# TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE MONTGOMERY COUNTY September 5, 2013

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

**Present:** Supervisor Herbert Allen, Councilpersons William Armitstead, John Toomey, Jr., Rodney Young, and Judy Burgess; Bookkeeper Amy Krestser; Highway Deputy Superintendent John Klock; Earl Spenser, Robert Rocas, Dale Folmsbee, and other members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Supervisor at 7:35pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Toomey made a motion to accept the **agenda.** Councilman Armitstead seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

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

**OPEN SEALED PAINT BIDS:** Supervisor Allen opened two sealed paint bids:

- 1. Ronald Dodson bid in the amount of \$9,975.00.
- 2. All-In Painting Co. submitted a bid in the amount of \$4,750.00.

Supervisor Allen requested to table decision on paint bids—Councilman Armitstead moved to table. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Supervisor Allen opened public comment by advising those present that they may speak on any subject, but to please limit their remarks to 3 or 4 minutes per speaker.

Earl Spenser spoke to commend the Board regarding considering moratorium on dog kennels in Town of Canajoharie.

Dale Folmsbee from Ayers Animal Shelter gave letter to the Board from the Ayers Animal Shelter Board, and the laws governing dog kennels in the Town of Root. Urged the Board to use Town of Roots laws as a guide.

Robert Rocas suggests to make a regulation committee—look at existing laws that are written

Supervisor Allen explains in depth what a moratorium is. Moves for a public hearing for a moratorium regarding dog kennels in Town of Canajoharie on September 16, 2013. Councilman Toomey seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Councilman Young also explains what a moratorium is. Young assures the public in attendance that the Board know what the public sentiment is regarding dog kennels. Woman in audience suggests to send a public survey to residents of Town of Canajoharie to see

how the residents feel about dog kennels in Town of Canajoharie.

Supervisor Allen informed the public that copies of the proposed law regarding dog kennels will be available in the Town Clerk's office.

## HIGHWAY

Deputy Highway Superintendent Klock states they have been concentrating on flooding cleanup, mowing, and discussed the shoulders on Old Fort Plain Road.

### LEGISLATURE

Workers' Compensation costs expected to increase \$2,000.00 Increase in lawyer's fees Councilmen Young and Toomey are to look over the fire contract Tax base growth factors submitted

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, the Council entered executive session at 8:15PM to discuss assessment litigation.

At 9:03PM, Councilman Allen made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Councilman Armitstead and approved by all.

There was discussion regarding the fire contracts. Negotiations will proceed further.

### BILLS

The Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for payment approval:

General fund vouchers #157 through #173, totaling \$12,799.15

Highway fund vouchers #179 through #201, totaling \$83,039.09

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, all were in favor of paying the bills presented.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Supervisor Allen, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, all were in favor of ending the meeting at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman Deputy Town Clerk