

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
January 20, 2021

Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Rosanne Warner; Trustee Doug Gustin; Trustee Jeff Carpenter; Code Enforcer Mike Adist; Fire Chief TJ Tornatore; Administrator Jenn Farwell and Bruce Burke PAC 99.
Remote: Trustee Bill McDade; Police Chief James Zophy; Foremen Mark Maxwell; Recreation Leaders Allison and Sarah Forth; Jim and Dan Cunningham New Water Technologies; Seth Howard, Todd Znuj and Ashley Harvey from Little League.

ABSENT: Trustee Jeff Watkins.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter and second by Trustee Gustin to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020, meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2020, special meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee McDade and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2021, meeting. Passed 4 to .0

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2021, meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter and second by Trustee Gustin to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$52,277.89. Passed 4 to 0.

Public Comments

Todd Znuj, Ashley Harvey and Seth Howard from Little League were there to discuss building new batting cages down at the recreation field. Barn would be 30x80 with ¾ walls. They will send a copy of the drawing to Code Enforcer Adsit for review. Little League will be funding the whole project with help of donations; Lions Club may be donating \$5000. They also have volunteers lined up to help. Will be used for both baseball and softball.

Trustee Carpenter asked when this is operational do, we have to still get the equipment, Znuj replied that they already have the equipment to put in barn. Trustee Carpenter also asked if volunteers helping to build structure will be covered on the insurance. Znuj stated they will look into that further if approved.

Trustee Gustin wants to make sure Codes Officer Adsit reviews everything.

Code Enforcer asked if this is a truss construction. Todd stated yes and trusses will be 30 feet.

Trustee Carpenter asked about security for the building and Todd stated that the building will be able to be locked up.

Administrator Farwell stated that it will only cost \$10 annually to cover insurance on building.

Online question asked who will own the building, Todd stated that it will belong to the Village.

Department Heads:

Code Enforcer Adsit stated he was hesitant to go into apartment building for inspection due to Covid, will start again soon. He is moving forward with doing inspections on businesses. Trying to get a couple areas cleaned up in the village but at a stand still since court is still closed.

Fire Chief TJ Tornatore stated they had 314 calls for the year, 40 on the Thruway. He stated they have some surplus equipment, gear racks and would like to donate them to Wampsville Fire Department. They are looking into a grant to get new Gear Washer; if we obtain the grant we will donate the old washer to Wampsville Fire Department.

Foremen Mark Maxwell stated they have been out 13 times to plow, they are having issues with the 18-year-old truck. They have had 4 sewer issues with pipes being plugged with flushable wipes. They are working on recreation concession stand. DPW is cleaning up Headworks and putting things on a maintenance program. All of the Headworks pumps have been looked at, 2 need repairs. MSA gas detection parts are on order, they are getting a quote to have yearly service contract, would most likely be cheaper than us buying gas and have it calibrated.

Police Chief Zophy stated they received the new car, need to change the computer mount which will be done at no cost. Calls were low for December 2020. He is working on the budget. Working with Stop DWI to request digital monitors.

Allison and Sarah Forth from Recreation Department stated they are working with library for teen grab and go bags and for a story walk for the kids. Scott Blanchard would like to do a snow off contest of building snowmen for prizes. Would like to get \$150 from snowblast/craftfair line for prizes of movie baskets. Wanted to know if DPW can create snowbanks in pool or recreation parking lot. Trustee Carpenter worried about the kids making tunnels and then possibly collapsing. Maybe find a hill they can sled on.

Jim and Dan Cunningham spoke regarding the WWTP stating they are in compliance with EPS/DEC. Rolloff is working well, Ultraviolet light pilot is installed and starting up. Mayor Warner thanked them for they quick response getting the leak fixed. Mayor would like to bring Board down there and then talk with Oneida Nation about cleaning right of way out.

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve the attached New Position Duty Statement for a Recreation Director. Trustee Carpenter asked if they needed a degree,

Administrator Farwell stated they have to try to fill the Director position first and if we can't then can look into re-classifying the position. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter and second by Trustee Gustin to accept the attached contract with Auctions International for online auctions of surplus vehicles for a term of two (2) years. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Carpenter to declare the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria and the 2010 Chevy Impala as surplus and to allow the vehicles to be sold at auction. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee McDade and second by Trustee Gustin to accept the attached Proposal from MJ Dakota, Inc. for the painting of the fire house ceiling in the amount of \$14,840.00 and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Passed 4 to 0.

Correspondence

Letter to National Grid, ok with feasibility study.

Administrator

Administrator Farwell discussed who we will use for Disability Insurance, new company save approximately \$300 a year.

Steve Williams from the Fire Department is looking for a vehicle to use for practice, leaning towards giving them the Durango if the Board agrees.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter and second by Trustee Gustin to give Durango to Fire Department for purpose of practice. Passed 4 to 0

Received notice that they will be shipping parts for the new play set for down by the pool on February 2, 2021; we will be storing them at the Town of Lenox garage.

The Green Team took before pictures and will be changing out the stadium light at the recreation field in the next couple of weeks.

229 South Canal Street should be coming down in about a week or so.

Canastota FOR had an online forum on Facebook last week, they were very supportive of the community, they did a nice job.

Mayor

Fire Company Doug Chandler is working on the new grant for replacing a fire truck. Looking at getting an Urban Interface Engine, smaller truck for some of the smaller roads. Should come in under \$500,000, will have specs soon and it will replace "Old Betsy". Mayor asked Fire Chief Tornatore if we should get rid of "Old Betsy".

Mayor Warner asked Administrator Farwell on Police Reform and do we have a date for a public hearing. Administrator Farwell stated that we should wait until the draft is done. Trustee Carpenter and Trustee Gustin agreed to wait until after draft is finished. It has to be adopted by 4/1/21.

Trustee Comments

Trustee McDade: None.

Trustee Gustin: None

Trustee Carpenter: None

Motion Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Carpenter to adjourn meeting at 8:13 pm. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Galavotti
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer