

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**February 12, 2015**

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: William Armitstead, Judith Burgess, John Toomey, Jr., and Rodney Young; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Highway Superintendent David Hodge, Canajoharie Village Mayor Francis Avery; Simmons Recovery Consulting Representative Ryan Frykholm; Dan Clancy

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 **approved, all in favor, and carried**

On a **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, the January meeting minutes was **approved, all in favor, and carried**

**Public Comment-** Dan Clancy from the local snowmobile club apologizes to the Highway Superintendent and the Board for snow on the road, however, did not feel the Superintendent's reaction was appropriate; Superintendent Hodge apologizes for being abrupt, but also explains that he is ultimately the one responsible for the safety and integrity of the Town roads; Both Mr. Clancy and Mr. Hodge exchange phone numbers to alleviate any problems in the future and to work together.

Representative from Simmons Recovery Consulting, Ryan Frykholm, explains how his company represents municipalities in order to receive FEMA reimbursement funding; Explains that his company can help the Town with the Happy Hollow retaining wall, culvert, and private bridge project; His company is paid an hourly fee, that gets reimbursed in whole or in part through the FEMA reimbursement; Also describes Cuomo's Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and the requirement to file a HUD guideline to receive 25% reimbursement; Has been meeting with Superintendent Hodge regarding the Happy Hollow project and how FEMA has now taken money away from the project on January 15<sup>th</sup>—the Town has until March 15<sup>th</sup> to respond—his company can help; Suggests that RFP for bidding be done by the Town.

**Reevaluation Proposals-** Supervisor Allen asks the Board to decide upon which company the Town will use for the reevaluation process, either GAR or Municipal Assessment Services (MAS); Councilman Armitstead states he was impressed with MAS, and they have the lowest bid; Councilwoman Burgess agrees; Mayor Avery also is pleased with MAS

**Motion to Accept Municipal Assessment Services bid** by Councilman Armitstead , **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor, unanimous ayes, and carried**

Supervisor Allen presents procurement policy updates to the Board; Explains that the updates are highlighted; Councilman Toomey suggests voting on updates at March Board meeting; Updated procurement policy to be decided upon at March meeting

## **RESOLUTION #5 OF 2015 RENEWING 2013 TRUCK BOND**

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie is renewing of Bond for 2013 truck;

Whereas, the principal amount of the Bond is \$148,462.00 with accrued interest of \$2,969.24, for a total of indebtedness of \$151,431.24;

RESOLVED: the Town Council authorizes its' Town Supervisor to pay \$40,000.00 plus interest in the amount of \$2,969.24, for a total of \$42,969.24, to reduce the principal amount of the Bond and renew the remaining balance of \$108,462.00 on said Bond, for a new one (1) year term.

SPONSOR: Councilman William Armitstead

SECOND: Councilman John Toomey

VOTING AYE:

Supervisor Herbert Allen

Councilman William Armitstead

Councilman John Toomey

Councilman Rodney Young

Councilwoman Judith Burgess

Laurie M. Vroman

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**Motion** to appoint Lori Shults to Board of Assessment Review for a two year term by Supervisor Allen, **seconded** by Councilwoman Burgess, **all in favor, unanimous ayes, carried**

**Motion** to authorize Superintendent Hodge to sign contract with Town of Minden to share wood chipper by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilwoman Burgess, **all in favor, unanimous ayes, carried**

**Motion** to authorize Superintendent Hodge to sign \$25.00 two-year contract with Auctions International by Supervisor Allen, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, unanimous ayes, carried**

Supervisor Allen reintroduces to the Board the estimate of replacing the windows in the Town Hall with the remainder of the Court grant, and Building funds; Councilman Young is concerned about the quality of the windows, could the Supervisor please find out the brand of the window; Decision on window replacement to be made at March meeting

**Motion** to enter in agreement with Simmons Recovery Consulting by Councilwoman Burgess, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, unanimous ayes, carried**

**Highway Superintendent:** Issues previously discussed during meeting

**Bookkeeper:**

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
CASH REPORT JANUARY 31, 2015  
AS OF 2/10/15

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 182,011.77
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 15.28
Wide	\$ 98,136.20
Highway Part Town	<u>\$162,252.75</u>
Total	\$442,455.86

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$170,596.89
Highway Town Wide	\$ 5,712.46
Highway Part Town	<u>\$115,413.72</u>
Highway Town	\$291,723.07

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Consolidated Health	\$ 1,503.43
Highway Cap Reserv	\$ 49,661.67
Gen-Cap Reserve	\$134,636.50
Gen-Sale of Land	<u>\$ 53,805.43</u>
Total	\$239,607.03

BUDGET TRANSFERS FISCAL 2014

From	To	Amount
A9060.8 Emp Ben-Health Ins	A1220.4 Supervisor Contractual	\$ 976.80
A9060.8 Emp Ben-Health Ins	A4020.4 Registrar Contractual	\$ 24.00
A9060.8 Emp Ben Health Ins	A1110.4 Justice Contractual	\$ 341.38
DA5142.1 Snow Rem/Weeds Pers	DA5148.4 Serv Other Govt's	\$1339.21
DA5148.1 Serv Other Govts-Pers	DA5148.4 Serv Other Govt's	\$1572.41
DA9010.8 Emp Ben-Retirement	DA5148.4 Serv Other Govt's	\$1710.87

These are the FINAL transfers for fiscal 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Informs the Board that the Town Warrant in the amount of \$449,223.00 was fulfilled on January 26<sup>th</sup>; The first payment to the County in the amount of \$1,356,156.21 was made on February 11<sup>th</sup>; 53% of the total warrant has been collected; There has been 12 online payments made, and the online tax bills and receipts are well received

Mayor Avery spoke with the grant writer regarding the project for a joint Town/Village garage—the rules have changed, and in order for grant money, the workforces need to be merged; The proposed project is now dead

Supervisor Allen informs the Board that Mr. Roehr from the County will speak at the March meeting regarding consolidation and shared services

## **BILLS**

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #24 through #44, totaling \$16,536.40;

Highway fund vouchers #17 through #47, totaling \$35,716.92

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

**8:45pm-Motion** to enter **Executive Session** by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded by** Supervisor Allen, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes**

**8:55pm-Motion** to come out of **Executive Session** by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded by** Councilperson Burgess, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes**

**Motion** to accept Empire State Appraisal company to do trial ready appraisal report-fee is \$2,850.00 pending attorney recommendation by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded** by Supervisor Allen, **all in favor, unanimous ayes, carried**

**Motion** to grant the Deputy Superintendent of Highway 16 hours of unused vacation time to carry over to 2015 vacation time by Supervisor Allen, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor, unanimous ayes, carried**

## **Adjournment**

On a **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk