

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 20, 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 Bill Haddad, and Rosanne Warner; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Greg Hanley; Chief James Zophy; Recreation Director Stephen White; Recreation Board Member Allison Forth; Children's Council President Julie Skinner; Children's Council Vice-President Maria Palamara; Lenox Supervisor John Pinard; John Patane; Mark Taylor and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

ABSENT: Trustee Jeffrey Carpenter.

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

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the following budget transfer: move \$1,078.07 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 51424.01 (DPW Snow); and \$600.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 85604.01 (Tree Stump Removal). Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$83,424.93. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Haddad, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$49,543.11. Passed 4 to 0.

Delegations.

John Patane addressed the Board regarding the public notice of bond resolution. He asked about the language concerning the resurfacing of streets and the requirements for permissive referendum. Administrator Carpenter advised that DOT is doing the resurfacing of Peterboro Street as part of this project and the resolution was prepared by our bond counsel. Administrator Carpenter further advised that we checked with bond counsel regarding the language concerning the resurfacing of streets and Administrator Carpenter was told that the resolution was proper. Mr. Patane asked if we were resurfacing the sidewalks with pavement and he believes that the bond notice is defective. Mr. Patane asked about the required number of signatures and time period for sending this matter to permissive referendum. He was advised that the petition must be filed within 30 days of adoption of the resolution and that the exact number of signatures required would have to be researched. Mr. Patane advised the Board that he would like to make a correction to his previous recommendation to plant red maple trees as one of four (4) species of trees for the downtown. He no longer believes that red maple trees are a good fit and would like us to consider a different species of tree. Mr. Patane read from a prepared statement. A copy of his statement was not provided during the meeting. Mr. Patane and the Board discussed the contents of his statement.

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Mayor DeShaw opened the public hearing and read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the proposed local law. John Patane asked for the proposed tax rate for the coming year. The Mayor advised that we are still in budget development. This law is being enacted in case we have to go over the cap. Mr. Patane spoke against the proposed local law and read from a statement which was not provided during the meeting. Trustee Warner commented that the Village of Wampsville had to decrease the tax rate this year because of the cap. Maria Palamara asked why the Village feels that there is a need to override the cap this year. The Mayor stated that it has to do with the process that the State put into place. The local law is a safeguard and it does not mean that we are going over. Mayor DeShaw stated that right now it does not look like we will have to exceed the cap. The question was asked that would enacting the local law mean that our residents would not get the tax freeze rebate even if we did not exceed the tax cap. The Mayor spoke about the increases that we are facing and the impact upon the budget from the minimum wage increases. Mayor DeShaw spoke about the tax rate during her tenure as Mayor and spoke about her budgets, noting that the department heads worked hard to trim back their budgets this year so that we are now not looking at using the tax cap override. She spoke about the challenges that we face in this year's budget. Mayor DeShaw asked 2 more times if anyone would like to speak for or against the budget. She received no response. The public hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m.

Delegations (resumed).

Julie Skinner, Children's Council President, thanked the Board for allowing them to present tonight. Mrs. Skinner advised that the Council has been around for 20 years, but they have not been active for the last 3 years or so. She noted that there is a new group now working on programming and spoke about what the new Council is doing for the current year, next school year and plans for the future. The Council is asking the Village Board for money to support their programming. They are trying to keep costs down. Their Summer Enrichment Program fees are \$30/week for one child and \$45/week for 2 children. The program runs from 9 - 12 daily for 4 weeks. They are asking for the Village to fund them at \$10,000.00 as in the past. The status of the grant from CST (Nice n Easy) to the Children's Council was discussed. Mrs. Skinner advised that the Council found out that they did not have a 501(c)(3) and they are working with Pat Powers on getting it. The grant money is waiting for them to get their 501(c)(3) status. Trustee Haddad asked if the Council has asked for school for support. Mrs. Skinner advised that she was told by the Superintendent June Clarke that the school cannot financially support the Council any more. The Mayor asked about the Summer

Enrichment Program and what the Council is planning for the school year. The Council will be doing a 7-8 grade musical in the fall. They are planning on working to get back to the same schedule of events that they had in the past. Mayor DeShaw advised that she has the \$10,000.00 support planning in her tentative budget. The Mayor thanked the Children's Council members for coming in and for providing their budget.

Department Heads.

Chief Zophy has nothing new for the Board tonight.

Recreation Board member Allison Forth spoke to the Board about Glow Bowl. She advised that there were about 60 people in attendance and they were told by the owners of the bowling alley that that was a good turnout for a Saturday. The bowling alley owners would like to do it again. Ms. Forth advised that the event cost about \$75 for the glow sticks and stated that people were asking about the Rec Board's next event. The Rec Board will be talking about upcoming events at their next meeting on Monday. Mark Taylor, owner of the Hi-Way Bowl, stated that it was a good program and advised that they received a \$100 donation to pay for pizza during the event. Recreation Director Steve White advised the Board that the Fitness Program is ready to start on April 4 at Southside School. They are using the same platform as before. Fees for 1 class a week are \$20 for in district and \$35 for out of district; 2 classes a week are \$35 for in district and \$50 for out of district participants. Pound classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6 - 7 p.m. and Zumba classes are on Wednesdays from 6 - 7 p.m. Director White advised that they are looking for a place to hold classes this summer. The Rec Board had a table at the Health and Wellness Fair and some people completed surveys. The Rec Board will start working on their next event at the next meeting. He talked about working with Children's Council and stated that the Rec Board does not want to step on toes and offer competing programs. He would like to work with Children's Council to help on future events. Mayor DeShaw suggested that the Rec Board contact the Fire Department regarding working with them on Community Day. Administrator Carpenter asked about combining Trunk or Treat with the school. Director White will try to work with the school this year. Board Member Allison Forth stated that our event was done last minute last year and they were not able to coordinate events with the school. She is hoping to be able to do that this year. Mayor DeShaw thanked the Rec Board members for all of their work.

2nd Assistant Fire Chief Greg Hanley advised the Board that the fish fries are going well. They are doing 320 fish dinners a night and over 500 dinners a night total. Chief Hanley advised that the ladder truck is in production and they are moving along at a good pace - could possibly come in before September. He advised that they have some out of district fire calls in the past week and our men did a good job. Chief Hanley asked about the status of the Chief's vehicle. Administrator Carpenter advised that he and Chief Chafee have been talking about this daily and Chief Chafee is

reviewing the new truck right now. Chief Hanley and Chief Chafee have discussed this and Chief Hanley asked about the higher cost of \$36,000. Administrator Carpenter advised that the new vehicle has more options on it. The Board and Chief Hanley discussed the options for the Chief's vehicle.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Rapasadi, to approve a credit in the amount of \$480.59 against the sewer charges assessed to Todd Cannistra, on the December 31, 2016, OCWA bill for property located at 123 Lamb Ave., representing 66% of the total sewer charges of \$728.16. (Note: OCWA gave a credit representing approximately 66% of the water charges. The reason for the high consumption was reported as a hot water tank leak, which was corrected.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the attached Building Use Request from the Fire Department allowing Steve Perry to use the firehouse on April 15, 2017 from noon - 8:00 p.m. for a birthday party, subject to the approval of the Fire Council. (Note: The Fire Council is scheduled to meet subsequent to the meeting of the Board of Trustees. Proof of insurance has been received.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the request of Chief Zophy for the closure of Depot Street, Railroad Street and the Municipal Parking Lots located thereon on Saturday, April 15, 2017, for the Town of Lenox Easter Egg Hunt from 9:30 a.m. until the crowd disperses and it is safe. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the attached Resolution regarding adoption of the proposed Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, approving the attached Fire Contract with the Town of Lenox for calendar year 2017, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Warner, approving the attached Recreation Contract with the Town of Lenox for calendar year 2017 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, authorizing Clerk/Treasurer Williams to send a wire transfer to The Depository Trust Company from the General Fund in the amount of \$30,478.75 for payment of principal in the amount of \$25,000.00 from 97106.01 (Debt Service) and

interest in the amount of \$5,478.75 from 97107.01 (Interest in Debt Service) owed on the 2009 Bruno Road Infrastructure Bond. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve payments totaling \$1,551.28 from the General Fund to MBI to health insurance debit card transactions from February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence.

None

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter commented that the DPW did a good job with snow removal during the storm last week. They worked a lot of extra hours and were assisted by Code Enforcement Officer Adsit who plowed the parking lots to help the DPW keep up with the roads. Administrator Carpenter described the work that they did on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He advised that the DPW also had to remove snow to accommodate the contractor starting to work this week on the downtown project.

Mayor.

Mayor DeShaw thinks that the DPW did a fabulous job with all of the snow and noted that the businesses downtown were appreciative of the quick snow removal - the Mayor received no complaints. Mayor DeShaw reviewed the joint meeting comments.

The Mayor advised the Board that the Barlow Street project will be starting in the next month or so as the Restore New York project was approved and the area will be cleaned up. Mayor DeShaw noted that the project will be different from the original plan because the structure has some contaminants in it. The Mayor advised the Board that the structure that burned in 1993 will be gone and a new 48,000 to 50,000 sq. ft. building will be built with 3-4 "build to suit" areas. The Mayor frequently receives calls from companies looking for 12,000 - 15,000 square foot areas. Mayor DeShaw is hoping that the developer will be able to accommodate some of the calls that we receive for space. She spoke about the clean up of the site and the plans for the other building on the property. Mayor DeShaw noted that they are hoping to have the site ready for leasing in September. She gave an update regarding the fish company - they are still very interested in the site, but are moving very slowly. Mayor DeShaw advised that we need to move forward so that we don't lose the Restore New York funding from 8 years ago as the Governor may pull back any monies not used.

Mayor DeShaw has posted a description of the Downtown Project with diagrams and schematics on the Village website. She asked for patience and courtesy during the construction, adding that this will look like a different downtown at the end of May.

The Mayor thanked the Rec Department for all of their events, noting that people like the events. She also commented that it is great to have the Children's Council back. She is hoping that Trustee Haddad can help with the school funding for Children's Council.

Mayor DeShaw advised the Board that she turned over her Tentative Budget to Clerk/Treasurer Williams today. She thanked the Department Heads for their hard work on their budgets.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Rapasadi is all set.

Trustee Warner asked about a special meeting for the budget. A special meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. to present the tentative budget to the Board.

Trustee Warner asked about the vehicle policy. Administrator Carpenter received no calls with changes. If there are no changes, he will move it forward. Trustee Warner asked about the tree list for the dedications. She will try to get to the library to look at old Bee-Journals. The Mayor thinks that Historian David Sadler may be able to help. She would like Historian Sadler to work with the Barlow Street people about doing an historical entrance to the building.

Trustee Haddad is all set.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer