

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

November 9, 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, Councilman John Toomey, Councilman Rodney Young not present; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser; Highway Superintendent David Hodge; Town Assessor Charlene Ruskowski

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 Toomey, the **agenda** was **unanimously approved**

On **motion** by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, the **October 2017 minutes** were **unanimously approved**

Public Hearing- Cold War Veteran Exemption Proposed Law #4; No comments

-2018 Preliminary Budget; Allison Kretser from the Canajoharie Little League requests funding from the Town to revamp Wintergreen Park field; infield needs to be re-done, and there are drainage and fencing issues

7:39pm-Public Hearings closed

RESOLUTION #24 OF 2017
Cold War Veterans Exemption

Whereas, Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law limited the Cold War Veterans Exemption to a maximum of ten years,

Whereas, the NYS Real Property Tax Law has now been amended to allow municipalities to extend the Cold War Veterans Exemption without regard to the ten-year limitation,

Whereas, a public hearing was held on November 9, 2017 to hear arguments for or against proposed Local Law #4 of 2017 entitled, "A Local Law that the Cold War Exemption established by Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b shall apply to qualifying owners of qualifying real property for so long as they remain qualifying owners,"

RESOLVED: the Town Board of Canajoharie adopts Local Law #4 of 2017, to allow for the continued exemption beyond the ten year limitation.

SPONSOR: Councilman William Armitstead

SECOND: Councilman John Toomey

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 November 9, 2017
Laurie M. Vroman
Town Clerk

Motion to Accept Preliminary Budget as 2018 Town Budget by Councilman Peruzzi, seconded by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, ayes, passed** [Councilman Young not present]

Motion to set public hearing for December 14, 2017 at 7:30pm, to adopt proposed local law to rescind Local Law #3 of 2017 [which had rescinded NYS 2% tax cap] by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, all in favor **ayes, passed** [Councilman Young not present]

Motion to set public hearing for December 14, 2017 at 7:30pm, to adopt proposed local law re: flood damage prevention, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, ayes, passed** [Councilman Young not present]

Public Comment -Bob Harris gives the Board an update on the non-appraisal reassessment;

Town Supervisor- speaks to the Board re: sales tax distribution check received from the County;
-informs the Board that he nominated the following Town residents to sit on the ad hoc siting board in reference to the Mohawk Solar Project: Ben Yacobucci, Diane McMahon, Chris Renzi, Sr., Nick Sitterly

Bookkeeper- Town is good financially; Planning board met-passed a 2-lot subdivision on S. Buel Rd.; No Planning Board meetings in Nov. or Dec. unless necessary

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-11/07/17
CASH REPORT OCTOBER 31, 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 70,804.36
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28
Highway Town Wide	\$ 132,347.66
Highway Part Town	\$ 21,354.80
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 74.43</u>
Total	\$ 224,646.39

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 79,195.68
Highway Town Wide	\$ 34,400.59
Highway Part Town	<u>\$ 90,508.23</u>
Total	\$ 204,104.50

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,494.25
Hghwy Cap Reser	\$ 34,683.50
Gen-Cap Res Garage	\$ 214,723.64
Gen-Sale of Land	<u>\$ 53,845.01</u>
Total	\$ 304,746.40

Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

Highway Superintendent- Will work with newly elected highway superintendent; Would like to discuss Homkey sick leave issue; Supervisor Vroman suggests discussing issue in executive session

Town Clerk- record disposition reports presented to the Board

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #197 through #216, totaling \$17,374.11;

Highway fund vouchers #224 through #243, totaling \$39,231.71

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

8:00pm-Motion to enter Executive Session by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Supervisor Vroman, all in favor, ayes, **motion carried**; Homkey sick time discussed

8:05pm-Motion to Exit Executive Session by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, all in favor, ayes, **motion carried**; No decisions made

Councilman Toomey addresses the Board re: his anticipated resignation from the Housing Authority Board as he has been a member for 38 years; There are HUD homes located within the Village of Ames and Village of Canajoharie, but not in the Town of Canajoharie; He recommends that there be a representative from the Town to protect the Town's interest

-Supervisor Vroman requests that Councilman Toomey contact the Village of Canajoharie Mayor with his intentions and for what the procedure is to appoint a replacement

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk