

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
December 3, 2018

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

PRESENT: Mayor Carla DeShaw (7:07 p.m.); Deputy Mayor Bill Haddad; Trustees Rosanne Warner, Jeffrey Carpenter and Bill McDade; Village Historian David Sadler; Lenox Councilman Richard Wimmer; and Bruce Burke from PAC 99.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee McDade, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee McDade, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$56,426.06. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee McDade, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$11,304.47. Passed 4 to 0.

Delegations.

Village Historian David Sadler asked about repainting of the historical markers and stated that it should be done every 5 years. Trustee Warner was not aware that we could do that. Mr. Sadler stated that it is our responsibility to do that. Trustee Warner would be willing to donate her time this spring. Mr. Sadler noted that the markers at Kwik Fill, at the airport and in front of the Municipal Building all need painting. The marker on North Main Street is new.

Lenox Councilman Wimmer read a list of building maintenance items from Supervisor DiVeronica. Trustee McDade spoke with Supervisor DiVeronica about a joint meeting. Trustee Haddad would like to schedule a meeting and he asked about quotes for this work. Councilman Wimmer stated that they do not have quotes. Trustee Haddad thinks that it would be a more productive joint meeting with quotes first.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee McDade, authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached Application for New York Cancer Coverage for the state-mandated Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Insurance. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked about the cost. Clerk/Treasurer Williams reported that the cost is \$137 per firefighter. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence.

- Letter from ISO indicating the new rating of 4 for 1 and 2 family residential property and commercial and industrial property. Trustee Warner commented that people's homeowner's insurance should be reduced as a result of the lower rating.

- Letter from Empire State Development regarding the Queensboro Farm Products public hearing.
- Notice from the Town of Lenox Planning Board about a public hearing to be ehld on December 5, 2018, regarding Nexamp Solar LLC and the O'Mara property on Perretta Drive.

Mayor.

The Mayor talked about the Holiday Parade. There was a great turnout - over 30 volunteers between the Parade and Beautification Committees. She received very positive feedback and the committee is excited for new ideas for next year. The Mayor talked about the Santa House and the hours that it is open. The Mayor believes that we may have had 600-700 people in the Village for the parade. Mayor DeShaw stated that it was a wonderful parade and noted that each establishment was full of people. The Mayor is thinking about what to do for the volunteers to show appreciation for their hard work.

Mayor DeShaw had a meeting with DOT this morning about the traffic light. We are likely losing the light. Chief Zophy, the Mayor, Linda Lubey, CEO Mike Adsit, Fran Pratt and John Hennessey came and the first thing that DOT said was that they have never spent so much time on a light. They commended our community for our work. The bottom line is that we don't meet the criteria for the warrant which means that there is no federal money for the DOT for the light. The Mayor noted that there has been a camera at that light for a couple of months. During the time, it was witnessed that people do not use the cross walk - they are crossing wherever they are parking. Trustee McDade noted that they camera was put in after the light was set to blinking. Mayor DeShaw advised that it has been determined that the bridge on Diamond Street is not a restricted weight bridge so it can be used to avoid the intersection at Center and Peterboro. DOT will sync the light at Canal and Peterboro Streets with the light at Roberts and Peterboro to avoid traffic back up. The Mayor talked about the fire trucks - DOT suggested that the Fire Department re-route to Diamond Street and then to Canal Street. DOT is considering putting in bumpouts at Peterboro and Center Streets and installing lights in the crosswalks and they believe that this will help people cross. This work would be eligible for federal funding and the Mayor stated that DOT promises that the Village would look the same after this work. DOT would also like to do a bumpout at the intersection by Key Bank. The Mayor and Chief Zophy were concerned that this would affect the turning radius for the fire truck. The DOT will measure to make sure that trucks, fire department vehicles and buses can make the turns with the bumpout. The Mayor will add an update on her page tonight noting that even though we might not have a light, we will have something to help us. The Mayor stated that Fran Pratt and Chief Zophy did a great job letting DOT know about the issues with the fire trucks. The Mayor advised the Board that the DOT is funded through federal money for lights. If the warrants do not support the light, there is no federal money. The cost is \$170,000 for the light. The Mayor will be reaching out to let Owl Wire know that the light can go in if there is future expansion for them. The cost of the reflective cross walk is \$70,000 - \$80,000 and is federally aidable. The DOT

will follow up with the Mayor after they look at everything. The Mayor noted that we asked to have the speed limit changed to 25 miles per hour on Peterboro Street through the Village. Trustee Haddad asked about the \$170,000 for the cost of the light. The Mayor noted that the light is out of date and must be replaced. Trustee McDade suggested that we could talk with our new federal representatives to ask about keeping the light.

Mayor DeShaw talked about CNY Hemp - they are almost done and ready to move in. The Mayor noted that we have a law that does not allow our Code Officer to issue a building permit without site plan approval. The Mayor spoke about the issues with the developer of the project. The developer is communicating with the Village attorney about whether the handicap bathroom is needed.

Mayor DeShaw has been talking with a potential buyer of Ma and Pa's on Canal Street.

The Mayor has asked The Erie Canal Brewery to send a draft agreement for the Visitor Center to get the Agreement to our Board. They are getting costs together. The Mayor talked about the need for them to take the paint off the building and that they are using the study that we had done when we were looking at purchasing the building.

Mayor DeShaw talked about the PBA contract negotiations. They think there will be a contract soon without going to arbitration - the Mayor is waiting to hear from our attorney. There will be an executive session once we have that information.

The Mayor noted that former DPW Foreman Tornatore has moved to the Town. The Mayor met with TJ and John Twomey on the Monday before TJ left. She met with John again on Sunday night. They talked about the vacancy notices and talked about equipment and budget information. The Mayor will meet with regularly.

Mayor DeShaw scheduled a mandatory meeting with the Fire Chief, council members and Assistant Chiefs. The Assistant Chiefs did not show up. The council was there and the Fire Chief. The Mayor stated that it was a good meeting. Mayor DeShaw talked about the meeting. She also talked about the role of the liaison from the Board to the Fire Council. The Mayor talked about the items that the Fire Department had that needed attention. Mayor DeShaw has asked the Fire Department to get quotes for the work that they want and need done. The historical architect is going to work with the Fire Department at the Fire Department's request. Anthony Palamara is going to look into a USDA grant for the floor tile, the bathrooms and windows. The Mayor talked about requests that she has gotten from residents about there not being enough firemen during the day if a house catches on fire. The mutual aid procedure was discussed. The Mayor noted that the firemen in our DPW are allowed to leave work and attend fires. The Mayor stated again that it was a great meeting. She and Chief McFall will be meeting on the last Thursday of every month at 2:30 p.m. Mayor DeShaw recommended to the Fire Council that they hire out their bookkeeping. The Mayor talked about the need for mentors for the younger firemen.

Mayor DeShaw reminded the Board about the solar energy project. The attached Resolution was discussed. It is needed to get the project started. The Mayor read the resolution.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Warner, to adopt the attached Resolution Making a Determination to Exempt the Abundant Solar Power Project from any Applicable Limitations of the Ground Solar Energy Facilities Moratorium Law of the Village of Canastota. Passed 5 to 0.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Haddad asked about the trash cans being taken out of the downtown. The Mayor stated that we pull them out every winter. Trustee Haddad would like trash cans in the downtown. The Board discussed putting some trash cans out for the winter.

Trustee McDade talked to some people since our last meeting and he thinks that we should do some work and evaluate the possibility of having the Village plow the sidewalks. Mayor DeShaw talked about what it would mean to have the Village plow the sidewalks right after it snows. The Mayor stated that we would have to hire another employee to do this. The Board talked about the priority for snow removal. Trustee Haddad talked about the impact of the increase on people without sidewalks and asked about creating a sidewalk district.

Trustee Warner is all set.

Trustee Carpenter is all set.

The Mayor reminded the Board about the tax cap when considering the sidewalk plowing.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee McDade, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer