VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 31, 2026

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

Present: Mayor Rosanne Warner; Deputy Mayor Doug Gustin; Trustees Jeff Watkins, Bill Haddad and Lori Torrey; Village Administrator Jeremy Ryan; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Caitlin Farr; and Recreation Leader Cherie Bealer.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Watkins, approving the following as a consent agenda:

- Budget transfer: $1,300.00 from 13204.01 (Auditor) to 12104.01 (Mayor Contractual); $750.00 from 13204.01 (Auditor) to 14204.01 (Attorney); $6,396.38 from 83504.01 (Village Contribution) and $4,467.25 from 14101.01 (Clerk Contractual) to 31201.01 (Police Personal Services)
- Loan from General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of $7,150.00 for the payment of expenses incurred in the LWRP II Grant
- Payment of the following abstracts:
    - General Fund Abstract in the amount of $70,555.72
    - Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of $25,390.23
    - Capital Fund Abstract in the amount of $7,150.00
- Payment to Accu Data from General Fund Account No. 16204.01.155 (Payroll Service): $151.56 for payroll dated 3/19/26 and $191.21 for payroll dated 3/26/26
- Destruction of court records indicated on the attached list pursuant to the request of Judge Finocchiaro

Passed 5 to 0.

Public Comments

None.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, appointing Debra DiGeorge as Clerk to the Justice effective April 13, 2026 at the hourly rate of $30.00. (Note: This is a temporary appointment with 10-15 hours a week anticipated until a full-time permanent Clerk to the Justice can be hired to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Isabella Rogmans-Pineda.) Passed 4-0-1; Trustee Watkins abstains from vote.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Gustin, approving the attached Training Request from Mayor Warner to attend the NYCOM Annual Meeting from May 13, 2026 to

May 15, 2026 at a cost of $500 for the registration and $500 for hotel accommodations, plus meals not covered and mileage at the approved rates. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Torrey, approving the attached resolution introducing proposed Local law B of the year 2026, a Local law amending Chapter 216 of the Code of the Village of Canastota to Designate Certain Streets and/or Portions of Streets in the Village as Parking Prohibited at All Times. (Note: A roll call vote is required.)

Mayor Warner: aye.
Deputy Mayor Gustin: aye.
Trustee Watkins: aye.
Trustee Haddad: aye.
Trustee Torrey: aye.

Passed 5 to 0. Trustee Haddad notes that the School Superintendent did not know we were doing this. He also notes that he thought we (the Village) was sending a letter to the school. Neither Mayor Warner or Administrator Ryan recall discussing sending a letter. Trustee Haddad filled the Superintendent in.

Presentation of the Mayor's Tentative Budget for fiscal year June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027 to the Board of Trustees.

Mayor Warner notes that the budget currently reflects all department "wishes" but that only one (1) truck is in for DPW Foreman Holdridge. Administrator Ryan notes that the boxes on the current service truck are rusting. Trustee Haddad points out that the bond for the fire truck is not included. Mayor Warner confirms and states that it is not yet added per Clerk/Treasurer Cathi Williams.

It is noted that the numbers for the IT contract have not been decided yet so the number in the budget could change.

Trustee Watkins would like to see quotes from both Chevrolet and Dodge for the DPW truck and would like to know the reason for the cab size. Administrator Ryan will get the info from Foreman Holdridge and Village Mechanic Niles.

Mayor Warner states that she will leave decision up to the Trustees on whether or not to raise stipend for the Village Historian.

Trustee Watkins questions the total budget for recreation. He askes if we charge more for town residents at the pool? The answer is no. Trustee Watkins would like to see the Fire Department budget to be spilt 50/50 with the Town of Lenox. He also notes that he wants to see departments spending their money. It is also noted by Trustee Watkins that the recreation budget is $177,000 but the Town of Lenox only gives $45,000. Trustee Watkins would also like the Town of Lenox to give more for this budget/would also like it to be split

50/50. Mayor Warner says wait till next year to ask, noting that it is Supervisor Samsel's first year.

Trustee Haddad would like to know why we do not charge the town for the Police Department. Both Mayor Warner and Trustee Watkins explain that the Village Police Department does not have jurisdiction in the Town of Lenox.

Administrator Ryan questions what Village residents receive from the Town of Lenox with town taxes. Mayor Warner notes that they receive vital statistics, dog licenses and access to the Assessor.

A discussion is had on increases and the tax cap. Trustee Haddad states that if we do not raise the tax cap, we will be paying to catch up in the future. Administrator Ryan confirms and adds that NYCOM is telling municipalities to raise the tax cap. Mayor Warners states that she knows this.

Another brief discussion is had on the recreation budget regarding the Town of Lenox needing to contribute more.

Trustee Watkins questions why there is no raise for the Trustees. Mayor Warner says it is up to them to make that decision. Trustee Watkins notes that the Town of Lenox receives $7,500 per year for 1 meeting a month. He would like the Village Trustees to be at $7,000 per year and the Mayor to be at $12,000 per year.

Note: Discussion is paused for public hearing.

7:25 p.m. Public Hearing on Local Law A-2026, a Local law amending Chapter 105 ("Fire Prevention") of the Code of the Village of Canastota to Designate the Village of Canastota Code Enforcement Officer as the Village of Canastota Fire Marshal.

Mayor Warner asks three (3) times if anyone is there to speak for or against Local Law A-2026. No comment is made by the audience.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, to close the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Watkins, approving the attached Resolution adopting Local Law 3 of the year 2026, a Local Law amending Chapter 105 ("Fire Prevention") of the Village of Canastota Code to Designate the Village of Canastota Code Enforcement Officer as the Village of Canastota Fire Marshal. (Note: a roll call vote is required.)

Mayor Warner – aye.
Deputy Mayor Gustin – aye.

Trustee Watkins – aye.
Trustee Haddad – aye.
Trustee Torrey – aye.

Passed 5 to 0.

7:30 p.m. Public Hearing on Local Law C-2026, a Local Law to amend Section 179-10 of Article II of Chapter 179 of the Code of the Village of Canastota.

Mayor Warner asks three (3) times if anyone is there to speak for or against Local Law C-2026. No comment is made by the audience.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to close the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Haddad, approving the attached Resolution adopting Local Law 2 of the year 2026, a Local Law to Amend Section 179-10 of Article II of Chapter 179 of the Code of the Village of Canastota concerning dumpsters. (Note: a roll call vote is required.)

Mayor Warner – aye.
Deputy Mayor Gustin – aye.
Trustee Watkins – aye.
Trustee Haddad – aye.
Trustee Torrey – aye.

Passed 5 to 0.

Discussion regarding the Mayor's Tentative Budget resumes.

Trustee Watkins wants $7,500 for Cherie as the Recreation Leader. Mayor Warner would like to see at least $8,000, leaning closer to $10,000. Trustee Haddad states to go with $7,500 for now and continue to raise.

Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to schedule a public hearing on the tentative budget to be held on April 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. (Note: Trustee Haddad asks why the time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Mayor Warner notes that it is so it is held before the regular Board meeting. A discussion regarding the time is had.) Motion by Trustee Haddad, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to amend the motion changing the time to 7:05 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Warner asks if the Board would like to hold a budget workshop prior to the public hearing. It is decided by the Board to hold a budget workshop on April 7, 2026 at 4 p.m. It is noted that Trustee Watkins will not be able to attend the workshop and would like

highlights of the meeting sent to him. Deputy Clerk Farr and Clerk Williams will notice this workshop.

Correspondence.

The Board reviewed the attached correspondence and had no comment.

Mayor Warner received a thank you from NBT. NYMIR cannot beat the pricing we receive from OneGroup for insurance but they sent some suggestions. Trustee Haddad would like the suggestions passed on to OneGroup.

Mayor Warner briefly fills the Board in regarding a sewer issue at 216 Wilson Ave owned by Kevin Robinson. It is noted that the sewer goes out the back of the property and that the property owner would like to switch it to the front. Mayor Warner notes that Mr. Robinson will be attending the meeting on April 15th to speak with the Board.

Administrator's Comments.

Administrator Ryan reviewed the quotes received the replace the roof on the Police Garage. Mayor Warner would like the Village to go with the 30-year shingles.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to hire Campany Roofing at best roof price for the replacement of the Police Garage roof. Passed 5 to 0.

Administrator Ryan discusses the computer upgrades needed in the Police Department.

Administrator Ryan notifies the Board that there was a spill at Canastota Dairy this past Saturday. Dan Cunningham of CWM has notified the DEC and they are investigating.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Warner notes that she met with EDR about upcoming grants and that they will be coming here to meet. She also notes the following two dates: April 2nd at 5 p.m. for a meeting at the American Legion regarding the 250th Celebration and April 16th at 3 p.m. to walk the Village with engineers. Administrator Ryan adds that the 1st CSEA negotiation will take place on April 15th at 2 p.m.

Trustee's Comments.

Deputy Mayor Gustin notes that the turnout for both the craft fair and the dance was great. He also notes that all members of the Rec. Board were there.

Trustee Watkins has nothing.

Trustee Haddad has nothing.

Trustee Torrey states the resident Dick Smith came in and complained about his neighbor. Administrator Ryan states that Code Enforcement Officer Adsit is aware of the situation and is working on it.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Torrey, to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Farr
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer