

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

May 2, 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, Deputy Highway Superintendent John Klock, and 2 members of the public representing Weaver Sanitation.

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

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

Councilman Toomey made a motion to accept the April 4 meeting minutes. Councilwoman Burgess seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

BID OPENING

Recycling Contract

The following sealed bids for the Town's recycling contract were opened by the clerk:

From Spohn's Disposal: \$13,000 per year

From Weaver Sanitation: \$14,500 per year

From Pollard: \$97,380 per year

The Council looked through the bids and accompanying paperwork, and noticed that Spohn's had neglected to include the required check for 5% of the bid, and that Weaver's check was in the wrong amount. Supervisor Allen said that he would discuss the bids with the Town Attorney before the Council votes to approve one.

HIGHWAY

Radios

Mr. Klock addressed the Council to request authorization to buy 8 new communication radios for the trucks, as the current ones are not legal. The cost would not exceed \$4,000.

Councilman Toomey made a motion to allow Mr. Klock to purchase the radios. Councilwoman Burgess seconded the motion.

There was a discussion about the timing, with regard to budget funds, and Councilman Young suggested the purchase be put off until the next budget year. However, Mr. Allen and Mr. Klock reminded the Council that the license for the radio usage needs to be renewed this year, and it can't be done with the current radios.

All voted "aye" to allow Mr. Klock to purchase 8 new radios, at a maximum cost of \$4,000.

Repair of dump body

Mr. Klock let the Council know that the dump body on the old 10-wheeler needs to be repaired. The cost would not exceed \$2,600. This could be done at Steel Sales in Sherburne,

Massachussets in July, a company recommended by the Town of Sharon.

Supervisor Allen made the motion to have the dump box repaired. The motion was seconded by Councilman Toomey, and all were in favor; motion passed.

Sale of old equipment

Mr. Allen asked for authorization to list the old dump body, along with an old sweeper, online for sale. He estimated the dump body alone to be worth around \$5,000, which would cover the cost of the new radios. On a motion by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Councilman Toomey, the motion passed, and Mr. Allen will place the listings.

Fuel tank inspection

There was a discussion of having the fuel tanks inspected for compliance with DEC regulations. A company called TDR designs will do the inspections for \$784 and ensure all is compliant in case the state does an inspection.

Councilman Young made a motion to go ahead and hire TDR to inspect all the Town fuel tanks. Councilman Armitstead seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Klock reported on the highway department's activity in the last month.

The new truck arrived about 3 weeks ago and is in service. Everything is perfect so far.

Spring work is more than half done, including roadside cleanup. Mr. Klock has been talking to Hanson about resurfacing projects that Eric Bowerman had on his list. Roads to be sealed have been identified. All is going well, in general.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The supervisor called for an executive session to discuss litigation and employee contracts. He made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Councilman Toomey and approved by all. Session began at 8:39.

At 8:59 the executive session was ended on a motoin by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and approved by all.

TOWN CLERK

Dog Law amendment

Town Clerk Susan Smith brought the amendment to the existing Town dog licensing law, which will be Local Law #1 for 2013, back to the attention of the Council. There had been discussion of whether or not to include restrictions on the number of purebreds allowed on one property.

After some discussion of the merits and necessity of restricting numbers of dogs, Councilwoman Burgess made a motion to pass Local Law #1 for 2013, adding purebred licensing to the local dog law, with no restrictions included on numbers.

Supervisor Allen seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The clerk will send the completed law to the New York Department of State to be filed.

Supervisor Allen then sponsored a resolution to set purebred licensing fees as they were under New York State in the past:

Up to 10 dogs----- \$25.00

11 to 25 dogs-----	\$50.00
more than 25 dogs-----	\$100.00

Councilwoman Burgess seconded the motion to so resolve. All voted "aye".

Resolution passed.

BOOKKEEPER

The bookkeeper brought the Council's attention to her monthly cash report, which includes a budget amendment that will require board approval. She also submitted a written report on Planning Board activity at the last meeting.

Ms. Kretser then requested a decision from the Board on whether or not to begin utilizing the option of electronic depositing of funds, for example, for CHIPS money. Asked for her opinion, she told the board that the village has done this, and the money comes in to the accounts sooner, so she would recommend signing up for it.

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilman Young, all were in favor of signing up for electronic depositing of funds to Town accounts.

BILLS

The Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for payment approval:

General fund vouchers #85 through #103, totaling \$18,040.83; and

Highway fund vouchers #90 through #98, totaling \$2,900.83

Councilman Toomey made a motion to approve the above vouchers for payment as presented, and also to approve the Bookkeeper's cash report and budget adjustments. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, and all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Toomey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Armitstead. All were in favor, and the meeting ended at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Smith

Town Clerk

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May 16, 2013

The Town Council met for a special meeting at 7:00 PM at the Town office building, 12 Mitchell Street. The meeting was called in order to discuss recycling contract bids.

Present: Supervisor Herbert Allen, Councilpersons William Armitstead, Judith Burgess, and John Toomey, Jr., and Bookkeeper Amy Kretser.

The meeting was opened by the Supervisor at 7:08 with the pledge of allegiance.

The Supervisor presented the evening's agenda, and asked to add an item regarding disposal of old desks.

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

Recycling bids

Supervisor Allen shared with the Council his correspondence with the Town Attorney regarding some problems with bids opened at the May 2 meeting. The attorney advised that the low bid could be accepted, or the bidding process could be redone.

Councilman Armitstead made a motion to accept the bid from Spohn's Disposal, for \$13,000 per yer. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the contract will be signed (2 year contract beginning June 1, 2013).

BUILDINGS

Lighting

The supervisor brought to the Council's attention that there is a problem with the lights in the supervisor and highway offices upstairs. Upon inspection it was verified that of 6 fixtures, only one works. To replace the ballasts would cost a total of \$264, and 6 new lights would be \$240.

On a motion by Supervisor Allen, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, all were in favor of replacing all 6 lights with new fixtures for a total cost of \$240. Mr. Allen will install them.

Internet wiring and service

After meeting with Frontier representatives about upgrading the internet service and adding new wiring to improve connections, an estimate of \$600. for labor and equipment was received.

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, it was approved by all to have the work done at this cost.

Disposal of old equipment

As the supervisor has been able to secure some new (used) office furniture through a County program, he requested permission to dispose of two old desks that are no longer needed. On a motion by Supervisor Allen, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, it was unanimously agreed to dispose of the two old desks.

LEGISLATURE

Payment of bills before meetings

The supervisor requested authority to pay certain bills ahead of the meeting that have a "discount" date that would be missed otherwise.

Councilman Toomey made a motion to accept such early payments. Councilman Armitstead seconded the motion. After some discussion, all were in favor of allowing payments to be made ahead of the meeting, in cases where a discount can be had, and as long as the department head and the supervisor agree to the payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:39, the council entered Executive Session to discuss updates to the assessment litigation cases. The motion was made by Supervisor Allen, seconded by Councilman Toomey, and approved by all.

At 7:43, the session was ended on a motion by the Supervisor, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, and approved by all.

BILLS

Several bills vouchers to be included on the warrant for June were reviewed and approved for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilman Armitstead, and approved by all, to pay the available bills now instead of waiting until June.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Toomey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Allen. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Smith

Town Clerk