

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

September 13, 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; Assessor Charlene Ruszkowski, not present

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** was **unanimously approved**

On **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi the August **2018 minutes** were **unanimously approved**

TOWN SUPERVISOR- reads email received from Town Assessor Ruszkowski re: hiring helper in her office at \$10.00 per hour to assist with prior Town-wide reevaluation paperwork. Supervisor Vroman discovered while speaking with Assessor Ruszkowski, that she has been paying her helper out of her own pocket; Supervisor Vroman informed Assessor Ruszkowski that she needs to come to the Board and request permission from the Board to hire an employee to assist her in her office; Supervisor Vroman is expecting Assessor Ruszkowski to be here tonight, has not arrived as of yet

-John Walsh is retiring as Town Hall groundskeeper as of October 31, 2018

7:40pm **Motion to enter Executive Session** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor ayes, carried**; Town litigation discussions

7:54pm **Motion to conclude Executive Session** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor, ayes, carried**

Motion to set special meeting on September 21, 2018 at 6:00pm to discuss special stipulations with intervenor counsel by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor, ayes, carried**

Councilman Young gives mentions to Board the possibility of passing a road preservation local law similar to the Town of Minden's; Town Clerk will acquire a copy from the Town of Minden for special meeting

RESOLUTION #10 OF 2018
To maintain Village of Ames water facility exemption
on Town Tax Roll

Sponsor: Supervisor Peter Vroman
Second: Councilman William Armitstead

WHEREAS, the Village of Ames requests permission from the Town of Canajoharie to maintain the current water facility exemption 13590 for the following Village of Ames property:

Parcel 121.-1-37 Brimstone Creek

RESOLVED: The Canajoharie Town Board agrees to maintain the current water facility exemption 13590 for Parcel 121.-1-37, Brimstone Creek, in the Village of Ames.

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

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Town Clerk
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RESOLUTION #11 OF 2018
To maintain Village of Canajoharie water facility exemption
on Town Tax Roll

Sponsor: Supervisor Peter Vroman
Second: Councilman John Peruzzi, Sr.

WHEREAS, the Village of Canajoharie requests permission from the Town of Canajoharie to maintain the current water facility exemption for the following Village of Canajoharie properties:

- Parcel 63.17-1-39 Old Fort Plain Road annexed from the Town in 1993
- Parcel 79.-4-23 Old Sharon Road annexed from the Town in 1996
- Parcel 79.-4-24 Carlisle Road annexed from the Town in 1996

RESOLVED: The Canajoharie Town Board agrees to maintain the current water facility exemptions for the three above listed Village of Canajoharie parcels.

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

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Supervisor Vroman- Presented to the Board the Town of Minden’s proposed resolution setting fees for solar facilities in the Town of Minden; Minden is proposing a fee of \$250.00 per acre for each acre of a commercial solar project in their town, also including any engineering and legal fees incurred by the town during the project

-Board discusses different fee scenarios that could be implemented for our Town

PUBLIC COMMENT- Joe Greene from the Mohawk Solar project gives an overview as to where the project is; The company is attempting to abide by the 200ft setback wherever they can; Approximately 550 project acres located in the Town of Canajoharie

-explains that the company will be applying for Town building permits, variances soon; The company wants to do this before they apply to the State for their permit so there will be a complete package

-explains the 15 year PILOT program needs to be agreed to by all 5 taxing bodies [County, both Towns, both School Districts];

-Mr. Greene is under the impression that the Town of Canajoharie was approached by the County regarding the proposed PILOT program; the Town of Canajoharie has not been informed of the proposed PILOT program by the County

SUPERVISOR- continues discussion re: possible commercial solar building permit fees. The Board

discusses the following options: flat fee per parcel; \$250.00 or lower amount per acre for each acre of the project; set a fee based upon the parcel size; set a fee based upon the total size of the solar project
 -Town Clerk reminds the Board that not only building permit fees should be imposed, but also special use permits for commercial solar projects, and commercial solar variance fees need to be looked at and imposed
 -discussion tabled until special meeting

Motion to schedule budget workshop for September 27, 2018 at 7:30pm by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor, ayes, carried**

Supervisor Vroman received information from County Real Property that the Town’s aged exemption law needs to be updated; Table until next regular meeting
 -Supervisor Vroman also informs the Board that only 3 property owners in the Town of Minden, and 7 property owners in the City of Amsterdam are given disabled exemptions; Table until next regular meeting

Supervisor Vroman reminds the Board there are still openings on the Planning Board and ZBA; Supervisor Vroman has contacted Thomas Price if he would still be willing to serve on the BAR, waiting to hear back from Mr. Price

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT- two trucks ordered back in winter have finally arrived at the stalls and are getting their plows and dumps; Trade-in amount offered by Main Motor Cars total of \$53,000.00 [2017 Ram 2500 pick-up \$25,000.00 and Ram 5500 dump \$28,000.00];

-Motion to put the two used trucks on Auction International by Councilman Armitstead, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor, ayes, carried**

Superintendent Jones further reports that they’re hauling in sand; Also, had meeting with Barton & Loguidice to study the town barn;

Councilmen Young and Armitstead requests that Superintendent Jones inspect a used grader that is going up for sale in Starkville

TOWN CLERK- none

BOOKKEEPER-

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-9/10/18
 CASH REPORT AUGUST 31, 2018

| CHECKING ACCOUNTS | | MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| General | \$ 49,744.52 | General | \$ 29,207.36 |
| Fire District | \$ 39.86 | Highway Town Wide | \$ 84,409.45 |
| Consolidated Health | \$ 25.28 | Highway Part Town | <u>\$265,532.59</u> |
| Highway Town Wide | \$ 78,791.43 | Total | \$379,149.40 |
| Highway Part Town | \$ 149,528.04 | | |
| Trust & Agency | <u>\$ 581.23</u> | | |
| Total | \$278,710.36 | | |
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| SAVINGS ACCOUNTS | | | |
| Consolidated Health | \$ 1,494.47 | | |
| Highway Cap Reserve | \$ 44,689.11 | | |
| Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage | \$234,756.60 | | |
| Gen-Cap Reserve-land | <u>\$ 53,853.07</u> | | |
| Total | \$334,793.25 | | |

Respectfully submitted,

 Amy S. Kretser
 Town Bookkeeper

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #180 through #200, totaling \$23,238.70

Highway fund vouchers #176 through #197, totaling \$86,615.12

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

The Board requires the Town Assessor to approach the Town Board for permission to hire part-time help in her office and does not condone nor allow the Town Assessor to personally pay any person working in her office

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman **seconded** by Councilman Young, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk