

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
February 21, 2017

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

PRESENT: Mayor Carla M. DeShaw; Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi and Trustees Jeffrey Carpenter and Rosanne Warner (8:00 p.m.); Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Lenox Town Councilman Anthony Palamara; 1st Assistant Fire Chief Frank McFall; 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Greg Hanley; Recreation Board Members Allison Forth and Sarah Forth.

ABSENT: Trustee Bill Haddad; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter

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

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the following budget transfer: move \$4,000 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 51424.01 (DPW Snow). Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$58,774.36. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$29,448.18. Passed 3 to 0.

Delegations.

Mayor DeShaw asked Lenox Councilman Palamara about the next joint meeting between the Village and Town. Councilman Palamara noted that the Town was waiting for information from us to schedule the meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that she asked Lenox Town Clerk Charlene Barres if the Town discussed the joint meeting at their last board meeting and was advised by Clerk Barres that it was discussed only briefly and no date was proposed or other information given.

Department Heads.

1st Assistant Fire Chief Frank McFall noted that they are waiting on word about the Chief's car. The Mayor advised that we are also waiting on the new fire truck and asked about the status of the floors in the fire house. 1st Assistant Chief McFall advised that the hallway and landings are done. Possible renovations to the bathrooms was discussed and 1st Assistant Chief McFall asked about where the money would come from. Mayor DeShaw advised that it would come from the Fire Department budget if there is money in there. Mayor DeShaw has returned the fund raising letter back to Company President Doug Chandler. The Mayor talked about working with the Fire Department to find a grant for the elevator. She would also like to reach out to some officials such as Senator Valesky and Assemblyman Magee for money. Friday fish fries start next Friday and will

continue until Good Friday. The Mayor asked for an update on the fire boxes. 1st Assistant Chief McFall advised that all the boxes are finally disconnected and asked about what has to happen next. The Mayor will follow up with Administrator Carpenter. 1st Assistant Chief McFall noted that there is a lot of copper wire in the lines and could be worth some money to the Village. The Mayor will check with Administrator Carpenter when he returns next week. Mayor DeShaw noted that she received the request from the Fire Department for money for Community Day. Lenox Councilman Palamara advised that everything is tentative at this point. Mayor DeShaw asked for a list of what it will cost and what our money will be used for.

Recreation Board member Allison Forth gave an update on Glow Bowl and the Royal Ball. Glow Bowl will be on a Saturday and the Village will provide glow sticks. Mayor DeShaw asked who is paying for the bowling. Allison stated that the parents do. The Rec Board is trying to negotiate a discounted rate for that day. Allison advised that the Rec Board is not doing the Royal Ball this year but they are hoping to do it in the future. Allison gave an update on their plans for this event. She also advised that Recreation Director Steve White will be going to a Children's Council meeting to talk about working with them on a Summer Camp. Allison advised that the Rec Board was asked if the surface on the basketball courts at the Rec Field could be resurfaced. Also, the Rec Board would like to put in a volleyball court. The Rec Board is hoping to have a budget to Mayor DeShaw on Thursday for the Fitness Classes. They will be going to the OCWA Building during their next meeting to look at the building and determine what they can do there for programs. The Mayor would like to attend the meeting at the OCWA Building. Mayor DeShaw commended Allison and Sarah for all of their energy and told them that all of their work is being noticed in the community. She thanked them both. Mayor DeShaw asked Allison to share with Children's Council the work that Allison and the Mayor did last summer. Mayor DeShaw advised that she has been trying to have Children's Council's funding restored by the school. Also, the Children's Council has been asking the Mayor to restore the prior funding amount that the Village gave which was \$10,000.00. The Mayor talked about the possibility of the Village utilizing the OCWA Building and Rec Park for the other ½ of the day to compliment the Children's Council Summer Enrichment Program. Allison advised that the school usage will be limited because of the construction going on this summer. Mayor DeShaw commended the new Children's Council members for persevering. Mayor DeShaw discussed with Allison and Sarah the possibility of working with Children's Council to offer afternoon programs to handle some of the overflow from the Summer Enrichment Program as a result of the limited classroom space at the school this summer. Allison stated that using the OCWA building would give the Village's programs a home so that we do not have to rely on other buildings.

Mayor DeShaw passed out a memo received today from Chief Zophy. He would like to fill the crossing guard vacancy with our intern from SUNY Morrisville. The Mayor is in favor of hiring our intern for the crossing guard position until the end of the school year.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to hire Brandon Quinn to replace Robin Oram as a crossing guard. Passed 3 to 0.

Clerk/Treasurer Williams gave an update on the restart of the Chamber of Commerce. A meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. at The Raider. Representatives from local businesses, banks, the school, government and community members were in attendance. The Chamber will start out slow and will work to promote the Village as a great place to live and operate a business. More information to come.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve the membership of Jay J. Darrow into the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department pursuant to the attached request of 1st Assistant Chief Frank McFall, Jr. (Note: Mr. Darrow does not currently have a driver's license.) **Discussion:** The Mayor asked Chief McFall to confirm that Mr. Darrow will not be allowed to drive. 1st Assistant Chief McFall stated that he would not. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the membership of Jameson T. Keher into the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department pursuant to the attached request of 1st Assistant Chief Frank McFall, Jr. (Note: A copy of Mr. Keher driver's license has been received.) Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to authorize the Madison County Health Department to hold a Rabies Clinic on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Firemen's Pole Barn subject to the following: approval by the Canastota Fire Department and receipt of a certificate of insurance from the county. (Note: The County responded to a request from Town Clerk Charlene Barres for a clinic in Canastota and the County wanted to hold the clinic in the Village where it was more accessible for people. Administrator Carpenter has already discussed this with Fire Chief Chafee who was going to bring it to the Fire Council for its approval. The County needs a response by February 22, 2017.) **Discussion:** The Mayor asked the firemen present if they thought it would be okay. Chief McFall did not believe that it would be a problem and noted that the Council would be meeting right after our meeting. Passed 3 to 0.

Discussion regarding bonding for the Downtown Enhancement Project. (Note: We are anticipating receipt of a Bond Resolution from bond counsel.)

The Mayor passed out a packet of documents from bond counsel regarding the bonding for the Downtown Enhancement Project. Mayor DeShaw had discussions with our bond counsel from Bond, Schoeneck & King and advised that there is a process that we have to follow. The Mayor reviewed the forms and the process with the Board. She is recommending that we bond for \$500,000.00, but we are adopting a resolution allowing us to bond up to the actual amount of the

project. Mayor DeShaw noted that they were hoping to stay under \$50,000.00 a year for the payment and we should be under that. The Mayor talked about doing a project like this and that it benefits many people now and in the future. She advised that by extending the payment out into the future, everyone who benefits from this project will be paying for it and not just people that are living here right now.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions regarding the attached Resolution Determining that Proposed Action is a Type II Action for Purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to adopt the attached Resolution Determining that Proposed Action is a Type II Action for Purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. A roll call vote was taken: Mayor DeShaw - Aye. Trustee Rapasadi - Aye. Trustee Carpenter - Aye. Passed 3 to 0.

The Board discussed and reviewed the attached Bond Resolution.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to adopt the attached Bond Resolution of the Village of Canastota, Madison County, New York authorizing the issuance of up to \$1,200,000 Serial Bonds to Finance the Cost of Improvements to South Peterboro Street. A roll call vote was taken: Mayor DeShaw - Aye. Trustee Rapasadi - Aye. Trustee Carpenter - Aye. Passed 3 to 0.

Mayor DeShaw updated the Board about her progress on the trees. She has been working with DOT to make sure that the trees that we get are mature trees. There have been many recommendations. The DOT arborist has given us some support - they would like to meet with the Mayor. They do not like the hybrid elm trees because of the disease. The Mayor asked Deputy Clerk Bombard and Administrator Carpenter to put a meeting together for downtown property owners regarding the trees. The Mayor would like them to have some input before she talks with the arborist. Mayor DeShaw reported that CCI is going to do most of the lighting work because they are concerned about National Grid being able to put forth a successful schedule to make the May 28 deadline date. The Mayor believes that CCI will do all of the work that National Grid was going to do. The Mayor stated that we are just waiting for a letter confirming National Grid's permission. Trustee Carpenter asked about the additional cost to the Village as a result of CCI doing the work. The Mayor noted that it will actually save us about \$2,500.00 - \$4,000.00. The work should be starting any day - the Mayor will keep the Board posted. Right now it is all about getting the trees down in time. The Mayor invited the Trustees to the property owner meeting on Thursday night and stated that she would let them know when and where the meeting will take place.

Correspondence.

- Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Lenox ZBA to be held on February 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. regarding Clark's property on Route 5.
- Letter from the school regarding the Health and Wellness Fair to be held on March 16, 2017.

Mayor.

The Mayor covered everything in her prior comments.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi has been getting comments regarding the garbage haulers. The Mayor discussed with the Board the discussions that she has been having on this matter. Trustee Rapasadi has also been having complaints about people not picking up after their dogs when they go to the bathroom on their lawn. Trustee Rapasadi is also concerned about the number of cars being parked on his neighbor's lawn. The Mayor encouraged the Trustees to take pictures and send them to her so that she can use the pictures when talking to people. The Mayor advised that Administrator Carpenter has been working with the company who collects our trash. Mayor DeShaw spoke about the problems with the trash and taking the lowest bidder - she talked about how the cost would go up by a significant amount of money if we did not take the lowest bidder. The Mayor will have a meeting with the owner of the company.

Trustee Warner joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Carpenter thanked the new firemen for their service. He has received a couple of compliments regarding the DPW and the work that they have done lately with snow removal.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer