

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**April 4, 2013**

The Town Council met for a regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM at the Town office building, 12 Mitchell Street.

**Present:** Supervisor Herbert Allen, Councilpersons William Armitstead, Judith Burgess, John Toomey, Jr., and Rodney Young; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, members of the public Lorraine and Ray Starin, and Joshua Thomas of the Courier-Standard-Enterprise.

The meeting was opened by the Supervisor at 7:30 with the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Toomey made a motion to accept the **agenda** as presented by Supervisor Allen. Councilman Armitstead seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Dog law amendment**

The Supervisor opened the floor for anyone wanting to be heard, for or against, on the topic of the amendment to the Town's dog licensing law which would allow for purebred, or kennel, licensing.

No one appeared to be heard.

On a motion by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Councilman Toomey, all were in favor of approving the meeting **minutes** from March 14.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Recycling**

Supervisor Allen brought the council's attention to the recycling contract from the Town of Minden, which was copied as a template for a contract in Canajoharie. Mr. Allen, having had correspondence with the Town Attorney on the matter, copied the contract for the Council to review and vote on adopting.

Councilman Armitstead made a motion to have the clerk advertize for bids for the recycling contract.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Toomey, and all were in favor. Bids will be opened at the May meeting at 7:40 PM.

**Voting districts**

Councilmen Armitstead and Young reported on their visit to the Montgomery County Board of Elections and subsequent thoughts on the division of the town into voting districts in light of the new legislative districts. Their suggestion was to keep three voting districts by equally dividing the town into east, west, and Village areas. It is the job of the Board of Elections to contact voters and set up polling places.

Councilman Armitstead made a motion to accept the division of the Town into three adjusted voting districts, as described above. Councilwoman Burgess seconded the motion. After some discussion, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

**CLERK**

**Dog law amendment**

Town Clerk Susan Smith distributed copies of proposed language for an amendment to Local Law #1

of 2010, which provides for the licensing of dogs in the town. The purpose of the amendment would be to add the option of a purebred, or kennel, license for people who raise dogs for sale. The clerk also shared the proposed fee schedule, which would be adopted separately by resolution.

After some discussion regarding the option of limiting numbers of dogs, and the question of what control, if any, New York State has over kennels, Supervisor Allen made the motion to move forward with the dog law amendment, contingent upon questions being answered by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the law being reviewed by Town Attorney Doug Landon.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor, and the law will be finalized for review at the May meeting.

### **Postage meter**

The clerk noted that the contract for renting the postage meter in the town office is due for renewal. Councilman Toomey made a motion to renew the 51 month contract, which is being offered at the same price as the prior contract, \$35.00 per month.

After some discussion of options other than using a postage meter, Supervisor Allen seconded the motion. All were in favor, and a new contract will be signed and sent to Pitney Bowes.

### **HIGHWAY**

Supervisor Allen reported that Highway Department activities are being handled well so far by Deputy John Klock. He and Mr. Allen have done payroll and vouchers together. Mr. Klock went to check on the status of the new truck. Currently, the department is picking up roadside garbage.

### **COURT**

Court Clerk Peggy Allen has purchased a safe for the court office with funds secured through a statewide court system grant. This will be used for fine money and the court's laptop.

### **BILLS**

The clerk presented the following bills vouchers for payment approval:

General fund vouchers #67 through #84, totaling \$16,090.06; and

Highway fund vouchers #67 through #89, totaling \$16,443.92

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilman Armitstead, the payment of these bills was unanimously approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Young made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Armitstead seconded, and all were in favor; the meeting ended at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Smith

Town Clerk