TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE MONTGOMERY COUNTY

July 12, 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

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 Armitstead, the agenda was unanimously approved

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

Public Comment- No public in attendance

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RESOLUTION #8 OF 2018

Sponsor: Supervisor Peter Vroman Second: Councilman John Toomey, Jr.

WHEREAS, the Mohawk Valley Collective, Inc. Board is seeking funding to restore the building in the Town of Canajoharie called West Hill School, and

WHEREAS, The Town Board considers this building architecturally unique and part of our local history, and

WHEREAS, the Mohawk Valley Collective, Inc. has started to renovate West Hill School, the Town Board of Canajoharie supports Mohawk Valley Collective, Inc. efforts to obtain grant funding for the restoration of this building,

WHEREAS, The Mohawk Valley Collective, Inc. is applying for a New York Main Street (NYMS) grant towards their efforts to revitalize their downtown anchor building, historic West Hill School, to move forward on critical repairs and rehabilitation of the structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved this 12th day of July 2018, that the Board of Trustees for the Town of Canajoharie supports the efforts of Mohawk Valley Collective, Inc. Consolidated Funding Application.

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

Councilman Rodney Young X Councilman John Peruzzi, Sr. X

Dated: July 12, 2018 Laurie M. Vroman Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #9 OF 2018 FOR TOWN COURT TO PURSUE GRANT TO FUND UPGRADES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN COURTROOM

Sponsor: Supervisor Peter Vroman

Second: Councilman John Peruzzi, Sr.

WHEREAS, the Town Court of the Town of Canajoharie is in need of multiple upgrades and equipment to modernize the courtroom and make it more secure, and

WHEREAS, grant funds are available through the Court Assistance Program of New York State,

RESOLVED: The Town Council authorizes Justice Philip J. Gizzi, Jr., and Court Clerk, Jena Coppernoll, to pursue a grant to fund upgrades and equipment for the Town Courtroom.

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

Laurie M. Vroman Town Clerk July 12, 2018

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Councilman Peruzzi requests that the Town Supervisor acquire a couple of more quotes for the air conditioning unit in the courtroom, possibly Don's Electric and/or Mattice

Councilman Armistead states that there should be more bids/quotes for the air conditioning unit; the entire Board agrees to have the Town Supervisor acquire more quotes for the air conditioning unit

TOWN SUPERVISOR- Discussion as to whether or not to pass a proposed local law to rescind the 2% tax cap before starting the annual budget process; It is agreed among all Board members to not do a proposed law at the moment

-Supervisor Vroman suggests dedicating the Town Hall at 12 Mitchell Street to former Town Supervisor, Robert McMahon, due to his years of service to the Town and for the acquisition of the Town Hall building during his tenure; Supervisor Vroman suggested to erect a sign to read in effect the Robert McMahon Canajoharie Town Hall at no cost to the Town

- -the Board discusses Supervisor Vroman's suggestion; Councilman Armitstead concerned about setting a precedence, but would not mind presenting Mr. McMahon with a recognition plaque to be displayed in his home
- -Councilman Peruzzi would like the matter tabled until the August meeting when it can be discussed further, entire Board agrees to table the suggestion for a month
- -Supervisor Vroman presents to the Board that Kinderhook Bank has approached the Town with their CD products; Bookkeeper Kretser discusses the possibility, maybe a money market so monies could be taken out if needed, but also suggests to see what products NBT can offer the Town; Bookkeeper Kretser does not suggest CD as they are locked; This matter is tabled per Supervisor Vroman and agreement of the Board until more information can be obtained regarding current interest rates and products offered by NBT
- -Supervisor Vroman explains the newspaper article he received regarding Budd Street; He assures the Board that no agreement was made between the Town of Canajoharie and the Town of Sharon for our Town Highway Department to use the Town of Sharon side of Budd Street to plow; He had an informal conversation with the Town of Sharon supervisor to see if the idea was a possibility; It appears that the Town of Sharon supervisor presented the idea to her Board during a board meeting where a reporter attended and the reporter wrote the article; Supervisor Vroman spoke with Attorney Shepardson regarding what happened, and he assured that there are no confidentiality issues breached as a result of the article in relation to the lawsuit; Supervisor Vroman reiterates that he cannot make such a decision without the approval of the Board, and agreement with our Town Highway superintendent
- -Supervisor Vroman informs the Board that the Town has received another attorney bill for the Budd St. litigation in the amount of \$14,656.20; He will reach out again to the Town's insurance company to see if any portion of the legal fees can be paid with insurance policy
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT- After three additional phone calls with the truck dealership, Main Motors, the two trucks that were ordered in February are still not ready and anticipated to not be delivered for at least another month or two; He was told by the dealership that he cannot cancel the order now because the VIN numbers have been allocated to the trucks; The dealership also will not give a trade-in value to our current truck until the trucks are delivered; There was no paper contract signed for the two trucks, only verbal
- -Councilman Young suggest cancelling the 2 truck order, suggests Superintendent Jones call the Town Attorney for advice
- -The dump truck is in production
- -The shed for the highway employee's break room will arrive next Thursday, the cost is \$3,900.00 for the 12 x 20 shed; Councilman Young presented another option using a camper, just an idea; Shed will be used for the breakroom; Only thing to be contracted out is electrical work
- -Department is done ditching; will be paving at end of the month; Helping County out with some projects
- -Superintendent Jones found a used grader for \$40,000.00---in South Dakota; He has invited a John Deere representative to attend the August board meeting to explain lease/buy program
- -Superintendent Jones discusses wiring outlet on the fuel tank; the insulation on the feed is gone

Councilman Young has spoken with realtor, Brenda Hill, to get some aerial views on land that could possibly be used for a new Town Barn

TOWN CLERK- Had the pleasure of a visit from former Town Supervisor, Herb Allen. Although he is grateful and appreciates the thought, he does not want to have a recognition/retirement dinner.

BOOKKEEPER- Received her laptop back; Planning Board did not meet in June

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-7/12/18 CASH REPORT JUNE 30, 2018

CHECKING A	CCOUNTS	MONEY MARKET A	CCOUNTS
General	\$ 92,219.13	General	\$29,205.90
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$34,407.48
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28	Highway Part Town	\$90,526.32
Highway Town Wide	\$134,153.80	Total \$	5154,139.97
Highway Part Town	\$ 346,054.53		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 305.71</u>		
Total	\$572,798.31		

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,494.40
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 44,686.96
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$234,745.06
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	\$ 53,850.38
Total	\$334,776.80

Respectfully submitted, Amy S. Kretser Town Bookkeeper

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #141 through #156, totaling \$18,012.72

Highway fund vouchers #146 through #162, totaling \$78,993.18

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

Supervisor Vroman mentions again the disability exemption; He will ask the Town Assessor to research what the surrounding Towns do; Councilman Young thinks it's not a bad idea to have it; This topic will be discussed further at the August meeting

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