

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**March 13, 2014**

The Town Council met for a regular monthly meeting at the Town Hall building, 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, New York.

**Present:** Supervisor Herbert Allen, Councilpersons Judith Burgess, John Toomey, Jr., and Rodney Young, and William Armitstead; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Highway Superintendent David Hodge, William Douglass from the Planning Board, GAVAC representatives.

The meeting was opened by the Supervisor at 7:30, and the evening's agenda was presented

**On a motion** by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilman Armitstead, the **agenda** was **unanimously approved**.

**On a motion** by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilperson Burgess, the February minutes are to be amended to include interest figures within the resolution, all in favor and **unanimously approved**.

**On a motion** by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Councilman Toomey, the February minutes are to be amended to correct resolution #2 to renumber it resolution #3, all in favor and **unanimously approved**.

**On a motion** from Supervisor Allen, seconded by Councilman Toomey, the February minutes are to be amended to correct resolution #3 to renumber it resolution #4, all in favor and **unanimously approved**.

**On a motion** by Supervisor Allen, seconded by Councilman Toomey, the **minutes** of the February meeting as amended were **unanimously approved**.

**Public Comment**-None

Presentation by Thomas P. Pasquarelli, Jr., Executive Director of GAVAC/SAVAC ambulance company. Informed town Council that the Villages of Canajoharie and Fort Plain have switched ambulance providers from Mid-County to GAVAC due to Mid-County's financial and quality of care/service problems. Requests that the Town Board consider following suit. GAVAC is the least expensive ambulance service in Montgomery County, but provides excellent standards of care, including narcotics and highly trained paramedics in the ambulances. Informed the Board that a resolution would be required to designate them as the primary first responders for the Town.

William Douglass, Planning Board Chairman, speaks regarding a proposal made by JR's Auction on Dygert Road. Speaks on behalf of the Planning Board. JR Auction proposes auction out of the parking lot. Mr. Douglass is concerns include, but are not limited to traffic, noise, sewage. He already has contacted the County regarding the drainage area of the land. Has questions regarding whether or not the land is deemed agricultural or zoned commercial; also expresses desire for impact study, and who pays for it. Councilman Toomey suggests finding an attorney to inform the Board what the requirements would be for an impact study.

**RESOLUTION #5 OF 2014**  
**Aubrey McMahon as Alternate to Planning Board**

WHEREAS, the Town of Canajoharie see the need to have an alternate to the Town Planning Board

WHEREAS, Local Law allows alternates, which would be appointed for two (2) years by the Town Board

WHEREAS, the alternate would sit on the planning board when there is a member absent

WHEREAS, the alternate would have voting powers when a member is absent

RESOLVED: The name of Aubrey McMahon is submitted to be alternate on the planning board.

SPONSOR: Supervisor Allen

SECOND: Councilman Armitstead

VOTING: approved by unanimous voice vote

**RESOLUTION #6 OF 2014**  
**Approval of Town Court 2013 Financial Books and Records**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Canajoharie was presented with the 2013 financial books and other records of the Town Court of Canajoharie during the Town meeting on February 20, 2014, and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council found these books satisfactory and complete,

RESOLVED: the Town Council hereby approves the financial books and records of the Town Court for the year 2013.

SPONSOR: Supervisor Allen

SECOND: Councilman Armitstead

VOTING: approved by unanimous voice vote

Discussion by Town Board regarding GAVAC presentation and request. Resolution #7 adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION #7 OF 2014**  
**Designation of GAVAC/SAVAC as Official First Responder for Emergency 911 Calls**

RESOLVED: the Town Council hereby approves the designation of GAVAC/SAVAC as the official first call ambulance service in the Town of Canajoharie for emergency 911 calls. This resolution precedes any prior resolution that may have come before regarding designation of first responders in the Town of Canajoharie.

SPONSOR: Councilman William Armitstead

SECOND: Councilman John Toomey

VOTING: Approved by unanimous voice vote

Discussion about reevaluation---determined it would not be done this year; plan to be done in 2015 for the 2016 tax rolls; Need to find monies to fund the reevaluation.

Supervisor Allen mentions the need for zoning signs throughout the Town. He will look into the cost.

Councilman Toomey discusses proposed change to the procurement policy. **On motion**, proposes to change guideline #3 to indicate two quotes are needed for purchases over \$500.00, seconded by Councilman Armitstead, all in favor and **unanimously approved**.

**Planning Board**-next meeting is March 24, 2014

Supervisor Allen met with County Executive Matt Ossenfort regarding puppy mills/kennels. Mr. Ossenfort advised to let the County deal with the issue, not the Town Planning Board.

Supervisor Allen stated that a new computer was given to the Highway Superintendent. Town Board gives permission for Supervisor Allen to recycle old computer.

**Highway Superintendent**-requests permission to on-line auction the Walters, snow blower, tractor, and generator. So moved by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Supervisor Allen, all in favor and unanimously approved.

**Town Clerk**- presents letter to Town Board from the Boy Scouts' Twin Rivers Council for a fundraising dinner to be held in April, for anyone interested.

**Motion** to Pay Bills by Supervisor Allen, seconded by Councilman Armitstead, all in favor and **unanimously approved**

General Fund vouchers numbered 50 through 72 totaling \$16,458.68

Highway Fund vouchers numbered 61 through 81 totaling \$26,081.05

**8:59PM Executive Session**-so moved by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Supervisor Allen, all in favor. Discussion of Beech-Nut, and John Klock retirement; 9:02PM, Executive session ends.

Councilman Toomey **moves** to pay John Klock for vacation time before March 31<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Councilman Young, all in favor and **unanimously approved**.

9:03PM-Councilman Young **moves** to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilman Armitstead, all in favor, and **unanimously approved**.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman  
Town Clerk