

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
AGENDA  
September 09, 2020

Mayor DeShaw called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carla DeShaw, Deputy Mayor Bill Haddad, Trustee Jeff Carpenter, Trustee Rosanne Warner, and Trustee Bill McDade (remote), Village Administrator Jenn Farwell, Police Chief James Zophy, Fire Chief TJ Tornatore, Doug Chandler from Fire Company and Jeff Watkins.

**ABSENT:** None

Motion by Trustee Haddad and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve minutes from the August 17, 2020 Board meeting. **Discussion:** Trustee McDade stated that on the minutes from August 17, 2020 that Trustee Warner was listed as both present and absent. Trustee Warner stated that she was not at that meeting and Mayor DeShaw stated that we would have the minutes corrected. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve the following budget modification: increase 81302.02 (Sewer Treatment Plant, Equipment/Capital) by \$35,704.00. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter and second by Trustee Haddad to approve the following budget modifications: increase 3978.01 (NYSERDA Grant) by \$32,207.50; increase 39892.01 (Codes Equipment/Capital) by \$32,207.50. **Discussion:** Trustee Haddad asked how long till we get the vehicle and Administrator Farwell stated 12-16 weeks. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$78,059.33. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Warner and Passed by Trustee Haddad to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$39,223.80. Passed 5 to 0.

**Delegations**

Mr. Watkins stated that he saw several DPW people working late and getting overtime the other night. He stated that maybe the DPW should plan things out better and ask for assistance from other municipalities so we do not incur the overtime. Administrator Farwell explained that we normally do not have overtime in the summer but our road paving was pushed forward a week and we were only given 3 days notice. Was also stated we did use the Town of Lenox, Town of Lincoln and Madison County Highway to help with hauling.

Completion of the SEQR short form for the property exchange with The Louis J. Bruno Residual Trust. **Discussion:** Administrator Farwell read the SEQR and Mayor DeShaw answered on behalf of the Board. Trustee Warner reviewed the map and Police Chief Zophy explained the new parking. Motion by Trustee Haddad and second by Trustee Warner to approve the SEQR. Passed 5 to 0

Motion by Trustee Haddad and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve the Resolution Approving a Contract of Exchange of Real Property between the Village of Canastota and The Louis J. Bruno Residual Trust. Passed 5 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

Resignation letter from Part Time Police Officer Jeremy Reynolds.  
Resignation letter from Part Time Police Officer Ashley Walker

### **Administrator**

9/11 Ceremony will be virtual live streaming on Facebook and You Tube.

Administrator Farwell reported she will order the new electric car for Codes Department on 9/10/20 which was cover by the NYSERDA Grant.

Car chargers are installed as of today, they are functioning and will charge usage plus 20%; just waiting for signs to come in and put on post.

Trailer Masters (formally Kristi Trailer site, which Drain Masters purchased) requesting a Zone change from the Board to go from Industrial A to Industrial B. They would like a small show room and capability to have customer come pick up the trailers. Mayor DeShaw stated that Code Officer has the authority on this issue and that attorney Langey is also reviewing this; she would like a motion for a public hearing. Motion by Trustee Warner and second by Trustee Haddad to set public hearing for 9/21/20 at 7:30 pm. Passed 5 to 0.

### **Mayor**

Main Street grant is moving forward. Abraham building has been painted and they are waiting for doors to be installed.

They have scheduled the removal of the asbestos from the Fruit Market building which will be in 3-4 weeks. When they remove the front of the building Joe DeGeorgio would like to be there to watch it come off, historical event. Once the front is off, it will get redone with brick and glass and they are also doing an apartment upstairs.

Taylor Law is getting new windows and new front is getting put up.

Myers building has been primed and putting in white board which will be painted.

Chinese restaurant will get a new roof, window and signage along with chair rail.

Farr Brother building is having the brick uncovered, paint removed. They are working to see about having a rooftop bar. Want to put small tanks in the building to show how the brewing is done, will need a special-use permit for that. They are also making small and large meeting rooms along with a welcome center. Mural will stay on the building. They are trying to figure out where to put the handicap access. Once they are done, we need to help them with Grand Opening

Al Rusitano is getting a nice upscale apartment and a new front of the building to look like the late 1800's

Interviewed three candidates for the Planning Grant on Canal Street from Main to Diamond. Would like a motion to move forward with the EDR. Motion by Trustee Haddad and Second by Trustee to approve the EDR in the amount of \$60,000. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad and second by Trustee Warner to approve Antonio J. Tornatore as new Fire Chief.

Deputy Clerk/Treasure Galavotti swore in new Fire Chief Antonio J. Tornator.

Mayor DeShaw stated that we are moving forward with the Fire Department ceiling bid with MEID in the amount of \$22,990.00; amount was increased due to material pricing going up; Tony Palamera approved the paint that will be used. Town of Lenox gave money towards the Fire Department projects. Administrator Farwell is looking into the bid that MEID sent in for the windows because their price was so much lower than the rest; need to verify they were quoting the right windows. Mayor DeShaw recommends to do ½ of the windows this year. **Discussion:** Trustee Warner asked how long it would take to paint and was told approximately a week.

Mayor DeShaw read the proclamations of service for both Trustee Haddad and Trustee Warner.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Haddad stated that he was disappointed about the 9/11 Ceremony and that we can not do it in person. Thanked the Board for working with all of them over the past 8 years. Trustee Haddad read the Proclamation for Mayor Carla DeShaw.

Trustee Carpenter thanked the Mayor and Trustees Haddad and Warner for their time and learning and stated we will continue to move forward.

Trustee McDade asked about the graffiti on Spencer St Park and Administrator Farwell stated it was being taken care of.

Trustee Warner thanked everyone for the great experience. She asked if we can put West Hickory and Pleasant on the list for paving next year. She asked about the new business going into where The Toast was and Mayor DeShaw stated that they have signed a contract.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Trustee Warner and second by Trustee Carpenter to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Passed 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Galavotti  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer