

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

January 8, 2015

The Town Council met for a regular monthly meeting, and for the reorganization meeting for 2015

Present: Supervisor Herbert Allen, Councilpersons: Judith Burgess, John Toomey, Jr., and Rodney Young; (Councilman William Armitstead not in attendance), Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Highway Superintendent David Hodge and Joshua Thomas of the Courier-Standard-Enterprise

The meeting was opened by the Supervisor at 7:31pm, and the evening's agenda was presented

On a **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilwoman Burgess, the **agenda** for the organizational portion of the meeting was **approved**

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Resolution #1 2015

Sponsor: Councilman John Toomey

Second: Councilman Judith Burgess

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie must make various appointments for town operation in the coming year,

Resolved, the following appointments are made effective immediately:

Town Attorney: Douglas Langdon, Esq.

Bookkeeper: Amy Kretser

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer: Les Hassan

Town Historian: Kathy Hanford

Planning Board Chairman: William Douglass

Animal Control Officer: Steven Fredenburg

Health Officer: Brian Hall, P.A.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair: David Shults

Zoning Board of Appeals: Daniel Voght-5 year term

Planning Board Member: Aubrey McMahon 7 year term to end December 2021

Board of Assessment Review Member: Catherine C. Smith term to end September 2019

Board of Assessment Review Member: vacant at this time-term to expire September 2017

Further resolved, the following miscellaneous assignments are made:

Official newspaper: The Amsterdam Recorder and the Courier –Standard-Enterprise

Official depository: NBT Bank

Mileage reimbursement rates: per IRS rules, as altered through the year

Highway Superintendent may purchase according to Town procurement policy

Utility bills, Insurance, postage, credit cards, and gas cards may be paid ahead of monthly council meeting when they are received

Salaries of part-time employees set to \$10.00 per hour

Resolution #1 was unanimously approved and adopted.

7:34pm Adjournment of organizational meeting to regular Town Board meeting

7:34pm-Call to order of regular meeting and **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilperson Burgess to adopt agenda which included the addition of scheduling a Special Meeting for January 15, 2015 at 7:30pm for opening reevaluation bids, **all in favor, carried**

Motion by Councilperson Burgess, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, accepting the December 2014 meeting minutes, **all in favor, carried**

Public Comment-None

Resolution #2 of 2015

To Add Piggyback Contracts and Best Value to the Procurement Policy

Sponsor: Supervisor Allen

Seconded: Councilperson Burgess

All in favor, unanimous Ayes, carried

Superintendent Hodge requests from the Board that his procurement be increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00

Resolution #3 of 2015

Resolution by Canajoharie Town Board Accepting Contract for Snow Removal and Ice Control and Grass and Brush Mowing on County Roads Beginning January 1, 2015 and Ending December 31, 2016

Sponsor: Councilman Young

Seconded: Supervisor Allen

Whereas, the Commissioner of Public Works of this County has submitted a contract for the removal of snow and ice control and mowing of grass and brush from county roads within the Town of Canajoharie under Section 135A of the Highway Law, now therefore be it and it

Resolved, that pursuant to Section 135 A of the Highway Law, this Board accept the contract for snow removal and ice control and grass and brush mowing, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the aforesaid contract

All in favor, unanimous Ayes, carried

Supervisor Allen requests permission from the Board to sign the Ayres Animal Shelter contract, NYS Department of Transportation letter regarding permits and working next to state highways, and the contract with the Village of Canajoharie for \$1.00 for payment of snow removal on the front sidewalk

Motion by Councilman Toomey to sign the above contracts/letter, **seconded** by Councilperson Burgess, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes, carried**

Agreement for expenditure of highway moneys

The Highway Superintendent brought the annual agreement for expenditure of highway moneys to the Council for signature approval.

Supervisor Allen sets reevaluation bid openings on January 15, 2015 at 7:30pm. Purpose of special meeting is to select company(ies) to interview

Supervisor Allen hopes to have an additional BAR member appointed by the special meeting

Supervisor Allen will research about repealing the local law which overrides the tax cap; Councilman Young concerned about hurting the taxpayers in the next budget

Supervisor Allen and Superintendent Hodge are investigating mobile software for the Superintendent to use; Also, looking into a digital time clock to improve record keeping

Supervisor Allen presents letter of concern about compressor station to be built in the Town of Minden by town resident, Anne Norman

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Hodge requests that the Board consider splitting the cost of the purchase/maintenance of a wood chipper with the Town of Minden Highway Department. Minden purchased the chipper from Auction International for \$7,100.00. If both Minden and Canajoharie share the services, Minden stores it, and Canajoharie cost is only \$3,550.00.

Motion by Supervisor Allen to authorize shared purchase of wood chipper with Town of Minden, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes, carried**

Superintendent Hodge requests the purchase of a 10ft sander for the new truck; [He would put the 7ft sander on the pickup truck, if approved]. First bid in the amount of \$7,785.00 for 9ft spreader; Second bid for \$7,585.00 for 10ft model; Councilman Young concurs as long as it is in the Highway budget for purchase

Motion by Councilman Young to purchase 10ft spreader in amount of \$7,585.00, **seconded** by Councilperson Burgess, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes, carried**

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Vroman informed the Board of the Association of Towns Annual Meeting in New York City, if interested.

Elected office terms expiring December 31st of this year:

Town Justice: Philip J. Gizzi, Jr.

Councilmember: Judith Burgess

Councilmember: John Toomey, Jr.

BOOKKEEPER

Planning Board did not meet in December

Requests budget transfers

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE CASH REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2014

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 23,397.49

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$170,593.68

Fire District	\$ 39.86		Highway Town Wide	\$ 15,712.09
Consolidated Health	\$ 15.28		Highway Part Town	<u>\$135,411.42</u>
Wide	\$ 5,980.08	Total	Highway Town	\$321,717.19
Highway Part Town	<u>\$14,080.77</u>			
Total	\$ 43,513.48			

(cash report continued)

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	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual	\$ 100.00
A1990.4 Contingency	A1450.4 Election Contractual	\$1891.91
A1990.4 Contingency	A1910.4 Insurance	\$5300.23
A9060.8 Emp Ben-Health	A1910.4 Insurance	\$ 615.77
B7410.4 Library Contr	B9010.8 Emp Ben-Retirement	\$ 123.00
DA1990.4 Contingency	DA5130.2 Machinery Equip	\$3330.76
DA5140.1 Brush/Weeds Pers	DA5130.2 Machinery Equip	\$2674.24
DA5140.1 Brush/Weeds Pers	DA5130.4 Machinery Contr	\$2000.00
DA5140.1 Brush/Weeds Pers	DA9010.8 Emp Ben-Retirement	\$5016.56
DA5142.1 Snow Rem-Pers	DA9010.8 Emp Ben-Retirement	\$3085.44
DB5110.4 Gen Rprs Contr	DB9010.8 Emp Ben-Retirement	\$8103.00
DB5110.4 Gen Rprs Contr	DB9060.8 Emp Ben-Health Ins	\$1167.12

Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

Motion by Councilman Toomey for budget transfers, **seconded** by Councilperson Burgess, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes, carried**

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #1 through #23, totaling \$45,998.81;

Highway fund vouchers #1 through #16, totaling \$9,511.23

On a **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilperson Burgess, the bills were **unanimously approved** for payment.

8:40pm-Motion to enter **Executive Session** by Councilperson Burgess, **seconded by** Supervisor Allen, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes**

8:50pm-Motion to come out of **Executive Session** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded by** Councilperson Burgess, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes**

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Councilman Young, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk