

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

November 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., William Armitstead; Councilman Rodney Young not in attendance; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser; Highway Superintendent David Hodge;

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

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

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

7:31pm-Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget- Supervisor Allen asks if anyone in attendance would like to speak about the proposed preliminary budget. No public comment.

7:32pm-Public hearing closed

Public Comment-Canajoharie Village Mayor Frances Avery asked the Town Board if the Town would be interested in joining with the Village a study for a shared/joint highway garage. The cost for each municipality would be \$2,000.00. Mayor Avery introduces grant writer, Mr. Zabowski. Mr. Zabowski describes various grant money that he has acquired for the Village. He informs the Board that New York State is encouraging consolidation projects. Mr. Zabowski indicates the process is 2-step: 1. Do a study to see if a joint garage is cost effective to both municipalities, and 2. Go ahead with the joint project. Mayor Avery affirms that it would be a joint effort for sharing the building only, not highway equipment.

Motion to Adopt the Preliminary Budget by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor ayes, unanimously passed and approved**.

SUMMARY OF 2015 TOWN BUDGET

<u>Code</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriations And Provisions For Other Uses</u>	<u>Less Estimated Revenues</u>	<u>Less Unexpended Balance</u>	<u>Amount to Be Raised By Tax</u>
A	General	<u>\$309,620.00</u>	<u>\$91,380.00</u>	<u>\$19,500.00</u>	<u>\$198,740.00</u>
B	General- Outside Village	<u>\$28,986.00</u>	<u>\$21,555.00</u>	<u>\$2,431.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
DA	Highway- Townwide	<u>\$478,634.00</u>	<u>\$340,095.00</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$108,539.00</u>
DB	Highway- Outside				

(CONT.)	Village	<u>\$433,999.00</u>	<u>\$272,055.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$136,944.00</u>
S	Special Districts:				
	Village of Ames	<u>\$35,006.40</u>	<u>\$35,006.40</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Village of Canajoharie	<u>\$35,006.40</u>	<u>\$35,006.40</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	South Minden	<u>\$3,712.80</u>	<u>\$3,712.80</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Consolidated Health District	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$1,295.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$1,326,264.60</u>	<u>\$798,815.60</u>	<u>\$78,226.00</u>	<u>\$449,223.00</u>

SCHEDULE OF SALARIES OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Article 8 of the Town Law

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>Supervisor/Budget Officer</u>	\$6,680.00
<u>Town Clerk/Tax Collector/RMO</u>	\$21,024.00
<u>Highway Superintendent</u>	\$39,243.00
<u>Councilmen (4), each</u>	\$1,545.00
<u>Justice</u>	\$6,180.00

Motion for Highway Superintendent to Pay Gas Card Bill before Town Board meeting by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, all in favor ayes, unanimously approved.

Motion for Town Supervisor to Sign Health Insurance Contract by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Councilman Toomey, all in favor ayes, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Allen explains to Town Board of Montgomery County Sheriff report on possible puppy mills complaint; The Sheriff informed the complainant that as long as the dogs were housed, watered and fed, there was no criminal action. However, Supervisor Allen reminds the Board that a moratorium is in effect. He has given the Town Code Enforcement Officer and Town Dog Officer copies of the police report. Supervisor Allen has met with Legislator Martin Kelly—a notice of hearing on a County-wide kennel law is forthcoming.

Supervisor Allen asks the Board to look over the Association of Towns energy cooperative information before the December meeting.

Supervisor Allen informs the Board that three more doors are to be replaced in the Town Hall, and a doorbell to be installed at the back door.

Motion to do Joint Study with Village for Shared Highway Garage and Mr. Zabowski as Grant Writer by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, all in favor ayes, unanimously approved.

Highway-Superintendent Hodge gives the Board two prices to purchase a plow for the new truck 1. \$5940.00 installed at a place in Ft. Edward; 2. \$6,005.00 installed for a Boss plow with safety features on Snells Bush Rd. He recommends the plow with additional safety features.

Motion by Councilman Toomey to purchase the Boss plow, seconded by Councilperson Burgess, all in favor ayes, unanimously carried.

2002 International Truck needs tires. Gives Board two estimate prices for just tires: 1. \$1,288.20 at Webb's shop; \$1,266.86 at the Tire Shop

Informs the Board about a tire leasing program offered to municipalities.

Town Clerk-Informs the Board that the new on-line tax system is up and running. Also informs the Board that on-line tax payment is being set up in anticipation of January's tax collection.

Bookkeeper-

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
CASH REPORT OCTOBER 31, 2014

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 54,509.72
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 15.28
Highway Town Wide	\$ 54,554.84
Highway Part Town	<u>\$ 99,609.55</u>
Total	\$208,729.25

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$195,584.52
Highway Town Wide	\$ 55,710.25
Highway Part Town	<u>\$135,405.08</u>
Total	\$386,699.85

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Consolidated Health	\$ 1,503.33
Highway Cap Reserv	\$ 69,922.36
Gen-Cap Reserve	\$134,627.90
Gen-Sale of Land	<u>\$ 53,802.00</u>
Total	\$259,855.59

BUDGET TRANSFERS		
From	To	Amount
A1990.4 Contingency	A1335.4 Assessor Contractual	\$ 500.00
A1990.4 Contingency	A1490.4 Town Clerk Contractual	\$1500.00

BUDGET AMENDMENTS		
	Increase Expenditure	Amount
Increase Revenue		
SF2680 Insurance Recovery	SF3410.4 Fire Protection	\$133.02

8:05pm-Executive Session

8:15pm-Executive Session ends

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

General Fund vouchers numbered 193 through 218 totaling \$28,749.53

Highway Fund vouchers numbered 243 through 272 totaling \$96,244.97

8:35pm-Councilman Toomey moves to adjourn meeting, **seconded** by Councilperson Burgess, all in favor, and **unanimously approved**.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman
Town Clerk