

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

August 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: William Armitstead, John Toomey, Jr. and John Peruzzi; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Highway Superintendent David Hodge; Councilman Rodney Young 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 Armitstead, the agenda was **approved, all in favor, and carried**

7:31pm-Public Hearing for Local Law #4, 2016 to Override 2% Tax Cap; No public in attendance

7:32pm-Public Hearing Closed

On a **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, the July regular meeting were **approved, all in favor, and carried**

Public Comment-None

RESOLUTION #13 of 2016 OVERRIDING STATE 2% TAX CAP IMPOSED ON TOWN

**Resolution by Supervisor Herbert Allen
Seconded by: Councilman John Toomey**

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly and Senate each passed a bill that imposed a 2% tax cap on the levy of municipalities and school districts, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo signed this 2% tax cap into law on June 30, 2011, and

WHEREAS, it may not be possible for the Town to stay within the constraints of this imposed tax cap and still offer valuable services to the people of the Town, and

WHEREAS, included in the said 2% tax cap law is language that authorizes the Town, by the affirmative vote of at least 60% of the Council, to override the said cap, and

WHEREAS, the Town has published legal notices and held a public hearing on August 11, 2016 at 7:30pm to hear the public, for or against Local Law #4 for 2016, which will override the 2% tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c,

RESOLVED, that the Canajoharie Town Council hereby exercises their authority and overrides the State imposed 2% tax cap on the levy in order to fund valuable services to the people of the Town.

Voting:	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
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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Motion for Public Hearing to Extend Local Law #2 of 2016 Moratorium on Solar Energy Systems for a Period of Six Months by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, all in favor, ayes, carried; Public hearing to be held September 8, 2016 at 7:30pm

Oaths of Office- Supervisor Allen informed the Board that three members have not signed their oaths of office, one member is on the Zoning Board of Appeals, two members are on the Planning Board

Motion for Supervisor Allen to contact the three board members by letter to request their taking oath of office, or in the alternative, send letter of resignation to the Town Board, by Councilman Peruzzi, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, all in favor, ayes, carried

Supervisor Allen presented the Board with Dog Control Officer report; the report is satisfactory

RESOLUTION #14 OF 2016
Approval of Town Court 2015 Financial Books and Records

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Canajoharie was presented with the 2015 financial books and other records of the Town Court of Canajoharie during the Town meeting on August 11, 2016, and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council found these books satisfactory and complete,

RESOLVED: the Town Council hereby approves the financial books and records of the Town Court for the year 2015.

SPONSOR: Councilman William Armitstead
SECOND: Councilman John Toomey

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

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Supervisor Allen reports that sales tax is down, however, the Town's equalization rate has been approved by the State at 100%

Highway Superintendent- the Pave NYS agreement for expenditures of County and Town moneys from January 2016 needs to be amended to address using additional CHIPS fund money; the Town Board unanimously approves the amendment

Town Clerk- No comment

Bookkeeper:

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-8/10/16
CASH REPORT JULY 31, 2016

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 54,648.27	General	\$201,163.01
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$ 84,387.09
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$335,469.56</u> Highway Town
Wide	\$ 19,288.83	Total	\$621,019.66
Highway Part Town	\$ 11,925.02		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 199.79</u>		
Total	\$ 86,127.05		

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Consolidated Health	\$ 1,493.87
Highway Cap Reserv	\$ 14,677.64
Gen-Cap Res Garage	\$174,675.52
Gen-Sale of Land	<u>\$ 53,831.54</u>
Total	\$244,678.57

Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

BILLS

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #144 through #166, totaling \$28,404.49;

Highway fund vouchers #161 through #182, totaling \$82,576.78

Minimum Maintenance Road Discussion: Supervisor Allen has been researching minimum maintenance road information with the assistance of the Town Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Attorney; The Board **concurs** with the suggestion of adding information to the Building Permit Application in which the Code Enforcement Officer would inform the property owner of the type of road(s) that abut their property; the information added is as follows:

Regularly Maintained Road: Road is maintained and plowed year round

Seasonally Maintained Road: road is NOT plowed nor maintained in winter (November 1st thru May 1st)

Minimum Maintenance Road: Road is maintained only to minimum standards and will NEVER be PLOWED, unless the Town Board changes the classification of the road

Private Road: This road is not owned nor maintained by the Town of Canajoharie

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

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded** by Supervisor Allen, all in favor ayes, the meeting was **unanimously** adjourned at **8:13PM**.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk