

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**May 18, 2017**

The Town Council met for a special meeting at the Town Hall building, 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, New York.

**Present:** Supervisor Peter Vroman, Councilpersons: John Peruzzi, John Toomey, Jr., Councilman William Armitstead, Councilman Rodney Young; Highway Superintendent David Hodge not present due to storm damage clean-up; County Executive Matt Ossenfort; County Legislator Roy Dimond; County Senior Planner William Roehr

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

Supervisor Vroman informs the Board that Highway Superintendent Hodge will not be able to attend meeting as previously planned due to current storm damage clean-up on the roads

On a **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, the **agenda** was **unanimously approved, carried**

**Public Comment-** none

County Executive Ossenfort speaks to the Board regarding the county-wide shared services initiative (NYS Municipal consolidation and Efficiency Competition), which will award the winning county \$20 million dollars to implement the winning plan;

- Executive Ossenfort speaks to the Board the ideas for the former Beech-Nut factory, and the funds the County has received so far to demolish the site (currently \$1M, anticipating another \$2M)

- The projects has two parts: 1. Demolition of buildings towards eastern part of the creek;
  - 2. Concentration on western part of the site

- Possible future use of the site could be centralized inter-municipal building, which could house courtrooms and holding cells, and a sheriff's post

- Hoping Beech-Nut foreclosure to the County by June

- Executive Ossenfort explains that the County's efforts include collaboration with county municipalities, with the goal of identifying efficiencies that will benefit taxpayers and improve service delivery. The areas being explored are: Potential Municipal Consolidations [the *possible* dissolution of the Village of Canajoharie]; Court & Police Enhancement & Modernization [the *possibility* of dissolving Fort Plain and Village of Canajoharie Police Departments]; Consolidated Maintenance/Repair Facility; Electronic Records; Centralized Back Office and Support Service [centralized assessment and code enforcement]; County Department Consolidations

- Supervisor Vroman concerned about the possible loss of jobs

- Councilman Toomey expresses that the biggest expense for our Town is the DPW

**Adjournment**

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk