

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

June 14, 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; Bob Harris Towns of Charleston, Root, Minden assessor

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 Peruzzi the **May 2018 minutes** were **unanimously approved**

Public Comment- No public in attendance

TOWN SUPERVISOR- Supervisor explains some issues that the Board of Assessment Review Chairman, Bob Wilson has expressed ie: a BAR member received a questionable/harassing email from an irate property owner; the procedure for hearing grievances on grievance day should be more individual

ASSESSOR- Bob Harris explains that there is a learning curve when initially doing the non-appraisal reassessments; He also explains that it is revenue neutral, meaning, that the process does not raise taxes

Town Assessor Charlene Ruszkowski informs the Board that there will be changes to conducting the BAR proceedings in the future to hear grievances

7:55pm Motion to Enter Executive Session by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor, ayes;** Pending litigation discussion

8:04pm Motion to Exit Executive Session by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, ayes;** No decisions made

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT- Auctions International bids closed: 1968 grader highest bid \$2,650.00; Sander highest bid \$710.00; Tamper highest bid \$1,275.00

-Superintendent Jones believes all of the bids are too low and recommends to NOT accept any of the bids; The Board agrees; Superintendent will try again at another auction

-Superintendent gives update on the two new pick-ups ordered, not in as of yet

-Superintendent Jones requests permission from the Board to purchase a 10 x 20 Amish building to be used for a break room for the highway employees—he will shop around for the least expensive; It would be removable;

Motion to buy shed for use as a highway employee breakroom by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, ayes, carried**

-Superintendent would like to eliminate/redo some dirt roads from gravel to blacktop; Also, approached two Amish property owners as to the idea of possibly turning the dirt roads over to them;

-Discussion as to the procedure to turn over Town dirt roads to private property owners/Amish; Need to be sure there are no other property owners along the road, and if so, they need to be notified and they need to agree

TOWN CLERK- records disposition report presented to the Board re: bookkeeper reports;

-would like to contact former Supervisor Herb Allen to recognize his retirement and service to the Town with a dinner at the golf course or something like that; Board is in agreement; Clerk will reach out to Mr. Allen

BOOKKEEPER-

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-6/12/18
CASH REPORT MAY 31, 2018

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$110,588.32	General	\$29,205.16
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$34,406.60
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$90,524.01</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$161,403.40	Total	\$154,135.77
Highway Part Town	\$ 373,418.21		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 173.16</u>		
Total	\$645,648.23		

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 #120 through #140, totaling \$21,233.04;

Highway fund vouchers #116 through #145, totaling \$38,687.31

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

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk