

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

February 11, 2016

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: John Toomey, Jr., and Rodney Young, John Peruzzi; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Highway Superintendent David Hodge; Councilman William Armitstead not present

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

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

Public Comment- None

RESOLUTION #3 OF 2016 RENEWING 2013 TRUCK BOND

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

Whereas, the principal amount of the Bond is \$108,462.00 with accrued interest of \$2,169.24, for a total of indebtedness of **\$110,631.24**;

RESOLVED: the Town Council authorizes its' Town Supervisor to pay \$55,000.00 plus interest in the amount of \$2,169.24, for a total of \$57,169.24, to reduce the principal amount of the Bond and renew the remaining balance of \$53,462.00.00 on said Bond, for a new one (1) year term.

SPONSOR: Councilman Rodney Young

SECOND: Councilman John Toomey

VOTING:	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Supervisor Herbert Allen	X		
Councilman William Armitstead			X
Councilman John Toomey	X		
Councilman Rodney Young	X		
Councilman John Peruzzi	X		

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**RESOLUTION #4 OF 2016 TO RENEW BONDING FOR TOWN WIDE PROPERTY
REVALUATION**

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie is Bonding for Town Wide Revaluation;

Whereas, the principal amount of the Bond is \$90,000.00 with accrued interest of \$1,800.00, for a total of indebtedness of \$91,800.00; Paying down \$6,000.00 plus interest of \$1,800.00 for a total of \$7,800.00;

RESOLVED: the Town Council authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a B.A.N. for \$84,000.00, Issue date 3/19/2016, for one (1) year to be due 3/19/2017.

SPONSOR: Councilman John Toomey

SECOND: Councilman John Peruzzi

VOTING:	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Supervisor Herbert Allen	X		
Councilman William Armitstead			X
Councilman John Toomey	X		
Councilman Rodney Young	X		
Councilman John Peruzzi	X		

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Resolution #5 of 2016

For Public Hearing to be held on March 10, 2016 at 7:30pm, 12 Mitchell St., Canajoharie, regarding a proposed Local Law to establish a moratorium on solar energy systems. Such local law would temporarily prohibit construction, installation, approval, and processing of applications for solar energy systems. Installation of rooftop panels would not be subject to the moratorium. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning the same.

Sponsor: Councilman John Toomey

Second: Supervisor Herbert Allen

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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Resolution #6 of 2016

For Public Hearing to be held on March 10, 2016 at 7:35pm, 12 Mitchell St., Canajoharie, regarding proposed Local Law #2 of 2016, for the Town of Canajoharie to Opt-Out of Section 487 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law regarding assessment for local property tax purposes related to construction of solar, wind, or farm waste energy systems. Changes to this law will not address federal or state tax exemptions or credits. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning the same.

Sponsor: Councilman John Toomey

Second: Councilman Rodney Young

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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RESOLUTION NUMBER 7 OF 2016

To Hold a Public Hearing on March 10, 2016 at 7:40pm, 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, to Extend Local Law #2 of 2015 for a period of six months; Such Local Law #2 of 2015 establishes a moratorium on the establishment and/or construction of kennels, pet breeding facilities or puppy mills in the Town of Canajoharie

Sponsored by: Supervisor Herbert Allen

Seconded by: Councilman John Toomey

VOTING:	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Herbert T. Allen	<u>X</u>	___	___
Councilman William Armitstead	___	___	<u>X</u>
Councilman John Toomey, Jr.	<u>X</u>	___	___
Councilman Rodney Young	<u>X</u>	___	___
Councilman John Peruzzi	<u>X</u>	___	___

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Discussion by the Board to have the Planning Board examine the other three local Towns' laws regarding dog kennels/breeders and to work on a proposed local law since the County has tabled their

proposed law.

Supervisor: asks the Board if they have any questions regarding the Code Enforcement officer's reports: - Replacement of leach field on Mapletown Road finally resolved;

-183 Happy Hollow Road building permit referred to Zoning Board of Appeals as the building permit is questionable; The Board decided that the Code Enforcement Officer needs to first deny the permit, then the homeowners need to move to the next step

-Code Enforcement Officer informed homeowners on Seebers Lane that a solar farm would be commercial not agricultural; No response at this time from the owners at this time

Supervisor Allen attended a public conference regarding solar energy farms and learned that if a property owner would like to build a solar farm on agricultural land, the land would need to be changed to commercial, thereby losing the agricultural exemption, the property owner would have to pay back seven years of the agricultural exemption received, and pay a fine

Informs the Board that the Xerox service agreement for the copy machine will not be renewed by Xerox as the machine is old and outdated

Highway Superintendent: needs approval/resolution by the Board to upgrade culvert pipes to 15" width and 30' length

Motion to have Highway Superintendent upgrade culvert installation and replacement to 15" width and 30' length by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor, ayes, carried**

Found a brand new truck to lease for \$212,000.00; Recommends the Board act on this soon; Includes 3-5 year extended warranty on certain parts, stainless steel box and front chute

-Board discusses leasing/purchase of the new truck; Possibly sell the 2 old trucks

-The truck bonds would overlap at least one year; Payment is \$45,000.00, 3.21% interest; Bond interest would be 2.10%; But with lease, repairs are covered

-Councilman Young not opposed to the idea, inquires if the Town has the money to do this purchase; Bookkeeper Kretser informs the Board there is \$59,000.00 for vehicle purchases

-Superintendent Hodge explains to Board again the extensive repairs needed on the current Town Highway trucks; He will put the 1994 truck on Auctions International and hope to get \$7,000.00 for it

Motion to Authorize lease for 2016 Truck/Plow at \$212,334 over a 5 year period with interest for a total of \$225,959.00 by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, all in favor, ayes, carried

Town Clerk- Informed the Board that as of January 31st, over 50% taxes collected; Full Town Warrant in the amount of \$456,727.00 given to the Town on January 20; County taxes in amount of \$1,343,569.00 given to County on 2/11/2016

-In contact with a Xerox dealer for new copy machine quotes

Bookkeeper:

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
CASH REPORT JANUARY 31, 2016

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 219,972.82
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28
Wide	\$ 156,008.61
Highway Part Town	<u>\$247,775.58</u>
Total	\$623,782.29

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$131,145.44
Highway Town Wide	\$ 1,716.06
Highway Part Town	<u>\$150,442.94</u>
Highway Town	
Total	\$283,304.44

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Consolidated Health	\$ 1,493.73
Highway Cap Reserv	\$ 59,672.13
Gen-Cap Res Garage	\$174,658.10
Gen-Sale of Land	<u>\$ 53,826.18</u>
Total	\$289,650.14

BUDGET TRANSFERS FISCAL 2015

From	To	Amount
A1110.4 Justice Contr	A1220.4 Supervisor Contr	\$ 332.49
A1110.4 Justice Contr	A1410.4 Clerk Contr	\$ 30.34
A1110.4 Justice Contr	A1450.4 Election Contr	\$ 152.04
A1110.4 Justice Contr	A3520.4 Animal Control Contr	\$ 48.30
A1330.4 Contr	A9030.8 Emp Ben Soc Security	\$ 246.11
A1620.1 Bldg Pers	A1670.4 Print/ mailing Contr	\$ 427.57
A1620.1 Bldg Pers	A1920.4 Mun Assoc Dues	\$ 499.00
A1620.1 Bldg Pers	A5132.4 Garage Contr	\$ 1269.23
A1410.1 Town Clerk Pers	A8090.4 Environmental Contr	\$ 46.47
B8010.4 Zoning Contr	B8020.4 Planning Contr	\$ 139.67
DA5140.1 Misc Brush/weeds Pers	DA5130.4 Machinery Contr	\$ 5738.85
DA5140.1 Misc Brush/weeds Pers	DA5140.4 Misc Brush/weeds Contr	\$ 1634.64
DA5142.1 Snow Rem Pers	DA9010.8 Emp Ben-Retirement	\$ 1853.77
DA5142.1 Snow Rem Pers	DA5142.4 Snow Rem Contr	\$ 1357.92
DA5148.4 Serv Other Govt Contr	DA5148.1 Serv Other Govt Pers	\$ 5223.88
DA9055.8 Emp Ben-Disability	DA5148.1 Serv Other Govt-Pers	\$ 21.43
DA9040.8 Emp Ben-Work. Comp	DA5148.1 Serv Other Govt-Pers	\$ 189.00
DB5110.4 Gen Repairs Contr	DB5112.2 Capital Outlay	\$41959.01

BUDGET AMENDMENT FISCAL 2015

Increase Revenue	Increase Expenditure	
DB3501 CHIPS	DB5112.2 Capital Outlay	\$73912.39

Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

-Bookkeeper working on completion of yearly financial report

-Bookkeeper also informed the Board that the Planning Board discussed solar farm issue

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #34 through #48, totaling \$21,074.43;

Highway fund vouchers #20 through #45, totaling \$27,230.87

On a **motion** by Supervisor Allen, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, the bills and budget transfers were **unanimously approved** for payment.

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

9:06pm-Motion to come out of **Executive Session** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Supervisor Allen, **all in favor, unanimous Ayes**

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk