

Village of Canton, New York

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: August 1, 2011

Present:

Charlotte Ramsay, Mayor
Mary Ann Ashley, Trustee
Sylvia Kingston, Trustee
Brien Hallahan, Supt.

Jesse Coburn, Trustee
Joseph Frank, Trustee
Sally Noble, Village Clerk

Absent:

7:30 PM – The Mayor opened the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Resolution – SUNY Canton – The Mayor asked if there was a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Keeping Our SUNY Canton *Our* SUNY Canton (see page _____). Trustee Frank made the motion and Trustee Kingston seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Town/Village task force to advocate for SUNY Canton – The Mayor said through conversations with Supervisor Button they are suggesting a seven (7) person committee. There would be four (4) representatives from the Town and three (3) from the Village. Trustee Kingston would be one of the town's representative's and Trustee Ashley is interested in being one of the Village representatives. The Board was in agreement on these points. There was also a discussion of other possible members.

Linda McQuinn, Director of Economic Development, said intern Emily Bell is working on a webpage, www.saveoursunycanton.us that would include twitter and facebook access to keep the community informed.

Discussion of Parks and Recreation grant - The Mayor informed the Board that it is not feasible to submit two (2) grants for the same pot of money we need to pool our efforts. She is suggesting the Village would be the lead agency and Linda McQuinn has agreed to administer the grant if the Board agrees. There is a 10% administrative fee allowed. It is a reimbursement type grant.

The grant request would include work on the Remington Trail, trail enhancements such as a natural playground area, a learning center, trail improvements behind the school along Woods Drive and also a trail connecting to Maple Wood. There would be a pavilion at Maple Wood that would be available to the community. The employees of Maple Wood have collected \$50,000 towards the pavilion.

Linda McQuinn said that if we received the grant we could pave the entire walking trail at once. The 25% match does not have to be monetary it can consist of labor and contributions also.

Trustee Ashley expressed concern about timely reimbursement for our expenses. We would secure a Revenue Anticipation Note (RAN) until reimbursement was received if it was needed. The Board would like to see more information regarding the budget for the project. The dollar amount included in the resolution approved at the last meeting was for up to \$100,000.00. This will need to be corrected as it is anticipated this application will be \$500,000.00. Linda McQuinn will give the Board a proposed budget and a new resolution to replace the previous one for our next meeting.

Trustee Coburn made a motion for the Village to act as lead agency for this application, Trustee Frank seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Ashley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Trustee Coburn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Noble
Village Clerk