

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
August 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; Trustees Bill Haddad Jeffrey Carpenter and Rosanne Warner; Police Chief James Zophy; Fire Chief Lyle Chafee; Code Enforcement Officer Mike Adsit; Lenox Supervisor John Pinard; Chris Carrick of CNY Regional Planning & Development.

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi, Village Administrator Larry Carpenter.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2017, meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2017, meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the following budget transfer: move \$443.39 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 19664.01 (Refund of Property Taxes). (Note: This is to accommodate the refund of property taxes to Ray Reed as approved at the 8/7/17 meeting.) **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked if they forgot his Veterans' exemption. Clerk/Treasurer Williams confirmed that they did. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$71,899.11. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$47,206.54. Passed 4 to 0.

**Chris Carrick of CNY Regional Planning & Development to give a presentation on the Solarize CNY Initiative.** Mayor DeShaw introduced Mr. Carrick and turned over the floor to him for his presentation. Mr. Carrick advised the Board that the Village is part of a 5-county region that is looking into going to solar energy. He gave the background of his relationship with the Village. CNY Regional Planning & Development has been working on the solar initiative for about two (2) years now. They have contracted with a consultant to help them look at facilities and they are working with about 24 municipalities currently. They are allowing the Village of Canastota to come in on the project. An RFP was put out and they received 12 qualified proposals. Those proposals were evaluated and Abundant Solar was selected. They are a Canadian company and Mr. Carrick explained that they offered the most competitive price. CNY Regional Planning is now asking municipalities to sign a Letter of Intent - this is non-binding but gives the developer the confidence to submit an application for a transconnection study with National Grid and to do the engineering and environmental study. There are other treatment plant facilities that are looking at this project. Mr. Carrick explained that at this point, this is not binding and is just an expression of interest. He

discussed the documents that the Village is being asked to sign - Intermunicipal Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. These documents were signed earlier in the process by the other interested parties and the developer would like the Village to execute them now. They will be submitting the actual contract documents in the next 2 - 3 weeks and they are waiting for a final price before the documents will need to be signed. The terms of the contract were discussed. The Mayor asked about a provision in the contract providing for an initial cost with an annual accelerator of 1%. Mr. Carrick talked about historical rates and the potential for savings. Mayor DeShaw asked Mr. Carrick what would happen if the cost savings were not realized. The Mayor also asked about how accurate the data for savings has been historically for Abundant Solar. Trustee Carpenter asked about the life span of the equipment and what happens after the 25 year term of the contract. Mr. Carrick advised that after the 25 years, Abundant Solar would remove the equipment and restore the site. Another option would be that the customer can buy the equipment. Mr. Carrick stated that we may get another 5 - 10 years out of the equipment, although it may probably produce less electricity - there is a projected decline of 80%. If there is more than that, he advised that the developer will have to compensate the Village. Trustee Haddad, asked if Madison County is a part of this project as they are on the IMA. Trustee Haddad also asked if the Village Attorney has seen these agreements yet. The Mayor replied that she did not think that the Village Attorney needed to review them as they are non-binding. Trustee Haddad asked about some of the terms of the agreements. He also asked if there were other sites that we could have. Mr. Carrick gave the Board copies of two (2) design options. The options were reviewed and the possibility to share excess energy was discussed. Chief Zophy asked how the facilities were protected. Mr. Carrick stated that they are fenced and talked about what type of fencing is used. Mr. Carrick talked with the Board about conditions that need to be overcome and investigated.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Carrick for his presentation and time.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute the following attached documents regarding the Solarize CNY Initiative: Letter of Intent dated June 13, 2017; Memorandum of Understanding; and Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement. **Discussion:** The Mayor asked Supervisor Pinard why the County was holding back on this. Supervisor Pinard talked about the project that the County has going and what the County's plans are. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to authorize payment to Greater Lenox Ambulance Service in the budgeted amount of \$21,840.00 from the General Fund (45404.01 Ambulance) for 2017-2018 support. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, approving the membership of Caleb Adam into the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department based upon the attached request and recommendation

from Anthony Palamara, Acting Secretary of the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department. Passed 4 to 0.

The Mayor asked Chief Chafee to thank Mr. Adam.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the use of the Fire House by Steve Williams on September 3, 2017, from 1 - 6 p.m., contingent upon receipt of a completed Facility Use Request Form from the Fire Department. (Note: Proof of insurance has been received.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve payments totaling \$6,622.55 from the General Fund to MBI to health insurance debit card transactions from July 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve payment in the amount of \$275.00 to The Wild Animal Park from the General Fund (12104.01 Mayor Contractual) for appearance at the Towpath Farmers' Market on August 21, 2018. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve payment in the amount of \$54.25 to Sarah Krisch from the General Fund (79894.01 Tour the Towpath) for reimbursement of printing expenses for the Tour the Towpath event. **Discussion:** The Mayor asked if this is a flow-through expense and part of the grant. Clerk/Treasurer Williams confirmed that it is. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve payment in the amount of \$250 to Adventure Cycling Association from the General Fund (79894.01 Tour the Towpath) to advertise the Tour the Towpath event in [adventurecycling.org](http://adventurecycling.org). **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked if this were a magazine. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that it is a website. Passed 4 to 0.

### **Delegations.**

None.

### **Department Heads.**

Chief Zophy advised the Board that the Nirellis would again be hosting their annual Ride for Cancer on September 10, 2017 and they are requesting a road closure on Canal Street. We have done this every year of the ride. Chief stated that we would close Canal Street from Souther Street to Main Street and we have had no problems in the past.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to close Canal Street for the Cancer Ride on September 10, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. from Souther to Main Street. Passed 4 to 0.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Adsit advised the Board that he has started to elaborate more on his reports and has given that information to the Board members. The Mayor commented that CEO Adsit is very busy with code matters. CEO Adsit also stated that with the Greek yogurt plant and Barlow Street projects, it will be exciting. Mayor DeShaw further commented that CEO Adsit does a good job and that after 6 years of being Mayor, she did not understand how much there was to do in the beginning - it is a difficult job and the Mayor thinks that things are getting done and she is hearing less. CEO Adsit noted that he still receives daily complaints and he talked about how the State has changed on the codes lately. Mayor DeShaw asked for an update on the Codes Committee. CEO Adsit reported that they are working on open burning in the Village. He talked about what was contemplated - the committee will be looking at other codes going forward. Trustee Warner asked for an update on the building next to the Pines. CEO Adsit advised that they were in court last Thursday and the case was closed in the interest of justice. The building will be empty soon and there has been some interest from a potential buyer. CEO Adsit advised that he has spoken with the potential buyer and has offered assistance. Chief Zophy asked about securing the building after it is empty and asked if it will have a placard. CEO Adsit stated that it could have a placard. The Board and department heads talked about the vacant building in the Village. The next Codes Committee meeting next Tuesday. Mayor DeShaw thanked CEO Adsit for helping with Barlow Street and the Greek yogurt plant.

Chief Chafee asked about the road closure for the 9/11 Ceremony. Chief Zophy needs information before he can ask for the closure. Chief Chafee advised that the Fire Department will do cookies and refreshments after the ceremony. Chief Chafee also stated that the Truck Committee made a trip to Ohio to see the new truck. There are a few minor issues. The truck should be here in a month. The use of the new truck for the 9/11 ceremony was discussed. The Mayor advised that the completion ceremony may be the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of September. She will get back to Chief Chafee after she hears from the Governor's Office.

**Correspondence.**

None.

**Administrator.**

Absent.

**Mayor.**

The Mayor talked about the completion ceremony - she is putting together an agenda. The plan is to have many highlighted events and give people the opportunity to learn about the project, the lift bridge, two (2) historical markers and the new fire truck. The Mayor is also trying to include the Farmers' Market people and the brewery opening downtown. Mayor DeShaw asked the Trustees to place this on their calendars and she will let them know.

Mayor DeShaw advised that Ariston Dairy has its demolition permit and they have hired another architect. They will be starting to tear down part of the old Diemolding building this week or next Monday at the latest. Supervisor Pinard talked about his discussions with them regarding demolition.

Mayor DeShaw reported that this has been a busy week for economic development. She and Kip Hicks have been meeting with a CNY company that needs space in 2018. The Mayor can't disclose any information yet - she and Kip Hicks have to do some work and put a list of funding opportunities and possible grants together. Mayor DeShaw stated that we are the top choice from 3 potential sites - she will keep us posted. Trustee Warner asked if the fish farm was still interested. The Mayor stated that they are but the space is open for business for who ever gets there first.

The Mayor was at the Farmers' Market tonight and she participated with The Wild Animal Park. Mayor DeShaw noted that Deputy Clerk Karen Bombard is doing a great job with the market. The Mayor asked the Trustees to get there and noted that she has had good feedback and believes that we will have many vendors next year because it is such a good site. Mayor DeShaw also stated that she has enjoyed the food and has purchased something from every vendor.

Mayor DeShaw thanked Ed Brophy of the Boxing Hall of Fame - the concerts are done and she thanked him for hosting the concerts every week.

Mayor DeShaw has been spending a lot of time with the brewing company. They are planning to open in late September. The Health Department will not let them do any food at the site because there is no ventilation - this is just a temporary site. The Mayor also advised that the brewery is working with veterans and they have 5 beers that are made by the veterans. This beer is produced in Canastota. They recently competed in a contest at the fair grounds and won a gold medal for their Irish stout.

Lenox Supervisor Pinard advised that they are working on their budget and are trying to work in the shuttle that the County used to provide. They would like to stop at Stoneleigh and make stops for veterans. The Town is working with the VFW and American Legion as well as Stoneleigh to see

what their needs are. The Mayor asked about offering transportation to businesses outside of the area when we have businesses that offer the same services in the Village. Supervisor Pinard talked about what their plans are - still talking with the County and Birnie Bus and they still need to see what people want. The Mayor and Supervisor Pinard discussed the intentions for the program to be sponsored by the Town of Lenox.

**Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Haddad talked about the sale of surplus equipment on e-Bay and stated that it is more complicated than just selling things. He is working on this with Clerk/Treasurer Williams. Trustee Haddad advised that the Village has an e-Bay account and he talked about how the fees will be paid and the shipping costs. The Board discussed the sale of the fire boxes and how to do it.

Trustee Carpenter stated that it is nice to see some of the downtown owners investing in the area. The Board talked about the street lights.

Trustee Warner is good tonight.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine E. Williams*

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Clerk/Treasurer