

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
TOWN OF LENOX
MINUTES
June 7, 2021

Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Rosanne Warner; Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Carpenter; Trustees Jeffrey Watkins and Bill McDade (6:50); Village Administrator Jenn Farwell; Lenox Supervisor Rocco Diveronica; Lenox Councilmen Dick Wimmer and Tom Bush; Wampsville Mayor Jerry Seymour; Wampsville Trustees Ellen Bowe and Doug Bailey; Madison County Sheriff Todd Hood; School Board Member Wesley Hood; Residents Scott Blanchard, and Don Perretta; and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

ABSENT: Village Trustee Doug Gustin; Town Councilmen John Hadyk and Tony Palamara.

Skate Park and Bathrooms.

Supervisor Diveronica advised that the Skate Park is being cleaned and will be evaluated in the next few weeks. He has information about how to lease it to the Village on a long-term basis - possibly 50 years. Supervisor Diveronica noted that NYS Parks Association took over the park and he needs their permission to do anything with it. Trustee Watkins asked if the work will be completed. Supervisor Diveronica advised that it will - they are starting on the bowl and they are not doing anything on the back. They have the material and will buy more if they need it. He does not think it will open, but if he gets it fixed and it is ready and the Village wants it, he will open it. Wes Hood asked if we can get money from Parks and Rec. Supervisor Diveronica noted that we cannot get any more as we already got money from them. Trustee Carpenter asked about how this affects the proposed Dog Park. Supervisor Diveronica advised that the Dog Park will stay under the Town's jurisdiction. He is waiting for the fence and putting stone dust and drain pipes to drain the area to the ditch. This should be done in the first part of July. Mayor Warner noted that she had a phone call about the Dog Park last week. Supervisor Diveronica advised that the Dog Park cost about \$40,000 - \$50,000 and is coming from leftover money from the State. He talked about how the money came to be. Mayor Warner noted that she is hoping that people will stop walking their dogs at the ball fields at the Rec Park. Supervisor Diveronica advised that the Town is putting in more dog waste stations on the Rail Trail. Wampsville Mayor Seymour believes that he has an extra dog station that he would give the Town to use on the Trail. Supervisor Diveronica advised that they are also running water from the Skate Park back to the Dog Park. Wampsville Trustee Bowe asked if the Skate Park becomes part of the Village, will the Lenox kids still be able to attend. Mayor Warner confirmed that they would and stated that all of the Town of Lenox will be able to use it. Trustee Bowe stated that her son has been wanting to use the Skate Park. Supervisor Diveronica talked about the staffing issues that he has had at the Skate Park. Trustee Bowe noted that the older kids at the Park are very good to the younger kids. Supervisor Diveronica would like to bring back the sessions that they had on Saturday mornings where the older kids taught the younger kids. Mayor Warner asked Supervisor Diveronica to let the Village know when he hears back from Attorney Langey.

(Discussion on the bathrooms was suspended to allow Sheriff Hood to speak with the Boards regarding cannabis legislation. It will be resumed thereafter.)

Cannabis Opt In/Out.

Sheriff Hood spoke with the Board about the cannabis law. It is anticipated that municipalities will receive \$2,000 in revenue for every \$100,000 of sales. The Sheriff read from the Colorado report on marihuana legalization. He talked about how to legislate this and the requirements for regulating where this can be sold. Sheriff Hood and the board talked about the fines and arrests and how they will work. The Sheriff reviewed what is legal and what is not. He stated that he is opposed to allowing the sale and is opposed to legalization of marihuana. Doug Bailey talked about the Dram Shop Law as it applies to alcohol and asked if it still existed and would the municipality be held accountable under this Law if it allowed marihuana to be sold or consumed within our jurisdiction. Mayor Warner talked about the information that she received at the Mayors' meeting last week. She believes that you can either be a dispensary or a consumption site but not both. Trustee Carpenter asked about the requirements for people who have a fire arms permit with marihuana.

Sgt. Barton stated that if we do not allow the sale of it here, the people will just go where it has been allowed and bring it back here. Mayor Seymour noted that you can opt out but it doesn't take much to put it on for referenda. Supervisor Diveronica asked if we can control it with zoning. The Boards discussed how the revenue would be split.

Sheriff Hood suggested that we designate non-smoking areas throughout the Village. The Board discussed how and where to legislate this. Wes Hood asked about management of this at the schools.

Skate Park and Bathrooms (cont'd).

Supervisor Diveronica stated that we need to make a bathroom handicap accessible. The Town will buy the material and asked the Village to help with the work in the fall/winter. Mayor Warner asked if we can do the work. Administrator Farwell advised that Foreman Maxwell will be looking at it and will let her know what we can do and what we cannot do. Supervisor Diveronica stated that what we cannot do they will hire out. Administrator Farwell believes that our guys would be able to do most everything except moving the bricks to widen the doors. Supervisor Diveronica gave the drawings to the Village Board to review.

Mayor Seymour would like the Village of Wampsville involved in future meetings. Sheriff Hood advised the Boards that the City of Oneida had a law firm come in and give a presentation on the cannabis opt in/out legislation.

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Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee McDade, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Passed 7 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams

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Clerk/Treasurer