

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
February 22, 2021

Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Rosanne Warner; Trustee Doug Gustin; Trustee Jeff Carpenter; Trustee Jeff Watkins; Code Officer Mike Adsit, Fire Chief Tornatore; Police Chief James Zophy; Officer Sean Barton, Officer Andy DeGirolamo; Administrator Jenn Farwell and Bruce Burke PAC 99.  
ONLINE: Recreation Sara and Allison Forth; Krissy Palamara

ABSENT: Trustee Bill McDade.

**Recreation**

Mayor Warner went over the numbers that the recreation department is asking for. Trustee Watkins stated that he thought this was a large increase from last year. Mayor Warner stated that they will get all the numbers in the budget and then see where we may have to make cuts from.

**Police Department**

Chief Zophy is requesting for the capital line to have key fobs for the doors, sites for rifles, ballistic shields, lease for cars and live scan maintenance. Trustee Warner would like to increase the fuel line by \$1,000 since gas prices are going up.

Increase in training expense to plan for police reform.

Mayor Warner asked if the ballistic vests are part of their uniform and do we purchase them. Chief Zophy stated that we do provide them unless they have one from other agencies to use. You are able to get them replaced every 4-5 years and normally there is a grant for that. Due to the turnover of part time officers, we normally request 4-6 each year with the grant. Trustee Watkins stated it was a 50/50 grant for the cost share.

Trustee Watkins stated our cell phone total seems high. Chief Zophy stated that they use the cell phones for everything on a call particularly for evidence collection. Carpenter asked how many they have and chief replied 4 cell phones and 2 air cards to have internet in the vehicles.

Chief Zophy also explained that he put in for a 1% raise for the full-time officers and a dollar an hour raises for the part-time officers, which will bring them to \$20/hr. Stated that we are still one of the lowest paying for part-time officers in the area.

**Codes Officer**

Code Officer Adsit would like to know where the 55G money is for the code enforcement, haven't gotten it in the last couple of years. He stated that his budget did not change much and his total budget was only up \$150. He stated we are still waiting for the electric car to be built.

## **Comments**

Trustee Watkins would like to know what they were going to do for the non-union employees.

Administrator Farwell stated that the state is not giving out raises and that the budget would have to be reviewed before determining if we can give raises to the non-union employees.

Mayor Warner also stated that until the budget is completed we can not make decision on the non-union salaries.

Motion Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Carpenter to adjourn meeting at 7:59 pm. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Galavotti  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer