

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
December 7, 2015

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

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

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$95,341.01. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$32,573.35. Passed 4 to 0.

Delegations.

None.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve payments totaling \$4,477.03 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from October 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion to declare the items from the attached list as surplus as they are of no further use to the Village and to authorize the Village to sell these items at auction through Auctions International to the highest bidder. **Discussion:** The Mayor asked if everyone had a chance to look at the list. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion to approve the request of Charles Sgroi of 104 Main Street, for a credit in the amount of \$324.14 against the sewer charges on his September 30, 2015, OCWA bill. (Note: OCWA has given a credit of 64% against his water usage for the same period.) **Discussion:** The Board asked if we knew what the reason was for the credit. Clerk/Treasurer Williams was not given that information. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence.

- Letter of resignation from Marcia "Coach" Laidlaw regarding her position as a member of the Rec Board. The Mayor had a discussion with Coach about the difficulty that Coach had

being in two (2) places at once. Coach will continue to be available to the Rec Board as a resource. The Mayor noted that Coach's strength was in providing information regarding age-appropriate activities and events to the Board. Mayor DeShaw thanked Coach Laidlaw and asked the Board to thank her also. Trustee Haddad noted that Coach will be missed and he will reach out to her for help.

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter has received two (2) letters from the Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding Oneida Indian Nation properties to be put into trust and properties already in the trust. One list is for properties involving gaming and the other for properties not involving gaming. Administrator Carpenter spoke with the Town and County about this. He explained that because of the settlement, the Town and County are not opposing properties that are in trust and not yet in the trust. The County will not have any comments. Administrator Carpenter thinks we should comment regarding the services that we provide that we do not get paid for. The Board discussed the locations of the properties. Mayor DeShaw asked the Board if they had any issues with providing comments. The Mayor and Administrator Carpenter will craft the response. The Mayor would like the Board members to have a copy of the letters with the list of properties attached.

Mayor.

The Mayor has continued working on the projects that are on-going. She spoke with Ben Siden. They are working with the Empire State Development Corp. to try to change the way the grants funds are reimbursed. Restore New York makes you wait until the end of the project to get reimbursed for expenses. Mayor DeShaw is hoping to know by the end of the week. The Mayor reported that SUNY Morrisville has all of the information that it needs to work on Start Up New York with the new fish company. The plan has to be amended with the Governor's Office. Mayor DeShaw reports that everything is moving forward and the owners are still very excited. They want to do a shovel ground breaking when the time is right.

Mayor DeShaw has been trying to get in touch with the owners of Ariston Dairy. She has been made aware of a company that wants to rent some cold storage space from them. The dairy will offer space for three (3) months.

The Mayor reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting was well-attended, Santa and Mrs. Claus believe that there were over 200 children this year and the firemen did an excellent job decorating the fire truck - it looked great. The Canastota Community Band also did an excellent job. Mayor DeShaw thanked Administrator Carpenter and Clerk/Treasurer Williams for their part in the event and gave special recognition to Deputy Clerk Karen Bombard for doing a great job organizing the tree lighting ceremony.

The Mayor noticed that there are a lot of houses decorated for the holidays this year. The Board discussed the lights in the downtown trees. We are hoping that next year, after the Downtown Revitalization Project is complete, that the lights will be back on.

Mayor DeShaw attended the State Snowmobile Association meeting at Rusty's with Trustee Warner. The Association was very appreciative that the Village took the time to talk to and work with them regarding the trail within the Village.

The Mayor reported that she has been handling 4-5 concerns from residents. Some of the concerns are about parking on lawns. The Mayor would like to have the code committee take a look at this. She will send them some information that she found on the matter.

Mayor DeShaw reported that the newsletter is about 90% complete and should be out before Christmas. Trustee Carpenter asked if there were anything in the newsletter regarding parking. Mayor DeShaw noted that tree replanting is another question that she has been dealing with. Some residents are asking about replanting trees in the areas where we have taken some down. Administrator Carpenter noted that we need to decide what kind of trees that we are going to plant. The Mayor would like to find some committee people to work on this. Administrator Carpenter has some interested people.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Warner is concerned about a pothole on Douglas Heights. Administrator Carpenter noted that it is on our list for first thing this spring - it needs to be paved. The Mayor would like to have the pothole fixed for now until we can do the paving in the spring.

Trustee Haddad asked about the Clark Park Sign policy, noting that the policy is specific. He would like us to follow the policy and not to allow any for-profit businesses to place their events on the sign. The Mayor would like us to come up with a priority list for the sign. The Board discussed how events will be prioritized.

Trustee Haddad reported that the youth recreation program was thrilled with the replacement of the basketballs.

Trustee Carpenter will not be available for the January 20, 2016, meeting. Trustee Carpenter asked about follow up with Peter Finocchiaro regarding funds for the playground.

Trustee Haddad may be out of town for the January 4, 2016, meeting.

Mayor DeShaw needs executive session tonight for a contract negotiation update.

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Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to enter executive session at 7:35 p.m. regarding contract negotiations. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to come out of executive session at 8:22 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer