

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

October 8, 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 and Rodney Young; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser; Highway Superintendent David Hodge;

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

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

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

Public Comment: Keith Schue of the Mohawk Valley Keepers updated the Board regarding the Dominion Compressor project in Town of Minden. He thanked the Board for supporting the Mohawk Valley Keepers concerns regarding the compressor project; He informed the Board the Town of Minden, Village of Plain, and Village of Sharon Springs all have adopted resolutions regarding the project to FERC and DEC; Requests the Town of Canajoharie do the same

Town Budget- Supervisor Allen, Town Bookkeeper Kretser, and Highway Superintendent Hodge have worked on the tentative budget for 2016; Supervisor Allen asks the Board if they would like the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget set the same night as the regular Town Board meeting in November; And whether the Board wants to meet before the next meeting to discuss the budget

Motion to schedule Public Hearing on the 2016 Preliminary Town Budget on November 12, 2015 at 7:30pm, by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Councilwoman Burgess, all in favor, ayes, passed

Town Supervisor- Informs the Board that there will be an informational meeting October 26th at 10:00am with MAS for an update on the re-evaluation project

Highway Superintendent- Going over the road inventory, NYS cut 1.3 miles of road, took 4 roads off: Tavern Rd., Bowerman Rd., G. Bowerman Rd., and Null Rd.; Before any action, there is a meeting schedule on November 5th at the Meka Fire Department with NYS and surrounding Towns regarding these road issues; but may have to do a resolution in the future to add these roads back to our road inventory

-Town Supervisor plans on attending the meeting, as well as our CHIPS representative

-Superintendent Hodge informs the Board he will be hiring Gordon Kuntsch full time; Mr. Kuntsch has been working part-time for 8 weeks and will be obtaining his CDL license in November

-Town Supervisor states that Mr. Kuntsch will be on probation for 6 months, and the Town will have to supply health insurance after 3 months; Superintendent Hodge agrees

-Happy Hollow road scope change has been denied

-\$121,000.00 back from CHIPS; another \$70,000.00 to turn in the future; \$55,000.00 CHIPS carryover

Town Clerk- none

Bookkeeper- will be on vacation from October 17 through October 29th

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
CASH REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
AS OF 10/6/15

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 20,811.54
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 15.28
Highway Town Wide	\$ 73,341.93
Highway Part Town	<u>\$153,296.72</u>
Total	\$247,505.33

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$205,630.58
Reval BAN	\$ 18,000.00
Highway Town Wide	\$ 21,714.70
Highway Part Town	<u>\$ 70,438.17</u>
Total	\$315,783.45

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Consolidated Health	\$ 1,503.57
Highway Cap Reserv	\$ 59,666.60
Gen-Cap Reserve	\$174,651.46
Gen-Sale of Land	<u>\$ 53,810.76</u>
Total	\$289,632.39

Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

Town Supervisor- researched the Town's fiscal stress report, and the Town of Canajoharie is 0 stress

Town Budget Discussion- Town Supervisor asks the Board to look over the 2016 ; Tentative Town Budget; He points out the following changes from last year: the bond amount, \$500.00 raise for town Justice, Raise for all council members, and requests that the Board consider a raise for the Town Sole Assessor

-Councilman Young questions whether it is possible to put more in the reserve, max it and still stay under 2%

-Bookkeeper Kretser informs the Board that \$15,000.00 is in general contingency

-Supervisor Allen suggests putting \$5,000.00 into highway contingency fund for sand

-Superintendent Hodge states that fuel, sand, and salt prices are higher

-Board decides to make pg. 6 contingency \$10,100

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #181 through #201, totaling \$23,627.77;

Highway fund vouchers #224 through #249, totaling \$93,580.43

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

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Supervisor Allen, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk