

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
February 3, 2025

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

PRESENT: Mayor Rosanne Warner; Deputy Mayor Doug Gustin; Trustees Lori Torrey, Bill Haddad and Jeff Watkins; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Caitlin Farr; Recreation Leader Cherie Bealer; Mark Taylor; Aaron and Peggy LeClair; Frank Ilacqua and Zach Chase.

ABSENT: Village Administrator Jeremy Ryan and Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Williams

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded Trustee Torrey, approving the following budget modification: increase 90408.01 (Worker's Comp) by \$1,128.00.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to approve the attached General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$123,294.05. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Torrey, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to approve the attached Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$24,982.14. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, approving the following payments to AccuData from General Fund Account no. 16204.01.155 (Payroll Service): \$154.90 for payroll dated 1/22/25; \$150.90 for payroll dated 1/29/25. Passed 5 to 0.

Public Comments.

None.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to appoint Sarah McCabe to the Canastota Recreation Commission effective February 4, 2025. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the attached agreement with Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC for legal services for the calendar year 2025 and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Passed 5 to 0. **Note:** Trustee Watkins asked if there was any change in price. Deputy Clerk Farr stated that there was no change.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, approving the attached lease agreement with Onondaga County Water Authority for sewer billing services and authorization for the Mayor to execute the same. Roll call: Trustee Torrey – aye; Trustee Haddad – aye; Trustee Watkins – aye; Trustee Gustin – aye; Mayor Warner – aye. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to approve the attached release agreement with National Grid for a \$7,500.00 reimbursement for parts and labor to replace two (2) municipal building boiler pumps, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Torrey, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve the attached agreement with Ontario Amusements for the 2025 Canastota Community Carnival to be held on September 4-6 at Douglas Chandler Firemen's Field on Hickory Street, and to authorize the Mayor to do execute the same. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to approve the attached Village of Canastota employee credit card usage policy. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve a training request from Chief Sean Barton to attend background training school March 20-21 at a cost of \$445 for the training and \$252 for the hotel (check-in on March 19 and check out on March 21). Passed 5 to 0. **Note:** Chief is good to use the Ford Escape (hybrid vehicle).

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to accept the resignation of Zachary Bitz from his position as full-time police officer with the Canastota Police Department effective February 11, 2025. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the appointment of Christopher Gregory to the position of part-time police officer with Canastota Police Department effective February 5, 2025. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence.

Mayor Warner informs the Board of Trustees that she was asked to sign letter of support for Madison County in regards to a grant they are applying for towards the pocket community. Trustee Watkins would like to know if there are any changes to the plans. Mayor Warner states that the property will now have 51 units, it was previously planned to have 40-45 units. Trustee Watkins questions if we want this in our Village. Mayor Warner notes that it is a \$31 million dollar project, \$3 million in grants (if they get NY Forward) and the rest is privately funded. A discussion is had regarding the types of units that will be available. Trustee Gustin notes to change the address for the property in letter to 160 E Center St. A discussion is had about what a floating zone is and about the local law for planned development. Trustee Watkins notes that he is against the project and will be a no throughout, he urges his fellow Board members to do their research. Mayor Warner received support from three (3) Trustees for the letter.

The Trustees note that they have read the Village Administrator's report and they have no questions.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Warner informs the Board of the recent visit from the NYS DOL. She informs them of the new regulation that went into effect on 12/30/24 regarding contractors and subcontractors. This regulation requires municipalities to use contractors who are registered with the NYS DOL (there is a list). It is noted that Erickson (company who will be repairing the municipal building boiler) is not on the list at this time but they have paid the \$200.00 to register and are awaiting confirmation of registration. Mayor Warner notes that she asked the NYS DOL what happens in

emergency situations. NYS DOL stated that it does not matter, the Village will be fined if someone not on the list is hired to provide services to the Village. Mark Taylor asks if Boo's Cleaning needs to be on the list. Mayor Warner notes that the current contract was signed prior to this new regulation but they would need to register once this contract ends if they wish to try for another contract with the Village. Mayor Warner informs the Board that she is meeting with people for pocket community Wednesday morning and that she will be out of the office Wednesday-Friday.

Trustee's Comments.

Trustee Gustin notes that he judged the meatball contest with Mayor Warner and Grace Rapasadi. There was a large turnout for the event. 10 people entered meatballs; it was overall a great event. In regards to Administrator Ryan's notes, Trustee Gustin reiterates the importance of space for AYSO. He states that there were 214 players for the last season and the numbers are steadily rising. He wants to help find space for them this season. Mayor Warner notes that Subaru expressed a lot of interest in properties in the industrial park but we have not heard from them further. She suggests we look at the land there. Recreation Leader Cherie Bealer states that Amanda from AYSO has already done so and has picked out lots that she believes would work best. Mayor Warner asked if AYSO would be willing to help with costs. Cherie says she believes they would and is wondering if we could also use Village money from the repair to grounds line. Both Trustee Watkins and Mayor Warner note that the repair to grounds line is to be used for the other things. Mayor Warner states that the Village will not put lights up there. Cherie states that the minimum field size would be 45x70 and the maximum size being 55x80 and that without this help, 12U may need to be canceled. Mayor Warner states that AYSO needs to know that if the Village was to help, the field would be shared with other organizations. Trustee Watkins asked if AYSO has considered looking for a donation of natural turf and suggests speaking with Sky High Farms. Mayor Warner wonders if the land Amanda looked at can just be mowed and what we would do for parking.

Trustee Watkins is all set.

Trustee Haddad asks if we should look at putting two (2) fields near the Office for the Aging. Trustee Watkins suggests we do one now with sod and work on the 2nd for next season.

Trustee Torrey is all set.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.
Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Farr
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer