

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
February 2, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held at the Town office building, 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie.

Present: Supervisor Herbert Allen, Councilpersons William Armitstead, Judith Burgess, John Toomey, Jr., and Rodney Young; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Highway Superintendent Eric Bowerman, and Joshua Thomas of the Courier-Standard-Enterprise.

Mr. Allen opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and presented the evening's **agenda**. On a motion by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Councilman Toomey, the agenda was approved as presented, by all.

Councilwoman Burgess made a motion to accept the January meeting **minutes** as written. Councilman Armitstead seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

LEGISLATURE

Animal Shelter Contract

The superintendent requested Board approval to sign the annual contract with the Ayres Animal Shelter. The contract amount of \$4500.00 has not changed. Councilman Toomey made the motion to have Mr. Allen sign the contract, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, and approved by all.

Local Law #1, Windmill Law

There was a brief discussion of the new Windmill Law and what more needs to be done with it. A lead agency needs to be named, who will file the SEQR (environmental) reports. Supervisor Allen made a motion to appoint the Planning Board as lead agency. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, and all were in favor.

Audit

Mr. Allen has received a response from the financial auditor that did a report for the Town of Root, saying that he would do an audit of the Court, Clerk and Bookkeeper's books for \$795. He will go back one year. The Board agreed to have Mr. Allen schedule a time in the month of February for the audit to take place.

Dog quarantine

There was a brief discussion of the issue requiring the Town to have a contract in place for the housing of dangerous stray dogs that the shelter will not take. Concerns were aired about the potential expense of even one episode requiring an extended stay at a vet's kennel. Councilman Young will stop to talk to Dr. Chen in Fort Plain.

HIGHWAY

Surplus vehicles

Superintendent Bowerman informed the Council about a program run by the state's Office of General Services. Surplus state vehicles are offered to municipalities before

being offered to the general public, but the Town would need to be registered in order to look at the list.

Councilman Young made a motion to authorize Mr. Allen, alternate Mr. Bowerman, to sign up for the program.

PLANNING/ZONING

Planning board

Robert Crowe has decided not to accept a re-appointment to the Planning Board. Amy, as Planning Board secretary, asked if anyone was interested. Ivor Jones may know of someone; the issue will be tabled until next month.

CLERK

The clerk distributed a report on January tax collection totals for the information of the Council. About 53% of the total tax warrant has been collected, and the Town has been paid its portion.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Bowerman reported on the month's highway activity. There is another meeting with FEMA on Feb. 3 to sign more project worksheets. No money has been received yet, but that is the next step. The work is 95% complete.

The new pickup truck should be here around February 20th. The old truck will be put up for sale, maybe using Auctions International online.

Mr. Allen said he would prefer that bids be opened by the board at a regular meeting, and it was agreed that bids will be reviewed at the April meeting.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for Council approval:

General fund vouchers #33 through #52 totaling \$14,167.44, and

Highway fund vouchers #30 through #51 totaling \$19,017.50

The Bookkeeper's report included several fund transfers.

Councilman Armitstead made a motion to approve all the bill vouchers for payment, and to approve the fund transfers.

Councilwoman Burgess seconded the motion and all were in favor.

On a motion by Councilwoman Burgess, seconded by Supervisor Allen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Smith
Town Clerk