

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
December 15, 2008

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

**PRESENT:** Trustees Charles Sweeney, Theodore Lumbrazo and AnnMarie Rossi; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Margo Frink of the Bee-Journal; Village Historian David Sadler; Fire Chief Mark Ferriter; DPW Foreman Ronald Bennett; Canastota High School Students Kaitlan Ryan, Brooke Smith and Sara Hawkins.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Todd Rouse, Deputy Mayor Scott Rapasadi

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$50,014.10. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$35,264.37. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the following budget transfers: transfer \$5,504.00 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 85604.01 (Tree/Stump Removal); transfer \$152.08 from 607.01 (Beautification Deferred Revenue) to 85104.01 (Beautification). **Discussion:** Trustee Rossi asked what the Beautification lines were. Clerk/Treasurer Williams explained that the Beautification Deferred Revenue line was for the donations to the beautification committee which is where the money was being moved from to cover expenses which exceeded the budgeted appropriation. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the following budget modification: Increase 2770.01 (Other Unclassified Revenue) by \$1,430.09; Increase 71104.01 (Parks Contractual) by \$1,430.09. **Discussion:** Trustee Rossi asked what this transfer was for. Clerk/Treasurer Williams explained that we were using the money from CSX for expenses related to the repair of the Links Trail. Passed 3 to 0.

Discussion of proposed changes to Local Law regarding street improvements. Administrator Carpenter explained that the Board has already seen this language and previous drafts. There was one additional change to 2 of the laws making the effective date to coincide with the anticipated date that the law would be voted upon. If the Trustees wanted to, they could discuss the law or if they were ready, a public hearing could be scheduled. Administrator Carpenter

reminded the Board that the intent of these local law revisions was to bring our local laws up to the standards of the DOT and in line with other communities. Trustee Lumbrazo asked if these changes had anything to do with street lights. Trustee Sweeney stated that he believed that National Grid controls street lights. Administrator Carpenter confirmed that National Grid controls street lighting.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to schedule a public hearing on January 5, 2009, at 7:15 p.m. regarding Local Laws to amend the following sections of the Laws of the Village of Canastota: Section 190-27 regarding street design standards; Section 190-28 regarding street planning standards; and Section 185-11 regarding road construction. Passed 3 to 0.

Presentation of initial draft of language for Local Law regarding Adult Day Care facilities. Trustee Sweeney advised the Board that they have all received a copy of the proposed language in their boxes. Administrator Carpenter added that in addition to providing the Board with a copy of the language, he has also provided the Kolodzies and their attorney, Peter Finocchiaro, with the draft. We have received a letter from Mr. Finocchiaro indicating that he and his clients are in agreement with the proposed language. Administrator Carpenter advised that there could be one more change to address inspections and fire code. Trustee Sweeney asked if we were on target with the anticipated time schedule. Administrator Carpenter stated that the Village was "fast-tracking" this local law and that we are hoping to schedule the public hearing for the second meeting in January.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, declaring the Cannon IR210S copier, bearing serial number NPR09574 and formerly used by the police department, of no value to the Village of Canastota; and, inasmuch as the copier no longer has any value to the Village of Canastota and the Charles Miller Post 140 American Legion has expressed a need for a copier, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the donation of the copier to the Charles Miller Post 140 American Legion. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to accept the proposal from CDM in the amount of \$1,281,499.00 for engineering design and construction engineering services associated with the upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Combined Sewer Overflow Management as mandated in the DEC Consent Order and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documents associated therewith. **Discussion:** Trustee Sweeney asked if there was any further talk as to any grant monies that will be available for the Village. Administrator Carpenter explained that the Village is looking into 3 different grants - a grant from the USDA which is included in this proposal and 2 others for a total potential funding of \$1.5 million. We also anticipate that construction costs will go down as the cost of steel and concrete has gone down dramatically since this summer. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Substance Abuse Testing Agreement for year 2009 with Industrial Medical Associates, P.C. in the amount of \$392.00. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the membership of Robert Dimick into the Forbes Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department. **Discussion:** Trustee Lumbrazo asked if Mr. Dimick had a clean driving record. Clerk/Treasurer Williams noted that Chief Zophy has advised that Mr. Dimick does have a clean driving record. Passed 3 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from Greater Lenox Ambulance Service asking for a letter of support from the Village for the USDA.

### **Administrator**

Administrator Carpenter is all set.

### **Department Heads**

Clerk/Treasurer Williams reported that Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Balsamo has resigned. Her last day was last Tuesday. We wish her well and thank her for her service to the Village.

DPW Foreman Ron Bennett wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Fire Chief Mark Ferriter reported that the Mayor has received one letter regarding the remounting of the pumper and we are waiting for other responses. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Village Historian David Sadler is all set.

Administrator Carpenter advised that Chief Zophy is not at the meeting as he is ill today.

### **Mayor Comments.**

None.

### **Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Lumbrazo wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked the DPW for a job well done during the last storm

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Trustee Rossi read from an article regarding the need for donations to local food pantries and soup kitchens and stated that we need to realize that we also have poor people here and asked the other Board members to take time to see what goes on in our local food pantries and soup kitchen and help if you can.

Trustee Sweeney wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

**Delegations.**

None

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Passed 3 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer