

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
October 3, 2016

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 and Bill Haddad; Chief Lyle Chafee; 1st Assistant Chief Frank McFall; 2nd Assistant Chief Greg Hanley; Canastota Fire Company President Doug Chandler; Lenox Supervisor John Pinard; Lenox Councilmen Anthony Palamara, John Hadyk and Tom Bush; Nick Catalano and Phil Vander Molen; Pastor Gene Dayton and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

ABSENT: Trustee Jeffrey Carpenter.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the following budget modification: Increase 36504.01 (Demolition of Unsafe Structures) by \$16,900.00; increase 1570.01 (Charges for Demolition of Unsafe Structures) by \$16,900.00. (Note: This is for the costs associated with the demolition of 218 James Street.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$117,873.15. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$7,136.27. Passed 4 to 0.

Discussion regarding proposed Sewer District on Route 5.

Mayor DeShaw apologized to Pastor Dayton for the delay in handling this request. She explained that we needed to take a look at this further and speak with our attorney about it. She advised that we don't have an answer tonight, but hope to have one in a couple of weeks. Mayor DeShaw noted that we need to take a look at how things have been done in the past and how we need to move forward. She stated that we want to make sure that we are well-informed so that we can move forward. The Trustees and the Mayor needed to understand what these decisions mean to the Village moving forward. Mayor DeShaw advised that there was no problem, we just need to get up to speed so that we know what we are doing on this. Pastor Dayton asked if this could be decided by next month. Mayor DeShaw believes that it can. She would like to look at other towns and villages and see how they handle this. The Mayor will try to work as fast as she can and knows that this is something that they need to work out. Mr. Dayton asked the Mayor to give him a call. Supervisor Pinard asked that if the Village needs anything from the Town that we let him know. The Mayor reiterated that it is not just about Mr. Dayton's parcel, but it is about all users.

Motion by trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Warner, to authorize payment to Crisafulli Trucking, Inc., in the amount of \$16,900.00 from the General Fund 36504.01 (Demolition of Unsafe Structures), upon satisfactory completion of all contract requirements. **Discussion:** Trustee Rapasadi

noted that they did a nice job planting grass. Trustee Warner asked what we were waiting for. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that CEO Adsit is waiting for certified payrolls and receipts from Seneca Meadows. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to authorize a wire transfer to be sent to the Depository Trust Company from the General Fund 97107.01 (Interest on Debt Service) in the amount of \$5,478.75 for interest owed on the 2009 Bruno Road Infrastructure Bond. Passed 4 to 0.

Delegations.

Fire Chief Lyle Chafee addressed the Board concerning the purchase of the new ladder truck. He advised that the committee has chosen a truck from the bids submitted - it was the lowest bidder. The committee spent countless hours looking at this. Representatives from Vander Molen, the company with the low bid representing Sutphen, are here tonight if the Board has any questions. Administrator Carpenter asked where the price fell. Chief Chafee advised that the price came in below the grant. He apologized for not sending a letter to the Board - they received last minute documentation today. Supervisor Pinard asked if the cost is less than the grant, would the Village have to put any money in. Administrator Carpenter advised that we would still have to put in our 5%. The Board discussed the cost and pricing of the truck and the grant. Mayor DeShaw would like some time to look at this. The Mayor asked about the grant deadline. Doug Chandler advised that the deadline under the grant for executing the contract is October 22. The Mayor would like to have our attorney look at the contract. This will either have to wait for our next meeting or we can have a special meeting. The Truck Committee would like us to have a special meeting. A special meeting can be scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Chief Chafee noted that representatives of the company are here if the Board has any questions. Mayor DeShaw asked, other than the low bid, why they wanted to go with this company. Chief Chafee advised the Board that Sutphen is the closest located company that met the spec. The extended warranty was discussed. Mayor DeShaw asked if the fire department was happy with this truck. Chief Chafee stated that they are. The Fire Department spent a lot of time and traveled to other states to look at trucks. They are very happy with this truck. Fire Company President Doug Chandler commended the Truck Committee stating that in his 51 years he has never seen a Committee tear apart a set of specs the way this Committee did. Mayor DeShaw thanked President Chandler for that great compliment.

Administrator Carpenter addressed the Board regarding the Fire Chief's vehicle, noting that we have looked at several vehicles, new and used, on state bid and off state bid. It has come down to two (2) vehicles. A used vehicle was found in Canada through a broker. Redfield recently purchased a vehicle through this broker. A new vehicle was found at Carbone. There are two (2) option packages to choose from with the new vehicle. The first is \$8,410 and includes bumper to bumper options, lights, siren, traffic advisor, strobe lights. The second quote is for \$3,920 and includes a front light bar, grill lights, radio console and is not as expensive a package as the other.

Administrator Carpenter advised the Board that it could either be a \$30,000 vehicle or a \$39,000 vehicle depending on the options. The base price for the car is \$27,236 and it is a 2017 Ford Explorer utility interceptor - the same as the State Police and other police agencies. He noted that the parts for this vehicle would be interchangeable with the parts for the police vehicle that we recently purchased. The Board discussed the specs and lighting options for the new vehicle. Administrator Carpenter gave the Board a copy of the proposal for the new vehicle, including the \$8,410 lighting package from Bush. He asked if any of the equipment on our current vehicle could be used with the new car. Chief Chafee advised that the light bar was obsolete and the radios are interchangeable. The Mayor asked what, other than going to calls, is the car used for. Chief Chafee answered that they use it to go to meetings, calls and all Fire Department business. The Board discussed the problems with the current Chief's vehicle and the mileage on that vehicle. Mayor DeShaw would like to see other options. Administrator Carpenter advised that the used car in Canada is a 2011 Ford Explorer AWD with 118,000 miles for \$16,800. He had the vehicle taken to a Montreal Ford dealer and hired them to go through the vehicle. They found \$1,600 of items that needed to be fixed. The municipality that owns the vehicle is fixing all of the items on the list. Trustee Haddad doesn't think that a used vehicle for that amount of money makes sense. The Mayor asked if we could find a vehicle that is a couple of years old. Administrator Carpenter advised that he tried - we would have to put \$6,000 - \$8,000 into it. The Mayor asked about how many miles a year the vehicle is driven. Chief Chafee advised that it will have a lot of idle time on it, adding that the idle time is the issue and that the vehicle has to keep running to operate the radios. Mayor DeShaw stated that this is all just bad timing right now because of the Downtown Project, the ladder truck, trying to watch cash flow. It is not that the Mayor does not believe that the Fire Department needs the vehicle - this is why she asked them to look for a vehicle that is a couple of years old. Mayor DeShaw is supportive, but needs to make sure that we are fiscally responsible. Administrator Carpenter noted that we are waiting for information on lease pricing and he believes the cost will be about \$8,000 - \$10,000 a year for a 4-year lease. Chief Chafee stated that he has been so adamant because none of the chiefs can run a major scene. Administrator Carpenter advised that if a new vehicle were ordered, it would take 16 weeks to get here. Mayor DeShaw asked why they need what the police need - they don't need the speed. Chief Chafee explained that it is because of the idle time - the 4 wheel drive and light package are already on the vehicle and it is set up for this application; it has nothing to do with speed. Mayor DeShaw asked if there is a possibility for fund raising or that the fire company would pay for the lights. Chief Chafee deferred to the Fire Company President, Doug Chandler. President Chandler stated that he would have to bring it up at the next meeting. Supervisor Pinard asked if we had any idea what we would like the Town to help with. The Mayor needs time to think about it. The Mayor let the Fire Department know that the Village and Town had a conversation about possibly working more together to share the projects. Supervisor Pinard stated that he would talk to his Board on Monday about what they would like to contribute. 1st Assistant Chief McFall reported that he found someone to donate the materials and labor for the lettering of the new vehicle. The Board talked about options for where to purchase a vehicle and they discussed the state bid process. Mayor DeShaw would like this to be placed on the agenda with the ladder truck for the

October 12, 2016, special meeting. 1st Assistant Chief McFall noted that the biggest thing about the Chief's vehicle is that it is set up for safety. The Mayor thinks that we all agree that this is probably a good vehicle, but if it has a lot of miles, we are not interested. The Carbone vehicle is the one that the Mayor feels more comfortable about. Mayor DeShaw noted that we have done a lot this year and had many unexpected expenses. The Mayor asked for updated quotes from Carbone. Trustee Haddad asked if we were looking at the \$27,236 vehicle and the \$3,910 light package. The Mayor confirmed that we are and the total is \$31,156. Chief Chafee noted that it comes with all of the warranties.

Trustee Warner wants to know once the ladder truck is received, how long does the Fire Department have to strip the other truck for sale. Chief Chafee stated that they will have as much time as they need. 2nd Assistant Chief Hanley noted that some of the equipment will be used for the new truck. Mayor DeShaw asked if there were any value in the old vehicle. President Chandler stated that the truck that we have was not determined to be unsafe so we can put it out to bid. It still meets DOT spec but it does not meet NFPA regulations. The ladder is tested every year and it passes. He further advised that a contractor could buy it or another fire department could buy it. The value of the truck for parts was discussed. The original manufacturer is out of business. Fire departments are buying these trucks for parts. A company in Pennsylvania is fixing American LaFrance trucks. President Chandler thinks that they may be interested in buying our truck for parts.

Correspondence.

- Request for Village Tree Removal at 206 First Street. This has been turned over to the DPW.
- Memo from Chief Zophy requesting road closures for homecoming pursuant to the request of the Canastota High School.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Warner, that the following roads be closed: Railroad Street at 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. on October 14, 2016 for parade line up. South Main Street at Railroad Street north to Canal Street from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Canal Street east to South Peterboro Street; South Peterboro Street north to Lewis and Roberts Street north to Bruno Road from 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

- The Mayor read an email received about the grant to build bike racks for the communities of Chittenango, Canastota and Oneida. Two (2) bike racks would be built for each community by blacksmiths and it is anticipated to be done in 2017. The total cost of the project is \$5,000. They are asking for \$833 from each community. Chittenango Landing is the lead sponsor. The blacksmith will be the leader. The cost is \$416.50 for each bike rack. The Board talked about the bike racks for the Downtown Enhancement Project and compared

the cost. Mayor DeShaw asked if Oneida and Chittenango were participating. Administrator Carpenter believes that they are. The Mayor wants to take a look at how many bike racks we are putting in our project. Maybe we can replace two (2) from the project with these two (2) racks. Administrator Carpenter believes that we can sit on this a bit. The Mayor wonders if they need the match to apply for the grant. Trustee Haddad would like to sit until we know how much we are getting back for the ones that we are taking out of the downtown project. Mayor DeShaw asked Administrator Carpenter to find out the dead line for the grant and when would be the installation of the bike racks. She also asked him to get information on our grant project on the number of bike racks.

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter advised that tomorrow at 1:30 DOT Commissioner Matt Driscoll will be here for the ground breaking. There should be a lot of people here. Fire Company President Doug Chandler advised Administrator Carpenter that there is no water in the Canal at Diamond Street. Chief Chafee is concerned about a major fire in the Village if there is not water in the Canal as the Canal is a major source of water for the Fire Department.

Mayor.

Mayor DeShaw does not have a report for this meeting as we just met last week.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Warner is all set.

Trustee Haddad is all set.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer