

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

August 14, 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., William Armitstead and Rodney Young; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser; Highway Superintendent David Hodge; Sole Assessor Charlene Ruskowski

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

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

On a motion by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilperson Burgess, the **minutes** of the July meeting were **unanimously approved**.

Motion by Councilman Armitstead and seconded by Councilman Toomey to amend the agenda to have Executive Session before all other Town Business, **unanimously approved**

Motion by Supervisor Allen and seconded by Councilman Armitstead to enter Executive Session, all in favor and **unanimously approved**

7:31pm-Executive Session

7:45pm-Motion to exit Executive Session by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilman Armitstead, all in favor and **unanimously approved**

Supervisor Allen to make appointment with the Vincelette Law Firm regarding litigation

Public Comment-No public in attendance

Supervisor Allen informs the Board that the moratorium regarding dog kennels/puppy mills is set to expire September 30, 2014. The County will not have anything in effect until October. Supervisor Allen suggests an extension of the moratorium for a year.

Motion by Councilman Toomey to advertise to extend the moratorium for a year in Local Law #3 for 2014, seconded by Councilman Armitstead, all in favor and **unanimously approved**

Public Hearing set for September 11, 2014 at 7:30pm to establish Local Law #3 extending the moratorium regarding dog kennels/puppy mills for a year

Discussion to update BAS tax collection system to include on-line payment system and on-line tax history system. The total start-up cost is \$3,480.00 which includes software, system configuration and training, and annual maintenance, hosting, and support fee. BAS is willing to accept 50% partial payment now, and the remainder of payment by January 1, 2015. Also, the first year hosting and support fee is included in the total start-up cost.

Motion by Supervisor Allen to purchase software update for the tax system, seconded by Councilperson Burgess, all in favor and **unanimously approved**

Supervisor Allen updates the Board on the Town Court construction project. Hoping to use grant money to also replace Town Clerk's office door and the two Courtroom doors. Board agrees.

Information meeting scheduled for September 3, 2014 at 10:00am with Sole Assessor Ruzzkowski, Supervisor Allen, and Bob from NYS regarding reevaluation procedures. Supervisor Allen will get specs to the Board. Councilman Young wanted clarification that the reevaluation is actually going to proceed—he thought the Board was still in the information gathering stage. He is concerned with how the Town is going to pay for the reevaluation. Board discusses possible payment options, with no decision at this time. Supervisor Allen reads Resolution #9 which states that the Town Board approves the reevaluation.

Highway Superintendent-informs the Board that he contacted Parsons regarding purchase of propane tank-Parson's will sell the tank for \$2,500.00, however, the Town would be responsible for its' maintenance, regulation, etc. His fixed rate will be .10-.15 higher in November. Weekly delivery is necessary in winter.

Appraiser looked at the roof. Can get reimbursed by insurance for the tin, but not for the timber. Can go by estimates and not bid it out.

New 2-ton truck will be delivered in two weeks.

Minden Highway Superintendent found a \$20,000.00 wood chipper; He'd like to know if the Town of Canajoharie would like to own half of it. Something to think about.

Superintendent Hodge is going to speak with Ms. Conard regarding land for new town garage.

Supervisor Allen asks for any suggestions regarding the propane fuel issue. Councilman Toomey asks if Superintendent Hodge has asked around for other tank prices; Councilman Young states that the Town should own its' own tanks as you can choose to buy propane anyplace. Superintendent Hodge states that it is a new propane tank. Recommends getting a fixed rate, and weekly delivery a must in winter.

Bookkeeper-

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
CASH REPORT JULY 31, 2014

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 18,743.48	General	\$220,567.99
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$ 55,707.43
Consolidated Health	\$ 15.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$155,394.23</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$ 89,954.75	Total	\$431,669.65
Highway Part Town	<u>\$ 7,754.88</u>		
Total	\$ 116,508.25		

CASH REPORT (continued)

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,503.22
Highway Cap Reserv	\$ 69,917.07
Gen-Cap Reserve	\$134,617.72
Gen-Sale of Land	<u>\$ 53,797.93</u>
Total	\$259,835.94

BUDGET TRANSFERS

FROM	TO	Amount
A1990.4 Contingency	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual	\$1,000.00
“ “ “	A1670.4 Printing/Mailing	\$ 500.00
“ “ “	A7510.4 Historian Contractual	\$ 30.00
“ “ “	A5132.4 Garage Contractual	\$3,000.00
“ “ “	A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance	\$ 577.86
DB9030.8 Emp Ben-Soc Sec	DB5110.1 Gen Rprs Personal	\$ 299.95

Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

Town Clerk-Thanks Town Board for approving tax software

Motion to Pay Bills by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilperson Burgess, all in favor **and unanimously approved**

General Fund vouchers numbered 153 through 164 *totaling \$9,088.87
(*please note, #161 deleted due to being a duplicate bill-LV)

Highway Fund vouchers numbered 174 through 197 *totaling \$30,754.83
(*please note, Town Bookkeeper noticed overpayment of Voucher #166 in Abstract 7, therefore, merchant has applied the overpayment to Voucher #177, and issued a credit check back to the Town in the amount of \$95.77-LV)

8:25-Councilman Toomey **moves** to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilperson Burgess, all in favor, and **unanimously approved**.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman
Town Clerk