

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

May 11, 2017

The Town Council met for a public hearing and regular monthly 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; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser; Highway Superintendent David Hodge;

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

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

7:31pm-Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #2 of 2017 to Establish Town-Wide Solar Energy Systems Rules and Regulations

-Supervisor Vroman clarifies that the hearing is about the proposed Town law, not any proposed/rumored solar farm projects

-Ms. Ruskowski voices her concern regarding a proposed solar project to be constructed very close to her property

7:35pm-Public Hearing Closed

7:35pm-Regular Monthly Meeting

On **motion** by Councilman Peruzzi, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, the **April 2017 minutes** were **unanimously approved**

Public Comment- none

Supervisor Vroman reads to the Board the proposed Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2-Impact Assessment as it relates only to proposed Local Law #2 of 2017 to Establish Town-Wide Solar Energy Systems Rules and Regulations

-Motion to declare the proposed solar law updates as no/small impact by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, all in favor, ayes, **motion carried**

-Motion to declare a negative declaration on the proposed solar law updates by Councilman Peruzzi, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, all in favor, ayes, **motion carried**

-Motion to Refer to the Montgomery County Planning Board Proposed Local Law #2 of 2017 by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, all in favor, ayes, **motion carried**

-Supervisor Vroman introduces himself as he has been newly appointed by the Town Board as Town Supervisor

-Supervisor Vroman describes the meetings he has attended including county-wide shared services initiative and farm land use/programs;

-He informs the Board that Montgomery County Executive, Matthew Ossenfort, requests a meeting with the Town Board to discuss the shared services initiative;

-Supervisor Vroman schedules a special board meeting for May 18, 2017 at 7:30pm

-Informs the Board that the Town has received a letter and check in the amount of \$4,747.41 from NYS Department of Taxation and Finance for meeting the requirements for aid for cyclical reassessment on the Town's 2016 assessment roll; The letter also commends the Town's Sole Assessor, Charlene Ruszkowski, for a job well done

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT- Old loader is in bad shape—Highway Dept. has 2 loaders, 1974 and 2006; Proposes to the Town Board municipal leasing for a new loader; Presents NYS bids for Volvo and CAT loaders with the different options for leasing: 2, 3, or 5 year plans;

-Superintendent Hodge would like to put the old 1974 loader on Auctions International

-Expresses the importance of loaders to a Highway Dept. and would like approval for a lease by the June meeting

-Town Board agrees to discuss the issue again at the scheduled special meeting May 18th

TOWN CLERK- None

BOOKKEEPER-

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-5/4/17
CASH REPORT APRIL 30, 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 150,508.54
Fire District	\$ 76,742.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28
Highway Town Wide	\$ 141,672.18
Highway Part Town	\$ 256,067.97
Trust & Agency	\$ <u>183.62</u>
Total	\$ 625,200.45

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 79,185.84
Highway Town Wide	\$ 34,396.30
Highway Part Town	\$ <u>90,496.96</u>
Total	\$ 204,079.10

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,494.10
Highway Cap Reserv	\$ 24,680.82
Gen-Cap Res Garage	\$194,703.70
Gen-Sale of Land	\$ <u>53,839.62</u>
Total	\$274,718.24

BUDGET AMENDMENT

INCREASE REVENUE

DA2680 Insurance Recovery

INCREASE EXPENDITURE

DA5130.4 Machinery Contr

\$6488.53 Insurance money
for damages to Truck

Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #91 through 112, totaling \$19,871.66;

Highway fund vouchers #87 through #115, totaling \$33,613.19

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

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Young, all in favor, **unanimous ayes**; Executive session entered 8:15pm

Motion to close Executive Session by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, all in favor, unanimous ayes; Executive session closed 8:29pm

Motion to Compensate Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Rodney Young for his role as Deputy Supervisor during the period of former Town Supervisor's resignation and current Town Supervisor's appointment by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey; all in favor ayes, Councilman Young abstains; **motion carried**

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk