

**VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
March 1, 2021**

Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Rosanne Warner; Trustee Doug Gustin; Trustee Jeff Carpenter; Trustee Watkins; Police Chief Zophy; Administrator Jenn Farwell and Bruce Burke PAC 99.

Remote: Trustee Bill McDade (log in late at 7:40) ; Patti Lyman; Sarah Forth.

**ABSENT:** None.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter and second by Trustee Watkins to approve minutes from the February 17, 2021 meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins and second by Trustee Gustin to approve minutes from the February 22, 2021 joint meeting with the Town of Lenox. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve minutes from the February 22, 2021 budget meeting. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$60,116.52. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Watkins to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$10,459.39. Passed 4 to 0.

**Public Comments**

None

Sarah Forth from the Recreation Department stated that the snowman contest went well with 10 people entering. They would like to use some of the money from the craft fair line to do a minute to win it package of 5 games; looking for \$260. People would register and the money would cover games for up to 30 families. Games would encourage families to stay home and play games. Money is for the supplies. Trustee Carpenter stated the money is in the budget. Motion by Trustee Watkins and second by Trustee Gustin to allow the Recreation Department to use \$300 from the craft fair line for the minute-to-win-it game. Passed 4 to 0.

**Open Public Comment to allow residents to comment about Police Reform and Reinvention Plan 7:15 pm**

Mayor Warner asked if anyone on the Board had any comments. Trustee Gustin stated that it is extremely comprehensive, residents should be pleased. Mayor Warner stated a thank you to Chief Zophy and Administrator Farwell for all their hard work on this.

Sarah Forth from Recreation stated that little league came to a meeting and presented a plan on what they would like to do to the old OWCA pole barn. Mayor Warner stated the currently the building is full and that the Village has some ideas for the building. Trustee Watkins stated that should the building be used for all recreation not just little league. Sarah stated we could use it for multiple sports. Mayor Warner stated that in 2024 our DPW building is having repairs for 8-12 months and the DPW guys will need to use that building.

Motion by Trustee Watkins and second by Trustee Carpenter approving a credit in the amount of \$366.53 in favor of Shareefeh Marji, against the sewer charges on the December 31, 2020, OCWA bill for premises located at 301 Roberts Street, Canastota. (Note: The reason for the excess water consumption was reported as leaks in the toilets/sink/tub that have been corrected.) Pass 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Watkins approving a credit in the amount of \$121.63 in favor of Carol J. Weimer c/o Thomas Pilcher, against the sewer charges on the December 31, 2020, OCWA bill for premises located at 146 West Center Street, Canastota. (Note: The reason for the excess water consumption was a leaking toilet in a vacant house that has been corrected.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee approving a credit in the amount of \$1,070.80 in favor of Richard Smith against the sewer charges on the December 31, 2020, OCWA bill for premises located at 302 High Street, Canastota. (Note: The reason for the excess water consumption was reported as a toilet leak that has been corrected.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Carpenter approving a credit in the amount of \$61.90 in favor of Mark Galavotti, against the sewer charges on the December 31, 2020, OCWA bill for premises located at 133 East Chapel Street, Canastota. (Note: The reason for the excess water consumption was reported as a toilet leak that has been corrected.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter and second by Trustee Gustin approving a credit in the amount of \$193.85 in favor of Renee Claflin, against the sewer charges on the December 31, 2020, OCWA bill for premises located at 417 New Boston Street, Canastota. (Note: The reason for the excess water consumption was reported as a toilet leak that has been corrected.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Watkins approving a credit in the amount of \$273.67 in favor of Stephen L. Perry, against the sewer charges on the December 31, 2020, OCWA bill for premises at 135 E Center Street, Canastota. (Note: The reason for excess water consumption was due to a leaking hot water tank that has been corrected.) Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins and second by Trustee Carpenter approving the attached Resolution Making a Determination of Environmental Non-significance Under the New York State

Environmental Quality Review Act and Enacting Local Law 2021-1 to Amend the Zoning Code of the Village of Canastota. Passed 4 to 0

Motion by Trustee Watkins and second by Trustee Gustin approving the attached Resolution Making a Determination of Environmental Non-significance Under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and Enacting Local Law 2021-2 to Amend the Zoning Code and Zoning Map of the Village of Canastota. Passed 4 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter and second by Trustee Watkins approving the attached Resolution to hold a Public Hearing on March 15, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. to consider the attached proposed local law entitled, "A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c for the 2021-2022 fiscal year." Passed 4 to 0.

Mayor warner read the Problem Gambling Awareness Proclamation.

Discussion regarding a request from Greystone Castle to use the Spencer Street Pool parking lot on Saturday June 12, 2021. Mayor Warner asked if any discussion, Trustee Watkins said as long as permits are in place he has no issues. Mayor Warner verified that the Food Trucks would be in their parking lot.

Trustee McDade logged in at 7:40

Motion by Trustee Watkins and second by Trustee Gustin to approve payments totaling \$5,409.35 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from December 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin and second by Trustee Carpenter to approve payments totaling \$898.31 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from January 1, 2021 – January 31, 2021. Passed 5 to 0.

### **Correspondence**

Received minutes from Beautification and they will meet with Debreques about the cost of the flowers for this year. Fire Department sent letter requesting approval to send out their annual letter for fund raising. Mayor Warner stated she just wanted to review the letter first.

### **Administrator**

Administrator Farwell stated that there had been some issues with Auctions International, the issues have been fixed and we will list items by end of month.

Interviews for Recreation position went well, Administrator Farwell, Mayor Warner and Trustee Gustin interviewed three people and one that they are interested in offering the position to.

Working on the phone system with Char from Town of Lenox; we have received estimates and working with Northland to come and check out our switch and boards to make sure we have

everything we need to get switched over. If there is a power issues they have the ability to have main phone lines switched to a cell phone for each department.

LWRP meeting for Erie Canal project met at the fire department; meeting went well with good conversation. Scheduling a meeting for stakeholder's business owners and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the people from the village.

### **Mayor**

Mayor Warner is working on the budget and parking issues with the municipal parking lot. She stated she found a motion where we bought the property but no agreement stating that tenants could use the parking lot for overnight parking. There is nothing with the Town of Lenox and nothing on the Deed.

### **Trustee Comments**

Trustee Carpenter – none

Trustee Gustin – none

Trustee McDade – none

Trustee Watkins - none

Motion Trustee Watkins and second by Trustee McDade to adjourn meeting at 7:53 pm. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Galavotti  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer