

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 19, 2018

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

PRESENT: Mayor Carla DeShaw; Trustees Rosanne Warner and Bill Haddad; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Chief James Zophy; Code Enforcement Officer Michael Adsit; Recreation Leader Allison Forth; Recreation Specialist Sarah Forth; Lenox Councilman Richard Wimmer; John Patane and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

ABSENT: Trustees Jeff Carpenter and Scott Rapasadi.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$93,788.49. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$41,338.49. Passed 3 to 0.

Delegations.

None.

Department Heads.

Code Enforcement Adsit asked if there were any questions on his report. The Mayor advised that she pulled discussion on the new local laws from the Agenda until Trustee Carpenter would be present for the discussion. Code Enforcement Officer Adsit reported that there was a roof collapse at the former Rapasadi building. He has issued a No Occupancy Order for that part of the building. The owner is sending a structural engineer for a plan to remedy the roof. The Mayor asked for an update on Theodore's. Mike stated that they hope to be open in 3-4 weeks. Administrator Carpenter asked for an update on Barlow Street. CEO Adsit reported that it is 3/4 erected and they are hoping to be done framing next week. They will start working on the office area tomorrow and are hoping to meet the deadline.

Chief Zophy advised that the new officers are off field training and on the scheduled rotation. They are doing a fantastic job. The recent new hire is still working on fire arms training. Chief talked about some recent activity in his department.

Recreation Specialist Sarah Forth gave numbers on the fitness program and talked about Glow Bowl. Mayor DeShaw questioned where the proceeds from the cost to participate in Glow Bowl went. Recreation Specialist Sarah Forth explained that everything went to the bowling alley. Recreation collected the money at the door and it was all turned over to the bowling alley. The Mayor asked how much money was collected. Sarah did not know but stated that many people participated. The Mayor asked about the charge to participate. Sarah stated that it was \$6.00 for two (2) games and the shoes. Sarah also stated that they maxed out the bowling alleys two (2) times with this event - they are looking at how to accommodate more participants in the future. The Recreation Department

is working with the Public Library again during the April break. Administrator Carpenter asked about the average attendance for the fitness nights. Sarah does not have the numbers for all sessions. They are meeting March 26, 2018. The Mayor asked about new programs. Sarah spoke about programs that are being worked on.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to authorize the following road closures on March 31, 2018, for the Town of Lenox Easter Egg Hunt, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and lasting until it is deemed safe by Chief Zophy to open the roads, based upon the attached request from Chief Zophy: Depot Street, Railroad Street from Main to Peterboro Street and the Municipal Parking Lots. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the attached request of the Canastota Volunteer Fire Company to allow Stephen Perry to use the fire house on April 15, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for a birthday party. Passed 3 to 0.

7:10 - Public Hearing on the application to the New York State Office of Homes & Community Renewal (HCR) for an Economic Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on or about April 6, 2018.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. and read the Public Hearing Notice out loud. Mayor DeShaw asked three (3) times if anyone would like to comment on the project just described - she received no response. The Hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached Renewal Addendum between EarthLink and the Village of Canastota, extending the existing Agreement for Service for a term of 36 months, pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in said Renewal Addendum. **Discussion:** Trustee Haddad asked if anything changed or was this just an extension. Administrator Carpenter advised that EarthLink is giving credits, one per each year of the contract. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, approving a credit in the amount of \$42.75 in favor of Albanese Shoes & Sports, LLC, representing approximately 39% of the sewer charges assessed on the 12/31/17 OCWA bill concerning premises located at 140 South Peterboro Street. (Note: The reason for the increased consumption was a toilet leak that has been corrected.) Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve payments totaling \$3,335.17 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from February 1, 2018 to February 28, 2018. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to authorize a wire transfer to be sent to Chase Bank, in the amount of \$29,947.50 from the General Fund as follows: \$25,000 for principal (97106.01 Debt Service) and \$4,947.50 for interest (97107.01 Interest on Debt Service) owed on the 2009 Bruno Road Infrastructure Bond. Passed 3 to 0.

Correspondence.

- Notice from Canastota Canal Town regarding the 12th Annual Canal Sweep on April 21, 2018. The Mayor noted that they are looking for volunteers from the general public. Administrator Carpenter will take care of the DPW.
- Letter from the VFW Post regarding the Memorial Day Parade inviting the Board to participate in the parade on May 28, 2018. The Mayor will need to know who is marching with her that day.
- Amended page 2 for Micielli's liquor license application.

Administrator.

Administrator Carpenter talked about the DEC requirement for disinfection by 2022 and the modification to our SPEDES permit requiring testing and what the Village is doing about this. He reported that the fire department from Tennessee that was interested in the ladder truck that we put up for auction has purchased a truck from another municipality. Administrator Carpenter reported that we gave them lots of information, but they withdrew their interest because of how far away we are from them. Administrator Carpenter would like the Board to consider lowering the price from \$35,000 to \$25,000, noting that the original price estimates were \$15,000 to \$35,000. Mayor DeShaw suggested somewhere between \$25,000 and \$28,000. Trustee Haddad asked if there was marketability. Administrator Carpenter believes that pricing has something to do with it. The Mayor asked if there was another company that we could use to sell the truck. Administrator Carpenter advised that there is. The Board discussed using Auctions International. The Board discussed options for lowering the price and moving sellers.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to reduce the amount that we put the 1989 American LaFrance aerial truck to \$29,995 and leave it there for a couple of months and we will look at it again. Passed 3 to 0.

Administrator Carpenter talked with a man from Sherrill regarding the 1908 Great Race Re-creation. The great grandson of the driver of the American car is stopping in Canastota as part of the re-creation. It will be on June 20, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. They will take pictures in front of the historical marker outside of the municipal building and then there will be a presentation in the courtroom. They will come off the Thruway with 3 period cars and will be met by about 40 antique

cars. The Mayor asked Administrator Carpenter and Chief Zophy to talk about this. Administrator Carpenter stated that the participants were originally going to stop in Utica, but decided to stop here because of the history. Administrator Carpenter advised that the DPW has exhausted all of their salt budget and most of their personnel budget - March has been rough. The Mayor asked Administrator Carpenter to thank the DPW staff for plowing and getting up early. The Mayor is sure that the police and codes departments were up early, too.

7:30 - Public Hearing on proposed Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. and read the Notice of Public Hearing out loud. Mayor DeShaw asked if anyone would like to speak on the local law.

John Patane spoke in opposition to the local law and provided his statement in writing which he asked to be part of the record. Mr. Patane read the statement out loud. The Mayor thanked Mr. Patane for his comments. Mayor DeShaw asked two (2) more times if anyone else would like to speak on the local law - she received no response. The public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adopt Local Law 1 of 2018 entitled Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked if we are going to need to do this. The Mayor advised that she has started working on this and talked about the loss of assessment as a result of the purchase of properties by the Nation. The Board discussed the decrease in taxable assessed value in the Village and the Mayor talked about the impact of the loss of assessed value and how to balance the budget with these losses. Trustee Haddad stated that the Village is at a point where we need to pressure the County to make us whole on the loss of these revenues. He noted that the County is receiving money from the State and dividing it out based on the same rules as sales tax which means that communities that have no affected properties on the tax rolls are also receiving money. Trustee Haddad feels that the communities with affected properties need to be made whole first, then disburse the rest of the money according to the formula. The Board discussed arrangements with the County and the State regarding the money that we get from the State through the County. The Mayor has had conversations with Town Supervisor DiVeronica about this. The Mayor spoke about the County needing a majority vote to pass modifications on the way the money is split up. The Board talked about the budget for last year and this year and how it is "bare bones" and the Mayor challenged the Trustees to find extra money in the budget. The Board will hold a budget workshop on March 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Passed 3 to 0.

Mayor.

Mayor DeShaw noted that she has been working on the budget. She reminded the Board of the job fair for Dutchland on March 22, 2018, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and of the Village election tomorrow from 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the courtroom.

Mayor DeShaw and Administrator Carpenter have been working on some economic development projects. The Mayor wants to try to increase economic development to offset the loss in assessment. It started with the Barlow Street and Ariston Dairy projects. The Mayor reported that the owners of the Ariston Dairy building are fighting their assessment as well. The assessment office is working with them on that. Because they tore the building down, and there was damage in the office area, the owners want the assessment lowered. The Mayor had a strong conversation with the owners. The Mayor stated that the good news is that the assessment will go up once these project is done and Ariston Dairy can get a tenant in the office space. Mayor DeShaw has some good leads for other businesses coming into Canastota that she will discuss as soon as she can.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Haddad is good tonight.

Trustee Warner is all set.

Mayor DeShaw asked Councilman Wimmer if there was anything from the Town - he is all set.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Passed 3 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer