

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**January 14, 2016**

The Town Council met for a regular monthly meeting, and for the organizational meeting for 2016

**Present:** Supervisor Herbert Allen, Councilpersons: John Peruzzi, John Toomey, Jr., and Rodney Young; and William Armitstead, 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 Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Young, the **agenda** for the was **unanimously approved**

On **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Young, the **December minutes** were **unanimously approved**

**Presentation-** Patrick Race from the Town of Cazenovia explains how to update highway equipment with municipal leasing program—it is NOT a regular car lease program.

**Public Comment-**None

**Resolution #1 2016**

**ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS:**

**Sponsor: Councilman John Toomey**

**Second: Councilman Rodney Young**

**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: Robert Rocas-5 year term

Planning Board Member: John Toomey-7 year term ending December 2022

**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

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

Salaries for part-time Highway employees set to \$10.50 per hour

| Voting:                       | <u>AYES</u> | <u>NAYS</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Supervisor Herbert Allen      | X           |             |               |
| Councilman William Armitstead | X           |             |               |
| Councilman John Toomey, Jr.   | X           |             |               |
| Councilman Rodney Young       | X           |             |               |
| Councilman John Peruzzi       | X           |             |               |

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**Public Comment-None**

**Motion to proceed with Local Law #1 of 2016 rescinding Local Law #1 of 2015 which overrides the 2% tax cap for 2016** by Supervisor Allen, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, all in favor for Local Law #1 of 2016, all ayes, passed

**Local Law #1 of 2016 to Rescind Local Law Number 1 of 2015, which Overrides the tax levy limit established in the General Municipal Law 3-C**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Town Board of Canajoharie, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Background: The Town Board of Canajoharie, in anticipation that it may have been required to adopt a 2016 budget which imposes a tax levy increase greater than the limit set forth in the General Municipal Law Section 3-c, enacted Local Law Number 1 of 2015, granting it such authority.

Section 2. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of this local law to rescind Local Law Number 1 of 2015, which authorized the Town Board of Canajoharie to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2016 overriding the tax cap, as it has now been determined that the 2016 Town of Canajoharie budget will not impose a tax levy increase greater than the limit set forth in the General Municipal Law Section 3-C.

Section 3. Rescind: The Town Board of Canajoharie hereby rescinds Local Law Number 1 of 2015 in its entirety.

Section 4. Severability: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm, or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order of judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm, or

corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**Resolution #2 of 2016**

**To Authorize the Highway Superintendent to sign Shared Services Agreement with NYSDOT to provide emergency assistance to Municipalities in the absence of a Governor's Emergency Declaration**

**Sponsor:** Councilman Young  
**Second:** Councilman Toomey

| Voting:                       | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Supervisor Herbert Allen      | X          |            |               |
| Councilman William Armitstead | X          |            |               |
| Councilman John Toomey, Jr.   | X          |            |               |
| Councilman Rodney Young       | X          |            |               |
| Councilman John Peruzzi       | X          |            |               |

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**HIGHWAY**

**Agreement for expenditure of highway moneys**

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

**Motion for Highway Superintendent to sign agreement for expenditure of highway monies** by Councilman Young, **seconded** by Supervisor Allen, approved with unanimous ayes

Superintendent Hodge informs the Board that the plate compactor quit during a culvert fire, asks the Board permission to purchase new plate compactor for \$2,100.00

**Motion to purchase new plate compactor** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Supervisor Allen, all in favor, unanimous ayes

Superintendent Hodge informs the Board that a box is completely rotten, going to try and fix it

Supervisor Allen asks the Board if they would be interested in setting up a workshop with Mr. Race from Town of Cazenovia; The Board is interested

**TOWN CLERK**

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

Informs the Board that the Town Tax Warrant is almost fulfilled

**BOOKKEEPER**

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
CASH REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2015  
AS OF 12/10/15

| CHECKING ACCOUNTS   |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| General             | \$ 19,501.07        |
| Fire District       | \$ 39.86            |
| Consolidated Health | \$ 25.28            |
| Highway Town Wide   | \$ 11,185.38        |
| Highway Part Town   | <u>\$ 90,959.79</u> |
| Total               | \$111,644.38        |

| MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| General               | \$175,645.44        |
| Reval BAN             | \$                  |
| Highway Town Wide     | \$ 11,716.06        |
| Highway Part Town     | <u>\$150,442.94</u> |
| Total                 | \$337,804.44        |

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Consolidated Health | \$ 1,493.73         |
| Highway Cap Reserv  | \$ 59,672.13        |
| Gen-Cap Reserve     | \$174,658.10        |
| Gen-Sale of Land    | <u>\$ 53,826.18</u> |
| Total               | \$114,978.01        |

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

**BILLS**

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #1 through #33, totaling \$86,651.99;

Highway fund vouchers #1 through #19, totaling \$15,647.74

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

**8:55pm-Motion** to enter **Executive Session** by Supervisor Allen, **seconded** by Councilman Young, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes**

**8:58pm-Motion** to come out of **Executive Session** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes**

**Motion for Supervisor to inform retiree that he cannot receive health insurance until 62 years of age and 25 years on the job** by Councilman Toomey, seconded by Councilman Armitstead all in favor, unanimous ayes

**Adjournment**

On a **motion** by Councilman Young, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk