

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
July 5, 2012**

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

Present: Supervisor Herbert Allen, Councilpersons Judith Burgess, John Toomey, Jr. and Rodney Young; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Assessor Charlene Ruskowski, and Highway employee and union steward Terry Dygert.

Mr. Allen opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and presented the evening's **agenda**.

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Councilwoman Burgess made a motion to accept the **minutes** from the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Allen, and all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Toomey made a motion to enter Executive Session in order to discuss collective negotiations. Councilwoman Burgess seconded the motion, and all were in favor; session began at 7:33 PM.

Executive session was ended at 7:45 PM on a motion by Supervisor Allen, seconded by councilman Young, approved by all. No decisions were made.

A second Executive session was opened at 7:46 on a motion by Supervisor Allen, seconded by Councilman Toomey, approved by all, to discuss current litigation.

No decisions having been reached, the Executive Session ended at 8:29.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

Planning Board

Amy Kretser, as Planning Board secretary, reported on recent Planning Board activity.

- There has been no mention as yet of a replacement for retired member Robert Crowe.
- The Planning Board has looked at the issue of hydrofracking and whether or not to ban such activity in the Town. It was concluded that no action is necessary at this time, as the area in question covers only a very small portion of the town, and also because the State is addressing the matter.

Bookkeeper

Ms. Kretser reported that her cash report reflects a gain, and that the finances are "a little better off" due to checks received from FEMA for storm damage cleanup. She will show the most recent one to Highway Superintendent Eric Bowerman when he returns from vacation, to be sure what the check is for, and which fund to assign the reimbursement to.

Shared highway services

Supervisor Allen informed the Council that he is on the committee for gathering data on shared highway services. They will be collecting information from villages, towns and the county in order to make recommendations about sharing services.

County Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is asking for a membership fee of \$280. The Council weighed the merits of belonging when it already belongs to the Canajoharie-Palatine Bridge Chamber, before tabling the issue.

BILLS

The Clerk submitted the following bill vouchers for payment approval:
General fund vouchers #130 through #143, totaling \$15,896.03; and
Highway fund vouchers #161 through #181, totaling \$35,153.75

Councilman Toomey made a motion to accept and pay the bills as presented. Councilman Young seconded, and all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, it was agreed unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Smith
Town Clerk