

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
June 4, 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, Jeff Watkins and Bill Haddad; Village Administrator Jeremy Ryan; Jacob Smith, Jamie Warner, Zach Chase and Mark Taylor.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee Warner, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve the following budget transfers: move \$17,012.99 from 36504.01 (Demolition of Unsafe Buildings) to 81604.01 (Trash Removal) Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Torrey, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to approve payment of the following abstracts:

- a. General Fund Abstract dated May 23, 2025, in the amount of \$62,205.41;
- b. Sewer Fund Abstract dated May 23, 2025, in the amount of \$49,355.65.

Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, approving the following payments to AccuData from General Fund Account No. 16204.01.155 (Payroll Service): \$165.58 for payroll dated 5/22/2025; \$165.58 for payroll dated 5/29/2025. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, approving the attached Resolution establishing Holiday Premium Pay for part-time police officers for fiscal year 6/1/2025 - 5/31/2026.

Discussion: Trustee Watkins asked Administrator Ryan to make sure that they come to him first. The Board discussed the timing of passing of the resolution. Passed 5 to 0.

Public Comments.

Mark Taylor asked about charging the Boxing Hall of Fame for costs associated with the weekend for the police department and DPW. The Board discussed the proposed fee schedule. Trustee Haddad has no problem with the cost, but he wants us to determine who will be exempt from paying. The Board talked about what to do with this. It will be voted on this year for next year. Jamie Warner asked if it would be posed to the Boxing Hall of Fame soon so that they can budget for it. Trustee Haddad believes that we should give an estimate of costs to organizations. The Board talked about how to set the criteria for who will be getting charged and who will not. The Board talked about what charges we incur for these events and which events will be charged. The Board discussed the difference between the Boxing Hall of Fame and the Parade of Lights. The Board will take this up during the first meeting in August.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Watkins, approving the request from the Recreation Board to hold the following Summer Sports Clinics: 1) Lacrosse, July 14- 17th, 6-7pm, Grades entering K-6; 2) Soccer, July 22- 24th, 5-630pm, Grades entering 1-6; 3) Football, July 28th, 10am-1pm, Grades entering 2-6, Coed ; 4) Cheerleading, July 28- 30th, 530-7pm, Grades entering K-6; 5) Field Hockey, Aug 5- 7th, 430-530pm, Grades entering 3-6; 6) Softball /Baseball, Aug 11- 13th, 5-6pm, Grades entering 2-6. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to declare the 2002 S185 Bobcat skid steer as surplus and authorize the Village to use it as a trade in with a value of \$3,000 toward the purchase of another Bobcat skid steer. **Discussion:** Trustee Watkins asked if we sent it to Auctions International with a reserve on it to see if we could get more money for it. Mayor Warner asked how much the new Bobcat is. The Board discussed the price and noted that it is under State bid. The Board talked about putting it on Auctions International and setting a reserve of \$3,000, then we could deny the sale if we do not get enough money. Trustee Watkins would like us to consider this going forward. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to authorize the Village attorney to prepare an Offer to Purchase the property at 103 S. Main Street, Canastota, in the amount of \$43,000, from Frank Ilacqua, conditioned upon satisfactory results of an environmental study, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the said Offer to Purchase as prepared by the Village attorney. **Discussion:** Trustee Watkins asked where the \$43,000 figure came from. The Mayor talked about the price. The Board members had stated \$37,500, the seller wants \$40,000 and there are \$2,800 in fees from the Village for the clean up. The Board talked about the costs that the seller has incurred in the purchase of the property and what he has done with the survey, asbestos and cleanup. Mark Taylor asked what we are going to do with the property. Mayor Warner talked about what the Village is going to do with the property. The seller originally wanted \$50,500 for the property, but is willing to accept \$40,000 if we put a plaque up for his mother. The Mayor had Marty Bargabos inspect the property with the seller's permission. Marty noted that the cellar is sound on the original structure but the additions need to come off. The Mayor talked about the Village discussions in the past about needing public bathrooms. The Mayor would also like to clean up that area on the Canal and talked about what she sees for that property. She talked about her discussions with SHPO and State Parks. We are looking for grants to help us turn that building into a welcome center and bathroom with parking area. The Mayor talked about our plan for the Canal area and noted that it will look nice with the other improvements that we will be making on Canal Street. The Mayor would also like to talk with the adjoining property owner to get some property to use for additional parking which will help us with the parking that may e lost with the work to be done on Canal Street. Mark Taylor asked what it is going to cost the Village if we get the grant money or are we going to do it even if we don't get the money. The Board talked about the cost of securing the building versus tearing it down. The Board talked about what the building will be used for - it will not just be a bathroom - it will be a welcome center. Trustee Haddad stated that he is a no because of the dollar amount. The

Board discussed the lots in the Industrial Park that we are thinking that we could use for recreation property. Trustee Haddad is concerned about not securing the property once we own it. Passed 3 to 2. Trustees Haddad and Watkins voting nay.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Haddad, approving the attached IT Support Services Agreement between the Village and Patrick Fowler, d/b/a Silver City Technology, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same. **Discussion:** Administrator Ryan noted that Pat has told us that he wants to retire and we will be needing to go out to bid for a replacement. Trustee Haddad would like us to go out to bid now and not wait. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Gustin, by approving the appointment of the following individuals to serve on the Architectural Review Board with terms expiring as noted: Jason Nisiewicz April 2026; Bill Marsh April 2027; Jacob P. Smith April 2028; Martin Bargabos April 2029; David Sadler April 2030. Passed 4-0-1. Mayor Warner abstaining.

Motion by Trustee Torrey, seconded by Trustee Gustin, approving a credit in the amount of \$58.44 against the sewer charges on the March 31, 2025, OCWA bill for property owned by Hyland Partners, Inc. and located at 108 Getmac Avenue, Canastota, New York. (Note: The reason for the excess water consumption was due to a misaligned PVC pipe that has been corrected.) **Discussion:** Trustee Watkins asked if this is the first one. Clerk/Treasurer Williams confirmed that it is. Trustee Haddad asked if we should wait for a determination on if we can do this. Trustee Haddad wants us to wait to make sure that we are doing the right thing.

Trustees Torrey and Gustin rescinded their motion.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to table items 12 and 13 until we get clarification on this. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion approving a credit in the amount of \$56.16 against the sewer charges on the March 31, 2025, OCWA bill for property owned by Craig Taylor and located at 3241 Seneca Turnpike, Canastota, New York. (Note: The reason for the excess water consumption was unknown, that has been corrected.) This matter was tabled.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Haddad, approving the attached Contract Change Order #1 from Spartan Motors USA, Inc. noting a credit in the amount of \$55,270.00 for the substitution of the Cummins X15 EPA 2021-26 Package, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same. **Discussion:** Trustee Haddad noted that he read the email and asked why the credit is less than we expected - it was going to be \$80,000.00. The Mayor advised that she spoke with Steve Dembrowski and this is the best that he can get us. The Mayor noted that with the other change orders, it adds up to almost \$80,000.00. Administrator Ryan noted that the valuation of the engine

is what it costs right now which is more than what it cost a couple of months ago. The Board talked about the other engine that we could have gotten that could have problems because it will be so new. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, approving the attached Agreement between the Village and the Canastota Community Band in the amount of \$1,750.00 for performances during fiscal year June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same. **Discussion:** Trustee Torrey asked if this is the budget line for them. Clerk/Treasurer Williams confirmed that it is. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Watkins, approving the following Artist Performance Contracts for the 2025 Summer Concert Series at the International Boxing Hall of Fame Amphitheater and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same: 1) The Local Favorites - \$500.00; 2) The Monterays - \$550.00; 3) Mood Swing - \$600.00; 4) Matt Chase - \$350.00; 5) Home Brew - \$500.00; 6) Joe Whiting - \$550.00; 7) The Party Nuts - \$550.00. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence.

We received a request from Jamie Kowalczyk at Madison County asking for a letter of support for the installation of a sidewalk at 160 Center Street Pocket Community. The Mayor noted that this does not require Board approval. Trustee Watkins is not in favor. The Mayor will put it on letterhead.

Administrator Comments.

Administrator Ryan advised that Lenox Supervisor Pinard is asking the Village to help repair the War Memorial at the Clark Park. The monuments are owned by the Town, not the Village. Administrator Ryan is asking if we want to help with this even if we do not own it. The Board would like more information about the cost associated with this. They talked about the work to be done and what has been done. Trustee Haddad noted that it looks bad. The Board wants to have a meeting with the Town and we can talk about the work to be done up there and other things. Trustee Torrey noted that she spoke with Supervisor Pinard about this.

Recreation would like to use a service called Ticket Leap for the tickets for the event to be held at Greystone for Canal-Stota. Administrator Ryan noted that this will be a trial run and not a long-term commitment. The school uses this service for its events.

The pool opens June 14 and the inspection is next Tuesday. The chair lift arrived today. The schedule and fee schedule will be posted by the end of this week.

The phone change over is continuing and work is expected to be done by the end of the summer. We will be getting a price soon. The cost will be less and we will be paying for fewer lines.

The Menikheims will be here on June 18.

Ron Debrucque has stated that he will send us a contract soon for the purchase of 5 Technology Blvd.

Administrator Ryan advised the Board that we would like to update the fees for the Bulk Pickup as it has not been updated recently.

The Mayor asked about lifeguards and swim instructors. Administrator Ryan noted that we are doing well and we should be able to offer more swim lessons at the pool. The Mayor noted that we may be able to get reimbursed for lifeguard fees from the Swims Grant that the County received.

Trustee Haddad asked about the sidewalk across the street. Administrator Ryan advised that he has not heard anything even though he reached out. The Board talked about what to do if it doesn't get fixed before this weekend. The Mayor would like us to ask the DPW if we have plate steel to set over that for the weekend.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Warner went to NYCOM. Mayor Loveless from Hamilton is now the president. The Mayor spoke with the engineers about the engineering for the State Street grant. The Mayor explained that she needs it for the grant to get the money and we may not necessarily do the work now. Mayor Warner talked with a group about sewer billing - could be cheaper then using OCWA for the sewer billing. It is \$.75 cheaper and they send the money within 24 hours of collecting the money. NYCOM asked for a letter of support and the Mayor sent it out - it was asking for an increase in the wages that retired employees can earn from another municipality after retirement. Trustee Watkins would like to put the question about a fire tax from the County on the bills. The Mayor also spoke with a utility rate management company to look at what we should be charging for sewer rates. The Mayor noted that she is happy with how we came up with our rate for this budget. If the Board would like more information, she will get us something. The Board talked about the fee of \$4,400 a year.

Trustees Comments.

Trustee Gustin has nothing tonight.

Trustee Watkins has nothing tonight.

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Trustee Haddad asked who is marching in the parade. The Mayor reminded the Board about the fire inspection before the parade at 11:30 a.m.

Trustee Torrey is all set.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer