

**VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA  
MINUTES  
September 20, 2021**

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

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Carpenter; Trustees Jeffrey Watkins and Douglas Gustin; Sgt. Sean Barton; Fire Chief TJ Tornatore; Residents Maryanne Varre, Robert Musacchio, Kaleigh Varre and Kayla Coffin; and Bruce Burke of PAC 99 .

**ABSENT:** Mayor Rosanne Warner; Trustee Bill McDade.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, meeting. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021, meeting. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021, meeting. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Watkins, approving the following budget transfer: move \$3,740.16 from 71101.01 (Recreation Personal Services) to 73104.01 (Recreation Contractual). (Note: These funds are being moved to accommodate expenses for the Spencer Street barrier free park that the Board discussed at the last meeting.) Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve the attached General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$63,175.43. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to approve the attached Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$31,731.11. Passed 3 to 0.

**Public Comments.**

Maryanne Varre, Robert Musacchio, Kaleigh Varre and Kayla Coffin approached the Board regarding the property at 506-508 State Street. They asked about the status of the appeal on the decision from the Village of Canastota Court and they described some of the problems that the neighbors had with the tenants at this property. Trustee Watkins advised that because it is in the Court's hands, there is nothing that the Board can say. The residents asked if we can speak to their concern about the loss of property value. Trustee Watkins stated that we need to let the Court play out. The property owners asked if there is something that can be done about the dog that is owned by the neighbors - the dog warden does not do anything about the problems with the way that the tenants take care of the dog. The neighbors would like the property owner to take action to remove the tenants from the property. Deputy Mayor Carpenter advised the neighbors that we hear them and

~~the process that is followed might be more timely if it is made~~  
process harder, but that the process is being followed. Sgt. Barton spoke to the residents and explained that the process can be slow but it has to be followed. One of the neighbors stated that the residents of 506-508 State Street have placed something that is leaning on her fence and have attached their fence to her fence. Sgt. Barton will speak with the tenants tomorrow about cleaning up the fence line and disconnecting their fence from her fence. Sgt. Barton will have the County check on the dog as they contract with the SPCA for these services.

**Department Heads.**

Fire Chief Tornatore advised that the Fire Department is working on specs for the new truck - it should be done by next week. Clerk/Treasurer Williams asked if the Fire Department was still considering fish fry fundraisers this fall - Fire Chief Tornatore stated that they were not.

Sgt. Barton has nothing other than his report that was submitted. Trustee Watkins asked if Officer Correnti is up to speed. Sgt. Barton advised that he is all set.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve payments in the amount of \$9,689.78 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transaction from August 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021. Passed 3 to 0.

**Discussion regarding additional trees for removal.**

Trustee Watkins asked why these were not put in with the prior request. The Board discussed what to do with these. They will put the discussion off until the next meeting.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, approving the attached Application for Corrected Tax Roll from Madison County regarding tax map number 36.63-1-2 known as 160 Center Street, removing the \$23.75 Sewer Unit Charge, \$1.68 penalty and \$2.00 late fee, and authorizing Clerk/Treasurer Williams to sign the Application. Passed 3 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to approve the reinstatement of Markus Labarbera into the Canastota Volunteer Fire Department pursuant to the attached request. (Note: A copy of his driver's license has been received.) Passed 3 to 0.

**Correspondence.**

- Tree letter regarding 301 Park Street.

**Trustee Comments.**

Trustee Gustin reported that he and the Mayor met with the Truck Committee from the Fire Department - they had a lot to discuss. They brought the paperwork from Stadium International for them to look at. Trustee Gustin also advised the Board that some members are having trouble getting online for the Sexual Harassment Training.

Trustee Watkins asked what "#3" means on the tree request. Clerk/Treasurer Williams did not take the request and does not know what it means or who put it there.

Clerk/Treasurer Williams advised that COVID protocols are back in place.

**Adjourn.**

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to close the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Passed 3 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams  
Clerk/Treasurer