

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
May 4, 2009

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Todd Rouse, Trustee Scott Rapasadi, Theodore Lumbrazo and AnnMarie Rossi; Village Administrator Larry Carpenter; Margo Frink of the Madison Eagle; CHS Students Amy Jaquays, Courtney Messier, Jessica Young, Michael Puliatti, John Carver, Alex Lang, Julie Willis, Jason Rice, Rebecca Mayville and Domilo Shimabuco.

**ABSENT:** Deputy Mayor Charles Sweeney

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the following budget transfers: from 97106.01 (Debt Service on Bond): \$1,500.00 to 10104.01 (Village Board Contractual); \$206.10 to 12104.01 (Mayor Contractual); \$15,217.00 to 36504.01 (Demolition of Unsafe Buildings); \$893.18 to 73101.01 (Youth Programs Personal Services); \$119.82 to 75104.01 (Historian Contractual) for a total to be transferred of \$17,936.10; \$509.47 from 14204.02 (Attorney) to 19905.02 (OCWA Billing Fees). **Discussion:** Trustee Rapasadi asked how the Trustees went over in their line. Mayor Rouse explained that the additional money is for the Joseph Paone dedication plaque. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$36,206.62. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$21,636.09. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to amend the previous motion of April 20, 2009, authorizing Officer David VanDusen to attend firearms training in Cheektowaga, New York from May 18, 2009 - May 21, 2009, to reflect an adjustment in the cost of lodging from \$340.00 to \$368.00 for 4 nights. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to table the request to reinstate Randy Tallman as a member of the Forbes Hose Company of the Canastota Fire Department until we have a full board and the Fire Department liaison is here. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adopt the attached Resolution supporting smoke free movies. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with the Canastota Children's Council in the amount of \$10,000.00 for fiscal year 2008-2009 and to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payment in said amount. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Show of Love in the amount of \$175.00 for a performance to be held at Stoneleigh Apartments on June 22, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse advised that this is part of the senior program under our Recreation Department. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Standard Agreement for Professional Services with Laberge Group for services relating to the Zupan Salvage and Recycling, Inc. Restore New York grant application in an amount not to exceed \$6,700.00 for services, plus expenses not to exceed \$335.00, which said cost of services and expenses are to be paid to the Village of Canastota by Zupan Salvage and Recycling, Inc. **Discussion:** Mayor Rouse reminded the Board that the Village is acting as the Grant Applicant on behalf of Zupan Salvage and Recycling, Inc. Any costs associated with the Grant Application are the responsibility of Zupan Salvage and Recycling, Inc.

Motion by Trustee Lumbrazo, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Operations & Maintenance, Inc. for the operation and maintenance of the Waste Water Treatment Facility for a period of five (5) years from execution at the monthly rate of \$15,625.00 for operation and routine maintenance services, and such other amounts as are consistent with the terms of said Agreement. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Rossi, seconded by Trustee Lumbrazo, to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to send a wire transfer to Hasler, Inc. in the amount of \$200.00 for postage. Passed 4 to 0.

CSX Bridge Painting Contract - Mayor Rouse informed the Board that he would be meeting with representatives of CSX on Thursday at 1:00 regarding the contract for the painting of the bridges. The Mayor showed the Board a picture of what the bridges will look like. CSX will donate \$75,000 to the Village toward the cost of painting the bridges once we have executed the contract. Mayor Rouse pointed out that CSX does not normally pay to paint these bridges, but as a result of the recent derailment, we have successfully negotiated this with them. The \$75,000 will cover the cost of painting both sides of the bridge over South Peterboro Street, the prep work, doing the concrete and putting bird repellent on the rafters on the sidewalk sections. The Village does have to pay CSX for safety costs in the approximate amount of \$12,000. We do not believe that we will need any of their flagmen and we are hoping that we can get the fee waived at the meeting on Thursday. We may have to cut the check in the beginning, but we should get

most all of it back once the project is complete. Trustee Rossi asked who was going to do the painting. Mayor Rouse stated that Holt Painting Company out of Syracuse will be doing the work. Trustee Rossi asked how many companies do this type of painting. Mayor Rouse stated that we had one other bid in the amount of \$120,000. Mayor Rouse explained that the contract gives us the authority to paint both bridges, Peterboro and Main, but that for right now we are only painting Peterboro Street as that is all that we have the money for.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract with CSX keeping in mind that there is no money being expended by the Village. Passed 4 to 0.

Trustee Rossi asked the Mayor if CSX would allow the Village to landscape the banks around the bridges. Mayor Rouse advised that we can't move any earth and that any trees that we want to cut down can only be cut to the ground - we can't remove the stumps or roots.

Operation Dump Truck - the Mayor asked everyone if they had the chance to look at the proposal from the last meeting. Trustee Rapasadi stated that this was a great program for our residents and that it provide some relief for the DPW with brush pick up. The Mayor advised the Board that drop of times would be changed to be at the convenience of the DPW. Trustee Lumbrazo asked if the truck had a tarp. The Mayor indicated that the truck does have a tarp and reminded the Board that this program was only for trees and brush.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize the Operation Dump Truck program for the Village. Passed 4 to 0.

Trustee Rapasadi asked how we were going to get the word out to our residents. Margo Frink of the Madison Eagle stated that she would do a story for her paper. Mayor Rouse would like us to put the forms and information on the website.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter from the Canal Corporation regarding hours of operation for the Canal system.

### **Administrator**

Administrator Carpenter is all set.

### **Mayor Comments**

Mayor Rouse advised that after our last meeting, he spoke with the Fire Department regarding the NYS requirement that firemen need a CDL to drive a fire truck in everything other than

emergency situations. The Mayor understands that there is a provision in the 2009-2010 State budget that would allow fire trucks to be driven by firemen who do not possess a CDL when the truck is returning from an emergency. Also, there is pending legislation that may give other relief from this requirement. Trustee Rossi asked if we have any firemen with CDL's. Mayor Rouse indicated that we did not have many.

Mayor Rouse wanted to emphasize to the Board how cooperative and generous CSX has been to our community. They have donated money to the Boxing Hall of Fame and to the Children's Council as well as to the Village to restore the walking trail. They gave additional money to the Village to paving the walking trail. Now they are giving money to have the bridge painted and we are still working with them regarding the acquisition of property near the fire house. Mayor Rouse told the Board that if we think that we may want to paint the other bridge on Main Street, we should include it in the contract. If we don't believe that we will ever do it, we may not want to put it in the contract. Trustees Rapasadi and Rossi think that we should put it in contract. The Mayor stated that we should think about putting the money away toward the future costs.

The Mayor spoke with the Board about his idea to use property owned by the Village behind the Business Park and along the railroad bed for recreation fields. We have been trying to find land for soccer and football fields. The paving of the trail has opened the opportunity for using the area behind the Business Park. Mayor Rouse showed the Board aerial pictures of the area on which he had indicated where the fields might go, where we could take unsold lots in the business park where we could put a pavilion or other building and have parking. He suggested that as a fund raiser we could solicit donations toward benches or picnic tables to be placed along the trail and we could call it Memory Walk. The Mayor would like a motion to look at getting a landscape architect to look at the project and provide a conceptual drawing.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to authorize a conceptual drawing. Passed 4 to 0.

The Mayor wants to make the Village web site more interactive and wants to put more information out there. He is redoing his page and wants new pictures of the Trustees and updated information for their pages. Mayor Rouse would also like to update the links on our website - he would like us to be linked to more related websites and for them to be linked to us. Trustee Rossi suggested that we speak with George Puglisi. He has taken many pictures in the Village and he may have something for the website. Jessica Young, a CHS student, advised that her photography teacher may have some pictures that we could use. Administrator Carpenter will get in touch with the teacher.

Village Historian David Sadler advised that Arcadia Publishing Company has contacted him about doing a picture book on the Town of Lenox. He will need to supply the pictures and captions. Dave will be donating the proceeds to the Canal Museum. Dave will also be

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exhibiting at the Madison County Fair on behalf of the Village of Canastota, the Town of Lenox and the Town of Stockbridge. Mayor Rouse asked Dave to let the Village know if there is anything that we can do to assist with the book or the exhibit.

The Mayor advised the Board that there was an issue with the color that the police vehicle was available in. Administrator Carpenter added that the Chief would like to have the vehicle in black so that there is consistency in the color of the vehicles and the officers' uniforms. The car was not available in all black, but does come in black and white for an additional cost of up to \$1,000.00. This will be a 1-time cost at the time the vehicle is delivered.

### **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Lumbrazo is all set.

Trustee Rapasadi would like to see our downtown store owners clean up their store fronts before the Memorial Day Parade..

Trustee Rossi is working with the Girl Scouts with their project for Clark Park. They would like to put a bench in the Park. The Mayor suggested that they work with the DPW for help with the concrete pad that the bench should be bolted to. He also suggested that the bench be constructed of something other than wood so that it will be less affected by the weather.

The Mayor advised that there will be a meeting of the Bicentennial Committee tomorrow.

### **Delegations.**

None.

Motion by Trustee Rapasadi, seconded by Trustee Rossi, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer