

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
November 1, 2012**

The Town Council held a regular monthly meeting at the Town office building at 12 Mitchell Street.

**Present** were Supervisor Herbert Allen, Council members William Armitstead, Judith Burgess, John Toomey, Jr., and Rodney Young, Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Highway Superintendent Eric Bowerman, and member of the public Sheryl Kretser.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag, and the Supervisor presented his agenda, which was agreed to with no additions or changes.

**Minutes** of the special meeting from October 18<sup>th</sup> were reviewed, and approved on a motion by Councilperson Burgess, seconded by Councilperson Armitstead.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Contract**

The Supervisor has signed the new employee contract approved last month.

**Propane Supply**

Highway Superintendent Bowerman has reviewed the various propane bids, and also met with Ray Parsons of R. L. Parsons and spoken to a representative of Suburban Propane, the current supplier (no bid was submitted before the deadline by Suburban). There was a discussion about the switching of the holding tanks and whether or not to purchase tanks to get a lower rate per gallon.

Councilperson Toomey made a motion to accept the bid of R. L. Parsons for the coming year's contract, without the purchase of a tank or tanks. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Burgess. All were in favor.

**HIGHWAY**

The Highway Superintendent reported on current highway activity, including that the new truck order is in process.

Mr. Bowerman informed the Council that he has been interviewing candidates to fill the one empty spot on the highway crew, to replace David Hodge, who retired this year. He has narrowed the choices down to two people, and has a couple more questions for each of them before making a decision. He asked if the board needs to approve his choice, and the Supervisor said that the board has already authorized Mr. Bowerman to replace the employee, but does not need to be involved in who is hired.

The Superintendent then went on to request that part time highway employees that are brought on occasionally in the winter have their rate of pay brought up to \$10 per hour. They have been getting the same \$9 per hour since 1998. In a bad winter, the part time people might work 50 to 60 hours.

Councilman Toomey made the motion to raise the pay rate for part time highway employees up from \$9.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Burgess. All were in favor.

#### **PLANNING/ZONING**

Planning board secretary Amy Kretser gave a brief report on Planning Board activity at the October meeting, and said that new Planning Board member Bill Douglass did attend, having been notified by the Town Clerk of his appointment.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Burgess made a motion to enter executive session to discuss assessment litigation. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Allen. All were in favor, and the session began at 8:00 PM.

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, approved by all, the session was exited at 8:40 PM.

No decisions were reached.

#### **BILLS**

The following bill vouchers were presented by the clerk for payment:

General fund vouchers #193 through #208, totaling \$18,183.05; and

Highway fund vouchers #247 through #267, totaling \$28,470.47

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Supervisor Allen, all vouchers were approved for payment, by unanimous decision.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Allen made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, the motion was pass with approval by all. Meeting ended at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Smith  
Town Clerk