

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**August 10, 2017**

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

**Present:** Supervisor Peter Vroman; Councilpersons: William Armitstead, John Peruzzi, Rodney Young; Councilman John Toomey not present; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser; Highway Superintendent David Hodge; Sole Assessor Charlene Ruszkowski

The 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**

Before the opening of the public hearing, Supervisor Vroman read the following:

*The Town Council of Canajoharie has no intention of budgeting over the 2% Tax Cap imposed by the State, however, the Town Council is pursuing to override the 2% Tax Cap imposed in General Municipal Law 3-c in case the need arises. This proposed local is passed in case it is discovered during the budget process that 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. The local law overriding the 2% tax cap would then be rescinded after the budget is passed if it is not used. This procedure has been the practice of the Town since the tax cap inception in 2011. Since then, the Town's budgets, to my knowledge, have not gone over the 2% cap.*

*Further, at this point in the precursor stage to the budget process, there is no indication that the Town's budget will go over the 2% tax cap. However, the Town must prepare for any unforeseen scenarios, that is why the Town exercises its' authority pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law 3-c to override the tax levy limit by adoption of this proposed local law.*

7:35pm-Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #3 to Override 2% Tax Cap and enact Local Law #3 of 2017 opened

-General discussion regarding school and property taxes; no comments for or against the proposed local law

7:50pm-Public Hearing Closed, Regular meeting opened

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

**Public Comment-** Discussion of Mohawk Solar, LLC public information meeting held August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Canajoharie Fire House; Concerns raised that not everyone was notified of the meeting by the company; Numerous requests made to have another public informational meeting with the solar company and also a public meeting to explain Article 10; Solar farm concerns discussed

-Supervisor Vroman explains that Mohawk Solar mailed over 3000 letters to property owners that reside within the 1-2 mile radius of the actual project site, so there is a possibility that some did not receive the notification letter, especially if they are not within the project area range; He cannot

speaking regarding the company's compliance with notification of the meeting, but explains that the company is obligated to follow the rules set forth in NYS Article 10, which includes the before mentioned notification letters, newspaper notices, etc.;

-Question arose regarding Wintergreen Park, however, the question needs to be addressed by the Village of Canajoharie as the Town does not maintain the Park

**RESOLUTION #17 of 2017 OVERRIDING STATE 2% TAX CAP IMPOSED ON TOWN**

**Resolution by: Councilman John Peruzzi**  
**Seconded by: Councilman William Armitstead**

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 10, 2017 at 7:30pm to hear the public, for or against Local Law #3 for 2017, 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 Peter A. Vroman	X		
Councilman William Armitstead	X		
Councilman John Toomey			X
Councilman Rodney Young	X		
Councilman John Peruzzi	X		

Dated: August 10, 2017  
Laurie M. Vroman  
Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION #18 OF 2017**  
**Removal of Planning Board Member and Appointment of Replacement**

Whereas, Aubrey McMahan had been appointed as a Planning Board member on January 8, 2015,

Whereas, Ms. McMahan has contacted the Town Supervisor of her resignation as of August 10, 2017,

RESOLVED: Aubrey McMahan is removed from the Planning Board and Michael Muhlebeck is appointed in her place, term to expire December 31, 2021.

SPONSOR: Councilman William Armitstead

SECOND: Councilman Rodney Young

VOTING:	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Supervisor Peter A. Vroman	X		
Councilman William Armitstead	X		
Councilman John Toomey			X
Councilman Rodney Young	X		
Councilman John Peruzzi	X		

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Supervisor Vroman introduces Bob Harris, who explains the non-reappraisal reassessment project and the procedure; He advises the Board that his findings are close to the State's numbers; Offers data sheets to the Board for review

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-** CHIPS money is held up as the Happy Hollow Rd. project came in under budget; the new loader has been delivered, Superintendent Hodge explains that the leasing bank required a different contract, Board reviews it and approves the contract

**TOWN CLERK-** receiving correspondence that the 2020 census is coming

**BOOKKEEPER-**

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-8/2/17  
 CASH REPORT JULY 31, 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 105,431.48
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28
Highway Town Wide	\$ 131,969.41
Highway Part Town	\$ 143,744.39
Trust & Agency	\$ <u>1.31</u>
Total	\$ 381,211.73

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 79,189.78
Highway Town Wide	\$ 34,398.02
Highway Part Town	\$ <u>90,501.48</u>
Total	\$ 204,089.28

### SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,494.17
Hghwy Cap Reserv	\$ 24,682.05
Gen-Cap Res Garage	\$194,713.41
Gen-Sale of Land	<u>\$ 53,842.30</u>
Total	\$274,731.93

### BUDGET AMENDMENT

Increase Revenue	Increase Expense	Amount
Sale of Equip DA2665	Machinery Equip DA5130.2	\$11,170.00
To allocate money from sale of loader to purchase of truck		

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

### BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #149 through #169, totaling \$13,520.97;

Highway fund vouchers #167 through #189, totaling \$26,745.24

[\*\*Please note: Voucher #166 from Abstract 7 for K.C. State Bank in the amount of \$30,136.13 will be paid upon delivery of the new loader\*\*]

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, the bills were **unanimously approved** for payment.

**Motion for budget amendment** by Councilman Peruzzi, **seconded** by Supervisor Vroman, all in favor, **ayes, motion carried**

### Adjournment

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk