

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 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 Bill Haddad, Lori Torrey, and Jeff Watkins; Village Administrator Jeremy Ryan; Mark Taylor; Zachary Chase; Aaron and Peggy LeClair; CHS Government Students Kiarra Lawrence, Landon Horton, Ava Rizzo and Arianna Horton.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to approve the following budget modification: Increase 14204.01 (Attorney) by \$3,370.73; increase 16202.01 (Building Capital) by \$134.00. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve payment of the following abstracts:

- a. General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$33,747.74.
- b. Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$70,735.83.

Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Watkins, approving the following payments to AccuData from General Fund Account No. 16204.01.155 (Payroll Service): \$156.45 for payroll dated 2/20/2025; \$152.95 for payroll dated 2/27/2025. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Torrey, seconded by Trustee Watkins, approving the attached minutes of the February 19, 2025, meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Public Comments.

None.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, adopting the attached Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Planning Application of Canastota Dairy to be held on March 17, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Introduction of Local Law 1-2025 entitled "A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c for the 2025-2026 fiscal year."

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, adopting the attached Resolution to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Canastota to hold a public hearing on March 17, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. to consider the proposed local law entitled, "A local law authorizing a property tax levy in

excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.” Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Watkins, approving the request of Tina O’Donnell to use the Fire Department on Sunday, March 23, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. for a birthday party. (Note: proof of insurance has been received.) Passed 5 to 0.

By Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Torrey, Motion approving the attached Release from Niagara Mohawk Power Corp d/b/a National Grid, in the amount of \$10,911.50 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same. **Discussion:** Trustee Haddad wanted to make sure that this is a clarification from the original. Administrator Ryan explained that additional expenses were incurred that were submitted for reimbursement and added to the waiver. Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Warner thanked Administrator Ryan for negotiating this payment with National Grid.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, approving a credit in the amount of \$116.87 against the sewer charges on the December 31, 2024, OCWA bill for property owned by Gary Heffron and located at 122 Buck Street, Canastota, New York. (Note: The reason for the excess water consumption was due to a pipe break inside a wall that has been corrected. A credit was previously issued for this property on 8/2/21. OCWA was contacted and we were advised that the current credit was granted even though 5 years had not passed since the last credit, because the excess water use was caused by a different issue.) **Discussion:** The Board discussed the credit and the policy of issuing credits on the same property within 5 years. Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that the Board had done this in the past on 2 other properties under similar circumstances. Trustee Watkins does not want to set a precedence. Passed 4 to 1. Trustee Watkins voting Nay.

Correspondence.

None.

Administrator Comments.

Administrator Ryan advised the Board that Town Supervisor Pinard met with Barton & Loguidice last week. They are the engineering firm for the Lewis Street bridge repair project. Supervisor Pinard has advised that the engineers will need some information from the Village for the project. Administrator Ryan will work with DPW and Codes to assist the Town.

The Ford 550 is fixed and back in service and the CV should be fixed soon. Allegiance Trucks will take care of the recall while they have it.

The first draft of the Comprehensive Plan is completed - it was prepared by the County Planning Department. The committee will be meeting this month to review the draft.

Administrator Ryan and DPW Foreman Holdridge will meet with AYSO next week to talk about their soccer field requests and how the Village may be able to help them at the Recreation Park.

Administrator Ryan and received information from the County regarding the phone system. The service rate is \$6.31 per phone per month. The cost to purchase the phones is \$100 and we need 13 phones for the building - total cost of purchasing the phones is \$1,300. There will also be charges of approximately \$1,000 for network equipment for the installation. Trustee Watkins asked if there is a monthly maintenance fee on the phones. Administrator Ryan indicated that there is not. Mayor Warner asked if the contract had been re-written without the IT language. Administrator Ryan noted that he is working with Attorney Langey on that. The Board discussed the phone bill and proposed charges. The Mayor would like to see one of the Town of Lenox bills with regard to the phones. Administrator Ryan advised the Board that the Town of Lenox will have the contract with the County and the Town will bill the Village for our monthly costs. Prior to the Town switching services to the County, the Village paid the monthly invoices and billed the Town for their share. Mayor Warner asked if we needed to sign the Agreement if it is between the Town and County and we are paying the Town.

Mayor's Comments.

The Mayor asked the Board if they wanted a copy of the Comprehensive Plan to review.

Mayor Warner and Administrator Ryan talked with the Town Supervisor regarding salt. DPW Foreman Holdridge advises that the Town is using our salt and not replacing it. Currently, the Town owes the Village 250 tons of salt. DPW Foreman Holdridge advised the Mayor that we have enough salt for about 3 runs. Administrator Ryan talked about salt that was ordered by the Town and Village and when the salt is expected to be delivered. Trustee Watkins thinks that we need to monitor how we use our salt until we get a delivery. The Board talked about how plowing was done this weekend.

Trustees Comments.

Trustee Gustin - nothing.

Trustee Watkins - nothing.

Trustee Haddad - nothing.

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Trustee Torrey advised that people are complaining about the road conditions because of the hard weather and asking what is going to be done in the spring to fix them. The Board talked about the road conditions and how the weather affected them. Administrator Ryan asked Trustee Torrey to have people call the office with their specific questions about specific potholes and he will address them.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer