

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
February 19, 2025

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

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Doug Gustin; Trustees Lori Torrey, Bill Haddad and Jeff Watkins; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Caitlin Farr; Village Administrator Jeremy Ryan; Recreation Leader Cherie Bealer; Police Chief Sean Barton; Code Enforcement Officer Mike Adsit; Village Historian David Sadler and Mark Taylor.

ABSENT: Mayor Rosanne Warner and Village Clerk/Treasurer Cathi Williams.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$118,834.15 and the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$20,971.48. Passed 4-0.

Motion by Trustee Torrey, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to approve the following payments to AccuData from the General Fund Account no. 16204.01.155 (Payroll Service): \$150.90 for payroll dated 2/6/2025; \$153.95 for payroll dated 2/13/2025. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, approving payments totaling \$1,775.05 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from January 1, 2025 – January 31, 2025. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Torrey, seconded by Trustee Watkins, approving the attached minutes from the February 3, 2025 meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Public Comments.

None.

Department Head Comments.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Adsit confirms the Board has received his report. CEO Adsit notes that Mr. Ward did not show up for court and was fined \$3,000 by the Judge. Mr. Ward was also given 10 days to clean the property or the Village DPW would again enter the property to clean it up. At this time, an extension has been asked for due to the current weather conditions and heavy snow. It is noted by CEO Adsit that if the issue is to happen again once cleaned, Mr. Ward will be arrested. It is also noted by CEO Adsit that per the Judge, the fines (totaling \$5,000 at this time) will be levied to the Village taxes if they remain unpaid. Lastly, CEO Adsit informs the Board that all permit forms have now been added to the Village website in the fill form format. There are no questions from the Board.

Police Chief Sean Barton confirms the Board has received his report. Chief Barton states all is

good at this time. There are no questions from the Board.

Village Historian David Sadler states that it looks like the recent historical marker he applied for will be approved. Mr. Sadler reports that he was notified they will be placing the marker in Peterboro, not the Village. A conversation is had regarding the bicentennial of the canal. Trustee Haddad asks if we could receive a marker for the Village and one for Peterboro. Mr. Sadler states that the Pomeroy Foundation will not provide two markers.

Village Recreation Leader Cherie Bealer confirms the Board has received her report. Cherie states that the basketball championship game has been rescheduled for tomorrow (Thursday the 20th) at 6 p.m. The game will be live streamed on social media. Cherie reports that Glow Bowl will be this weekend on the 22nd. The Rec. Department will allow walk-ins for the last few remaining spots. There are no questions at this time.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to approve the following requests from the Recreation Department:

- a. the attached Erie Canal Grant Contract and authoring the Mayor to accept/execute the same;
- b. a charge of \$25 for all vendors for Cana-l-stota event (excluding non-profits who will not be selling anything – free for them. This charge would also be for food trucks participating throughout the event.)

Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, approved the attached Request for the Use of the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department by Amy Barrett on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 12 – 5 p.m. for a child's birthday party. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Torrey, approving the attached agreement with Johnson Controls for control panel maintenance services for a term of three years, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, approving the Resolution adopting the New York State Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which expressed the village's support for housing production, access, and fair housing practices in the community. Passed 4 to 0. (**Note:** Trustee Watkins asked why we need this. Village Administrator Ryan states that it is for NYS and will help the Village to obtain grants in the future.)

Discussion to set dates for the 2025-26 village budget workshops and public hearing.

It is noted that Mayor Warner emailed dates out to all Board members, Village Administrator Ryan, Village Clerk Cathi Williams and Deputy Clerk Caitlin Farr. It is decided that the Board will meet for budget workshops on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Correspondence.

It is noted that the Village has received a request from the Canastota Community Band for \$2,000 in the 25-26 budget.

Administrator's Comments.

Village Administrator Jeremy Ryan notes that the boiler pump repairs have been completed. The Village has been collecting bills from companies that were called in when the boiler went down and Administrator Ryan will be submitting these to National Grid for an additional reimbursement. The CV plow truck should be fixed within the next week. Trustee Haddad would like to confirm the dates to see if anything has changed with the storm. Village Administrator Ryan states that he would like to publicly acknowledge the DPW for their hard work over the weekend with the storm. A discussion is had regarding the town helping to push snow back. Administrator Ryan states that he has reached out to the Village Attorney to update the MOU with the town for plowing. Debrecque Equipment has reached out to the Village and confirmed that they are still interested in purchasing property on Madison Blvd. A discussion is had regarding the UniFirst contract ending and that the Village Office is looking at other companies. Lastly, Administrator Ryan notes that he will be meeting with Housing Visions again tomorrow and the meeting will have emergency services involved. Trustee Watkins notes that he still believes this project is a bad idea.

Mark Taylor asks the Board about housing being built behind CAP and the properties tapping into the sewer. The Board states that they are unsure and that it is in the town limits.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Farr
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer