

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
April 26, 2021

Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Rosanne Warner; Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Carpenter; Trustees Jeffrey Watkins; Bill McDade (via Webex) and Douglas Gustin; Village Administrator Jenn Farwell; and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee McDade, to approve the following amendments to the 2021-2022 Mayor's Tentative Budget: Increase 19905.02 (OCWA Billing) by \$1,350.00 to \$11,000.00; Increase 81204.02 (Sanitary Sewer Contractual) by \$1,500.00 to \$33,800.00; Increase 81302.02 (Sewage Treatment Plant Capital) by \$68,000 to \$219,000.00; Increase 81304.02 (Sewage Treatment Plant Contractual) by \$12,058.00 to \$551,920.00; and Increase 2123.02 Queensboro Charges by \$82,908.00 to \$332,908.00; resulting in appropriations totaling \$1,231,631.73 and revenues totaling \$1,231,631.73. **Discussion:** Trustee Watkins asked if the Queensboro Charges increase was the 30% increase that we talked about. The Mayor stated that it is and it also includes the fines. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to adopt the 2021-2022 Mayor's Tentative General Fund Budget, with revenues of \$1,318,130.72, expenditures of \$3,277,210.72, a tax levy of \$1,959,080.00 based on a tax rate of \$11.319570 and a taxable assessed value of \$173,070,185.00. **Discussion:** Trustee Watkins asked about the total tax increase and what the tax cap increase was this year. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to adopt the 2021-2022 Mayor's Tentative Sewer Fund Budget, as amended, with Revenues of \$1,231,631.73, expenditures of \$1,231,631.73, a sewer rate of \$5.90/1000 gallons and a Debt Unit Charge of \$95.00. **Discussion:** Trustee Watkins asked about the increase in the Sewer Rate. The current rate is \$5.43 and the new rate is \$5.90. Passed 5 to 0.

Discussion regarding the donation of a Snow Drift Crab Apple Tree from New Beginnings Community Church.

Administrator Farwell advised that the New Beginnings Church would like to donate a tree as a COVID memorial tree and they would like to plant it themselves on Thursday. Administrator Farwell explained to the Board where the tree will go at the Spencer Street park and let the Board know that this is an ornamental tree which, when properly cared for, will not grow too large. Administrator Farwell advised the Board that the donation needs to be formally accepted by the Village.

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Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to purchase an apple tree from New Beginnings Community Church and place it at the Spencer Street Park. **Discussion:** Trustee Carpenter asked if this tree is susceptible to blight. The Board discussed how the tree will grow and how long it will last. Passed 5 to 0.

Adjourn.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer