

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
April 16, 2018

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

PRESENT: Mayor Carla DeShaw; Deputy Mayor Haddad; Trustees Rosanne Warner, Jeff Carpenter and Bill McDade; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Karen Galavotti; Chief James Zophy; Code Enforcement Officer Michael Adsit; Recreation Leader Allison Forth; Recreation Specialist Sarah Forth; John Patane; and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the following budget transfers: \$371.16 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 51424.01 (Snow Contractual); \$450.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 85104.01 (Beautification). Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee McDade, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$50,222.50. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$64,698.18. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, authorizing an ACH transaction to USDA on April 30, 2018, in the amount of 3,667.50, from the Sewer Fund (97107.02 Interest on Debt Fund) for interest owed on the 1998 Phase I Serial A Bonds. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee McDade, authorizing an ACH transaction to USDA on April 30, 2018, in the amount of \$1,192.50, from the Sewer Fund (97107.02 Interest on Debt Fund) for interest owed on the 1998 Phase I Serial B Bonds. Passed 5 to 0.

**Delegations.**

None.

**Department Heads.**

Code Enforcement Officer Adsit reviewed his monthly report with the Board. There is an increase in violations in the month of March. He has already cited some property owners - some are already taken care of and some are in progress. CEO Adsit reported that the Barlow Street project is in progress and he talked about problems with tree damage in the Village with the recent storms and damage to homes from weather events. Trustee Warner asked about the tree that came down on South Peterboro Street - the sidewalk is closed. CEO Adsit reviewed with the Board what happened with this tree. Trustee Warner asked if it was a Village tree. CEO Adsit stated that the tree was on private property. Trustee Warner asked about the home with a blue tarp. CEO Adsit advised that

the house has recently sold and the new owner is going to replace the roof. The Board and CEO Adsit discussed why a red "X" placard was placed on the house.

Chief Zophy advised the Board that over the last two (2) months there has been an increase in juvenile crimes and he talked about what they are doing about this activity and how they have involved the parents. Chief hopes that this is not a pattern for the summer time as it is eating a lot of their time. There has been an increase in the mental health calls - they have taken many trips to Syracuse. Chief Zophy has had a part-timer take a job with another department. He will need to hire another part-timer. Trustee McDade asked for a summary of the juvenile crimes. Chief talked about the crimes that they are seeing.

Recreation Specialist Sarah Forth reported that they are finishing March fitness program and reported on their numbers for the program. They have decided to keep the second night of Zumba. Little League and adult co-ed softball will be using the fields. Recreation Leader Allison Forth reported that she polled the Rec Board and they are in favor of the \$15 in district and \$20 out of district fees for adult softball. Allison reported that the Easter Egg Hunt went very well. They will be working with Lenox Town Clerk Charlene Barres on this for next year - they will possibly be changing the location. Allison discussed the Makers Week event for spring break at the library. They are hoping for the same numbers as for the last break program.

Allison reported that Recreation would like to bring back the punch card system for next session and spoke with the Village Board about their plan for the punch card system. They are working with Chrissy Palamara at the school regarding scheduling for the whole year.

#### **7:15 p.m. Public Hearing on 2018-2019 Tentative Budget.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. and read the Notice of Public Hearing out loud. The Mayor asked John Patane if he would like to speak. Mr. Patane gave a prepared statement and read his questions out loud. He asked if this budget falls within the tax cap. The Mayor advised that it does. The Mayor answered the questions regarding the property to be sold in the Business/Industrial Park. Mayor DeShaw also offered to give Mr. Patane a list of the last 10-12 years of tax rates and assessed values that he referred to in his statement. Mr. Patane declined the list. The Mayor stated that we tried very hard to stay under the tax cap and talked about the increase in costs and what was done to stay under the cap. She talked about the loss in taxable assessment and the money that we are receiving from the County to help offset the loss, reminding everyone that those payments are year-to-year and not guaranteed. Mayor DeShaw explained the Tax Stabilization Account and reviewed the Bond Schedule in the General Fund. The Mayor talked about the plan to lease a new plow after the final payment for the police car is made. Mayor DeShaw thanked Mr. Patane for his interest and thanked him for coming. Mayor DeShaw asked 2 more times if anyone wanted to speak either for or against the Tentative Budget. Receiving no response, the public hearing was closed by the Mayor at 7:29 p.m.

**Department Heads (resumed)**

Allison Forth is asking for an increase of \$5.00 per session for fitness program fees and advised that there is a possibility of having a new instructor for yoga. She again stated that they would like to try using the punch card system. Trustee Haddad asked about serializing the punch cards.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to go to the new prices for the new in-district and out-of-district prices and the punch card pass on a seasonal basis. **Discussion:** Trustee Carpenter asked about the highest enrollment session. Allison indicated that they have more enrollment during back to school. She is hoping that the punch card will bring more people in during the summer. Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor DeShaw talked about past issues that she had with men's softball and asked that they league be told that there will be no drinking alcohol, smoking or vulgar language allowed. Chief Zophy asked who is in charge to remove a person from the field. The Board talked about how to handle this and how it was handled in the past. The Mayor talked about problems that she encountered in the past. She suggested that Allison ask the commission members to be on the lookout, that you give the leagues the opportunity to fix it and then call for police help. The Mayor suggested that the league have something in their rules. The Board talked about the Code of Conduct that was done previously.

**Correspondence.**

None.

**Administrator.**

Administrator Carpenter talked about the bad weather and the problems that it is causing. There are trees down on South Peterboro that closed the road for most of today. The DPW will still be cleaning up tomorrow. There are also numerous trees down on numerous other streets and we are concerned about possible flooding. The DPW has been out all day every day picking up trees and branches and there is garbage blowing all over the Village. The Mayor asked if Administrator Carpenter talked with Supervisor Diveronica about flooding - the DPW has been going out and cleaning out around the bridges. Chief Zophy commented that Bliss Environmental is doing a great job and trying to keep the Village clean.

**Mayor.**

Mayor DeShaw has been working on projects as usual and she commented that VIP is doing a nice job with the Barlow Street Project. The Mayor talked about their progress. They will be renovating the second building on the property and the Mayor is helping to locate possible tenants. Mayor

DeShaw reported that the Reimagine the Canal Grant application by the Brewery was not selected for funding. The Mayor is working on this because we almost lost the Brewery because they were upset with Madison County for putting in a competing application. The County listed projects in the Village of Canastota without consulting the property owners know. The Brewery owner called the Mayor and was very upset. The Mayor talked about her conversation with the County on this matter. She will be setting up a follow-up meeting with the owners and the people from the County Planning Department who did this. The County stated that they were not competing with the Brewery for the grant money. The Board talked about why the County would have done this. The Mayor talked about the budgeting process. She has a call into the Governor's aide to talk about this as well as the County Planning Department. Mayor DeShaw would like to go after other money that is out there. The application that the County submitted did not meet some of the requirements and our application did. The Mayor met with the Brewery owner yesterday afternoon - he still loves the Village and wants to do business here and is going after other money streams. The Mayor talked about out the owners found out that they did not get the grant. Trustee Warner commented that she attended planning training regarding the pocket neighborhoods that the County is proposing with the grant that they received and she found it to be a poor design.

Mayor DeShaw reported that Theodore's is up and running and they are doing great. She also reported that we have the banners designed and they are with the beautification committee. The Mayor stated that we have a great group - they are up to about 12-15 members and they are doing a marvelous job. The Committee is meeting again tomorrow night and they are working on some ideas for around the Village. The Committee is going to Debrucque's to talk about spreading the planters out more and they are looking at the parking lot entrances to the pool and the rec field. The Mayor advised that two (2) of the members are meeting with school Superintendent June Clarke to talk about putting the flowers back at the Peterboro Street School. They would also like to place hanging baskets on Canal Street between Main and Peterboro Streets. The Mayor asked for a meeting between the Codes and Beautification Committees to talk about what the Village looks like. The Mayor will arrange to have the committees meet.

Mayor DeShaw will email the banner designs to the Board members. There are 26 double designs. Mayor DeShaw has shown them to people who feel that they are wonderful. She talked about the banners and the designs. The Mayor will be reaching out to the Oneida Nation to finalize the Kniste Stota banner. She is trying to get the banners up after the Hall of Fame parade. Mayor DeShaw and Administrator Carpenter are working on replacing signs that were stolen - Home of Champions Carmen Basilio and Billy Backus.

Mayor DeShaw welcomed Trustee Bill McDade and asked him how he is doing. Bill is doing well and learning.

**Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Haddad is good tonight.

Trustee Warner advised the Board that her son is going to SUNY Oswego and wants to talk with the Mayor about doing promotional videos for the Village. The Mayor would like to have something done for our website. The Board talked about communicating to our residents through the website and FaceBook. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Galavotti commented that we have something on the Village website under Calendar of Events.

Trustee McDade has nothing else tonight.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine E. Williams*

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Clerk/Treasurer