

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**May 10, 2018**

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: John Peruzzi, John Toomey, Jr., William Armitstead; Councilman Rodney Young; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser; Highway Superintendent Timothy Jones; Town Assessor Charlene Ruszkowski

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

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, the **agenda** for the was **unanimously approved**

On **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, the **April 2018 minutes** were **unanimously approved**

**Public Comment-** No public in attendance

**Resolution #7 of 2018**

**TO ACCEPT AGREEMENT FOR CONTROL OF GRASS AND BRUSH ON COUNTY  
HIGHWAYS**

**Sponsor: Supervisor Peter Vroman**

**Second: Councilman John Toomey**

WHEREAS, the Town of Canajoharie includes 41.60 miles of County Highway (40.97 +0.63 in Village of Ames,

WHEREAS, the County of Montgomery Department of Public Works has proposed an agreement for control of grass and brush on County Highways with the Town of Canajoharie beginning June 1, 2018 and ending May 31, 2019; the amount/mile \$400.00, and total 2018/2019 Brush and Grass Control in the amount of \$16,640.00,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Canajoharie accepts the proposed 2018/2019 Grass and Brush Control Contract in the total amount of \$16,640.00,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Canajoharie agrees to the terms as set forth in said proposed Agreement for Control of Grass and Brush on County Highways, beginning June 1, 2018 and ending May 31, 2019.

VOTING:	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Peter Vroman	X		
Councilman William Armitstead	X		
Councilman John Toomey, Jr.	X		
Councilman Rodney Young	X		
Councilman John Peruzzi	X		

Dated: May 10, 2018  
Laurie M. Vroman  
Town Clerk

**TOWN SUPERVISOR-** informs the Board that 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter sales tax check received, mortgage tax check received, and snow & ice check received from the County

-Informs the Board that the intervenor engineers has requested the Town amend its initial intervenor agreement so the company can petition the Public Service Commission for an additional intervenor funding; The Board agrees for the Town Supervisor to sign

-Councilman Rodney Young gives the Board a brief synopsis on the Mohawk Solar project; Confirms that the intervenor engineers, Barton & Loguidice, are trying to obtain additional intervenor funding; County IDA is the only thing that could potentially halt the Mohawk Solar project if the County doesn't agree to PILOT program

-Town Supervisor explains correspondence he had with a grant writer and the possibility of applying for a grant to help fund a new town garage; The grant writer suggested to hire an engineering firm for a study; Supervisor reached out to Barton & Loguidice for a quote to do a potential study

-Councilman Young explains that other Towns that have built their garages do not receive grants for town barns; It is expected that the towns are responsible for funding their buildings

-Councilman Young spoke with Brenda Hill, agent for the new owner of the Woods estate; the new owner would consider selling a portion of the land to the Town

-Superintendent Jones requests no less than 10 acres of land to accommodate new town barn

-Board discussion as to whether a study would be worth the time and expense; Discussion of possible sources to fund a study

-Councilman Toomey requests tabling a study at this time, all agree

**ASSESSOR-** explains the 5% residential increase in assessments; The equalization rate lowered to 95% per New York State, NYS recommended to increase the assessments 7%, however Town Assessor increased only to 5%; Residential properties in our area are being sold above assessed values

-Assessor suggests to the Board that property owners receive a fine if they do home improvements and/or build without a permit; Would also like the issued permit to be more specific as to the work being done

**8:10pm Motion to Enter Executive Session** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor, ayes;** Pending litigation discussion

**8:35pm Motion to Exit Executive Session** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, ayes;** No decisions made

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-** Superintendent researched the cost of renting a grader for one month, approximately \$4K-\$6K, need a grader immediately for one month; Will also need a grader in the fall

**Motion to rent a grader for one month at \$4,250.00, sell the Town grader, borrow a grader while looking for a new one,** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor, ayes**

Superintendent Jones revisits the issue of inadequate break room conditions and lack of ventilation; He has some ideas in mind and invites the Board to the barn to take a look

**TOWN CLERK-** no report

**BOOKKEEPER-**

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-5/10/18  
CASH REPORT APRIL 30, 2018

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$114,715.04	General	\$29,204.44
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$34,405.75
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$90,521.78</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$115,767.38	Total	\$154,131.97
Highway Part Town	\$384,615.91		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 248.77</u>		
Total	\$615,412.24		

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Consolidated Health	\$ 1,494.40
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 34,686.96
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$214,745.06
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 53,850.38</u>
Total	\$304,776.80

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy S. Kretser  
Town Bookkeeper

**BILLS**

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #96 through #118, totaling \$15,302.21;

Highway fund vouchers #97 through #115, totaling \$80,246.11

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

**Adjournment**

On a **motion** by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded** by Supervisor Vroman, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk