar Carney; and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015, regular meeting, with the following amendment: the first full paragraph on page 2, up to the word "Discussion" to read as follows: Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the attached Settlement Agreement between the Village of Canastota and the Onondaga County Water Authority ("OCWA") regarding the work center building, and to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement on behalf of the Village, and to approve the following resolution approving the lease renewal agreement between the Village and OCWA:

**RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH THE ONONDAGA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY TO OPERATE
THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Village of Canastota and the Onondaga County Water Authority ("Authority") mutually desire to enter into a renewal agreement for the lease of the Village water distribution system and for the supply of water and water service to the Village water system, and

WHEREAS, the Village water system was duly established and is owned by the Village as provided by law, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has the power and authority to bind the Village to the proposed lease agreement with the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the lease renewal agreement with the Authority in the form attached to this resolution, and it is hereby

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lease renewal agreement with the Authority shall be executed by the Mayor and the Trustees present, and that the execution of the agreement by said

members of the Board of Trustees shall act to bind the Village to the terms of the agreement with the Authority.

Discussion: The Mayor explained that the Village Attorney wants this amendment to these minutes. Mayor DeShaw asked if there were any other changes to the October 5, 2015 minutes. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015, regular meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the following budget modification: Increase 73101.01 (Recreation Personal Services) by \$4,500.00; increase 14204.01 (Attorney) by \$553.75. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked if we will have any problems at the end of the year with the personal services line. Administrator Carpenter advised that we are not sure. Clerk/Treasurer Williams is researching why this happened. Trustee Carpenter asked if we have taken care of the leak at the pool. Administrator Carpenter advised that we will be looking at it again this spring. We did fix a problem that has helped, but did not solve the total problem. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$52,654.75. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$134,546.39. Passed 5 to 0.

Delegations.

Village Historian David Sadler asked the Board about the status of the yogurt plant that was coming into the old Diemolding building. The Mayor advised that it is and she gave an update on the status of the project. The purchasers are working with Kip Hicks if the Madison County IDA to get some additional funding.

Chris Wright from the Tri-Valley Trail Riders, approached the Board to ask about possibly re-routing the snowmobile trail from Wampsville through the Village. This may be necessary if the Court Street bridge over the railroad tracks does not open before snowmobile season. They would come from Wampsville along the railroad bed, cross Peterboro Street, down Railroad Street to the Advantage Auto parking lot; from there to Barlow Street, to Buck Street to the Canal. Mayor DeShaw asked about the number of snowmobiles that come through the Village on this trail. Chris does not know and reiterated to the Board that this would only be necessary if the bridge does not open or until it does. Mayor DeShaw asked about how this will be communicated to riders. Chris

noted that they will put up signage along the old and temporary routes. Trustee Carpenter asked if this could be incorporated into the downtown project. The Board discussed how the signage might be able to be included in the project.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve an ACH payment to USDA Rural Development from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$10,072.50 for payment of principal in the amount of \$6,000.00(97106.02 Debt Service) and interest in the amount of \$4,072.50 (97107.02 Interest on Debt Service) owed on the 1998 Phase I Serial A Bonds. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked if this is a 20-year bond. Clerk/Treasurer Williams is unsure. The Mayor noted that this information is in the budget information that was provided.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve an ACH payment to USDA Rural Development from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$3,327.50 for payment of principal in the amount of \$2,000.00 (97106.02 Debt Service) and interest in the amount of \$1,327.50 (97107.02 Interest on Debt Service) owed on the 1998 Phase I Serial B Bonds. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve an ACH payment to USDA Rural Development from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$6,345.00 for payment of interest (97107.02 Interest on Debt Service) owed on the 1999 Phase II Bonds. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adopt the attached Resolution Declaring the Premises Known as 218 James Street a Public Nuisance and Ordering the Repair or Removal of the Structure Thereon. **Discussion:** The Mayor noted that this is the property that was the subject of the public hearing the other day. Trustee Rapasadi noted that the door to this property is opened. The Mayor asked Chief Zophy to look into the open door. The Board talked about keeping the property secured. Mayor DeShaw would like us to talk with Attorney Stokes to ask what else can be done to secure the building. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the inter-fund transfer of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the payment of expenses incurred as part of the Downtown Enhancement Project. **Discussion:** Mayor DeShaw advised the Board that this is the beginning of the planning for our downtown project. Administrator Carpenter will be speaking with DOT regarding the in-kind contribution of the Village. Trustee Haddad asked if we can have a running total of expenses as they go to the Board. The Mayor suggested a spreadsheet. Administrator Carpenter advised that we do that now and will make it a part of the packet.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the payment of \$13,617.51 to Delta Engineers from the Capital Projects Fund for services rendered in the Downtown Enhancement Project. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence.

- Resignation letter from John Ryan from the Recreation Board. The Mayor noted that we will be looking for a board member to fill his spot.
- Tree letter from Mary Lee Bertolino of 203 New Boston Street. This is a follow-up to a previous request. Administrator Carpenter asked DPW Foreman Tornatore to take another look at this and talk with the homeowner. The Board talked about the trees on the Fresina property on Stroud Street.

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter advised that we are starting to plan for our Christmas activities. We need judges for the house decorating contest. The Mayor would like some criteria for the judges. Judging will take place on the 14th or 15th of December. Chief Zophy volunteered to be a judge. The Board discussed the tree lighting on November 28.

Mayor.

The Mayor asked Chief Zophy to introduce Teighlar Carney to the Board. Chief Zophy updated the Board on the status of his personnel matters and advised that Teighlar has fully satisfied both phases 1 and 2 of the training requirements for police officers. He further reported that she had a good background check. Teighlar spoke to the Board about her background and why she became a police officer. Chief asked the Board to hire Teighlar as a part-time police officer.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, that based on the recommendation of Chief Zophy, that we hire Teighlar Carney. Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor DeShaw welcomed Teighlar.

The Mayor reported that she and Administrator Carpenter have been working on getting the street scape project going. She reported that the meetings went well. Most of the owners were at the meeting, but the community meeting was not well-attended. Mayor DeShaw commented that either people are confident in our ability to do the job or had other things going on that evening. Trustee Warner would like to see the renderings that Delta left. The Mayor does not think that we will have another community meeting as attendance was poor. At one of the meetings, they talked about the history of the Canal and about trying to tie in the old lift bridge design. Trustee Haddad thought that putting up the renderings at the Tree Lighting Ceremony would be good for the public. Mayor DeShaw likes the idea. The Board discussed a cost plan for the project. Administrator Carpenter explained that a list of expenses would be put together so that we can see what our options will be.

Mayor DeShaw noted that people wanted to see the historical nature of the area.

Mayor DeShaw advised the Board that she has had on-going conversations regarding the fish project. She negotiated to have Ben Siden from Laberge working on the project. The Mayor reported that Ben is looking forward to working on this project with Canastota.

Mayor DeShaw asked Chief Zophy to stay for a quick executive session tonight. Chief Zophy advised the Mayor that the door to 218 James Street has been secured.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Trustee Warner advised that the light poles on Palamara Avenue are out. Administrator Carpenter is aware and advised that they are owned by the Village and he has asked DPW Foreman Tornatore to standardize them - they are working on that.

Trustee Warner was looking at the updates on the state grants and asked if there was any word on how Boxing Hall of Fame Executive Director Ed Brophy is doing on the Boxing Hall of Fame grant. The Mayor noted that they are still trying to raise money. Trustee Rapasadi believes that they have until mid-November to put a plan in.

Trustee Haddad updated the Board regarding the Recreation By-laws. He is checking on a couple of items and some legalities. Trustee Haddad asked the Mayor to add to the newsletter an intern program with the high school. He is working on a committee with the school on developing a new program where students can earn classroom credit for this. The Mayor gave Trustee Haddad information for the Parent Advisory Board about intern programs. She will send some more information to Trustee Haddad from her work. Trustee Haddad noted that the committee thought that the newsletter would be a great tool to get the information out.

Trustee Carpenter is all set tonight.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter to enter into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss specific personnel issues and potential litigation. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to exit executive session at 8:45 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

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Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer