

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
January 20, 2016

Deputy Mayor Rapasadi called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Carla DeShaw (8:08 p.m.); Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi; Trustees Rosanne Warner and Bill Haddad; Administrator Larry Carpenter; Police Chief James Zophy; Lenox Councilman Anthony Palamara; and Mike Kaiser of PAC 99.

ABSENT: Trustee Jeffrey Carpenter.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the following budget modification: Increase 51102.01 (DPW Equipment/ Capital) by \$31,637.00. (Note: this is for the purchase of the new DPW pickup.) Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$81,437.26. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$30,939.15. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Capital Projects Fund Abstract in the amount of \$7,231.23. Passed 3 to 0.

**Delegations.**

None.

**Department Heads.**

None.

**Administrator.**

Administrator Carpenter updated the Board on the FEMA Grant. The grant was submitted for the purchase of a new ladder truck. The approximate cost to the Village is \$47,000.00 with an estimated purchase price of \$911,000.00.

Chief Massarotti is seeking permission for 6 firemen (Timothy S. Cowan, David Hamilton, TJ Tornatore, Matthew Freund, Richard Stagnitti and Frank McFall) to attend training in Emmitsburg,

Maryland at the National Fire Academy from February 12, 2016 to February 14, 2016, at a cost of \$190.00 per member. They are also seeking use of the van for transportation.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the request to authorize 6 firemen to attend the Fire Academy and use the van. Passed 3 to 0.

Mayor DeShaw joined the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

Clerk/Treasurer Williams reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve payments totaling \$3,371.35 from the General Fund to MBI to health insurance debit card transactions from December 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the request of the Canastota Fire Department to authorize the use of the fire station and the kitchen by Richard and Stacey Stagnitti on January 24, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a baby shower. (Note: Proof of insurance has been received.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the sale of 6 black walnut trees located on James Street to Jake Byler for \$1,500.00. **Discussion:** The Board discussed the location of the trees and the potential impact of removing additional trees in this area. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to authorize a wire transfer to be sent to M&T Bank in the amount of \$34,479.64 from the Sewer Fund for payment of principal in the amount of \$30,000.00 (97106.02 Debt Service) and interest in the amount of \$4,479.64 (97107.02 Interest on Debt Service) owed on the 2004 EFC Phase 3 and 4 bonds. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to establish the following as it relates to the Village election to be held on March 15, 2016: the courtroom located in the basement of the Municipal Building at 205 South Peterboro Street, Canastota, will be the only polling place; voting will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, beginning at 12 noon and ending at 9 p.m.; and we are requesting that the County Board of Elections choose and appoint the election inspectors. Passed 4 to 0.

### **Correspondence.**

None.

**Mayor.**

The Mayor and the Board discussed the terms of the FEMA grant. Mayor DeShaw noted that this would be a good time for us to reach out to our State and Federal Representatives to ask for support.

Mayor DeShaw asked Administrator Carpenter to tell DPW Foreman Tornatore that our roads are very well taken care of compared to every other community that the Mayor is driving in. She also noted that the sidewalks were very timely taken care of and wanted the DPW to know that their efforts are recognized. Administrator Carpenter noted that the condition of the roads is also due to the brine mixture that we are now using.

Mayor DeShaw thanked the Board for moving the time of the meeting. She was attending a Regional Economic Development Council Celebration Meeting at the Syracuse University Chancellor's home. The Mayor reported that the Council is working with the Governor's Office to decide how the \$500 million will be rolled out. The Village can submit a project for consideration if we find something that looks like it will fit. Mayor DeShaw advised that there is a chance that two (2) big companies will be coming to Syracuse as a result of this initiative and she sees this as good opportunity to market our Village and attract some of the new employees to become residents here.

Mayor DeShaw will be taking some time off to meet with property owners. She and Administrator Carpenter met with Delta Engineers last week - we are going with Option 1. This is the option where nothing changes as far as depth of traffic lanes and highways on Peterboro Street. They did not want to shorten the lanes where cars are driving. The streetscape can still be done, but nothing changes as far as where the curbs are. The Mayor has talked with many of the property owners, but wants to sit down with each of them to talk about individual matters pertaining to their buildings.

The Mayor talked with ESDC - the Barlow Street Grant Disbursement Agreement was approved. We are waiting for the paperwork. The Mayor spoke with the President of Morrisville College. He is very excited and supportive of this project. Mayor DeShaw advised that this should be moving right along.

The Mayor, Administrator Carpenter and Clerk/Treasurer Williams will be starting the budget process soon. The Mayor will try to get information to the Trustees sooner this year.

**Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Rapasadi wanted to remind everyone of the Republican Caucus on Tuesday night.

Trustee Warner asked Chief Zophy if someone had hit the railroad bridge over Peterboro Street. She noticed a dent and some snow. Administrator Carpenter noted that there has been a dent there for a while. Chief Zophy did not receive any calls about this.

Trustee Haddad advised that SnowBlast is moving along. They added some new events from last year. Mayor DeShaw is meeting with Recreation Director Steve White Thursday night. The Mayor has been working with Administrator Carpenter regarding the Canal to make it safe to skate on. Administrator Carpenter advised that he is working with the Canal Corp. to put the water level up. The Canal Corp. will be filling at up for our event and for fire protection. Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that the Fire Department will be present during the skating on the Canal event for safety.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to enter executive session at 8:29 p.m. regarding an application for 207(c) benefits. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to exit executive session at 8:52 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to we approve the attached Resolution Approving General Municipal Law Section 207-C Claim dated January 20, 2016. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine E. Williams*

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