

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

**January 15, 2015**

The Town Council met for a Special Meeting to open sealed bids for a town-wide reevaluation process at the Town Hall building, 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, New York.

**Present:** Supervisor Herbert Allen, Councilpersons Judith Burgess, John Toomey, Jr., Rodney Young, and William Armitstead; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Sole Assessor Charlene Ruszkowski, Village of Canajoharie Mayor Francis Avery

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 Councilwoman Burgess, the **agenda** was **unanimously approved**

Three sealed bids were received in the office of the Town Clerk:

**1<sup>st</sup> Bid Opened by Town Clerk:**

**John Bonanno on behalf of Municipal Assessment Services**

Bid amount: \$180,000.00

-copies distributed to the Board members for review

Mayor Avery informs the Town Board that the Canajoharie Village Board is in total agreement and support with the reevaluation process the Town is to implement

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bid Opened by Town Clerk:**

**Michael Maxwell on behalf of Maxwell Appraisal Service**

Bid amount: \$149,000.00

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Bid Opened by Town Clerk:**

**F. Cindy Baire on behalf of GAR Associates**

Bid amount: \$140,000.00

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**Motion** by Supervisor Allen to interview all three companies, no seconds, **motion dies**

**Motion** to interview Municipal Assessment Services and GAR by Councilman John Toomey, **seconded** by Councilperson Burgess, voting as follows: Supervisor Allen-Aye, Councilman Armitstead-Aye, Councilman Toomey-Aye, Councilperson Burgess-Aye, Councilman Young-abstain; **Motion carried**

Supervisor Allen sets interview date for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 10:00am at 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie

Assessor Ruszkowski will ask the State if the Town can announce award or reject award on February 12, 2015 instead of February 16, 2015

Supervisor Allen informs the Board that the Court has money remaining from their grant. He has received a proposal from Haig's General Contracting to replace windows in the courtroom, Court Clerk's office, Town Clerk's office, Bookkeeper room, and Assessor's office. Town would pick of remaining costs after grant money is depleted

-Town Board decides to hold decision until February meeting

Supervisor Allen and the Board discusses the advantages of repealing Local Law #2 of 2014 which overrides the Tax Cap of 2015

**Resolution #4 of 2015 to Repeal Local Law #2 of 2014 which overrides the Tax Cap of 2015**

**Sponsor: Councilman Armitstead**

**Second: Councilman Toomey**

**All in favor unanimous Ayes, carried**

**8:16pm- Motion** to adjourn special meeting by Councilman Young, **seconded** by Councilperson Burgess, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman  
Town Clerk