

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

October 11, 2018

The Town Council met for a regular meeting and second budget workshop at the Town Hall building, 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, New York.

Present: Supervisor Peter Vroman, Councilpersons: John Peruzzi, William Armitstad; Councilmen John Toomey, Jr. and Rodney Young 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 a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **the September regular, special and budget workshop minutes were unanimously approved**

Public Comment- Dan Clancy from the Forest Preserve Users, Inc. [area snowmobiling club], requests from the Town Board permission from the Town to ride snowmobiles on National Grid property for snowmobile trail

-Motion to grant Forest Preserve Users, Inc. permission to use National Grid property for snowmobile trail by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor, ayes, carried**

NEW BUSINESS

Town Supervisor- discusses the proposed PILOT program the County has prepared re: Article 10 Mohawk Solar Project; He met with County Representative, Ken Rose; Board discusses the amount of taxes the Town is receiving currently on these properties

-Supervisor proposes the need to designate seasonal roads before November 1, 2018.

-Superintendent Jones will present a letter to the Board before November 1st to designate the following roads as seasonal: Lincoln Rd., part of Canyon Rd., Old Tavern Rd.; Budd St. will not be included at this time

-Supervisor tells Board that next court date for Countryside Management is in February 2019

-Supervisor attended info meeting at the Village of Canajoharie re: Beech Nut facility project progress; Indoor demolition is scheduled for November

-Supervisor Vroman had a telephone conference with Councilman Young this evening before the board meeting re: Councilman Young would like the Board to start the process of purchasing the 10 acre property on South Buel road for \$28,000.00

-Superintendent Jones indicates the property is better for plow route

Motion to proceed with the purchase of land on South Buel Road by Councilman Armitstead, seconded by Supervisor Vroman, **all in favor, ayes, carried**; Need resolution to be drafted with the specifics of the land and sellers/buyer information

-Supervisor Vroman forwarded the Town of Minden's road preservation law to Town Attorney for guidance on how to adapt it for our Town

-Supervisor had discussion with Town Planning Board Chair, Bill Douglass re: better communication between Town Board and Planning Board re: Mohawk Solar Project

OLD BUSINESS- Commercial Solar Building Permit Fees; Board further discusses the options. Councilman Armitstead concurs with the Town of Minden's resolution which charges \$250.00 an acre; Board decides to table until a full board can be present to decide; **Board sets special meeting for October 18, 2018 at 7:30pm** to further discuss and decide the matter

8:30pm- Budget Workshop- the only matter in contention is whether or not to purchase a brand new grader; Board discusses; Superintendent Jones indicates that it would be purchased under State contract pricing and would also want a snow blade attachment, however, the grader is used year round

Motion to approve grader purchase in the 2019 budget by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi-**Voting:** Supervisor Vroman: aye, Councilman Peruzzi: aye, Councilman Armitstead: abstain; [both Councilmen Toomey and Young not present]

Motion to approve the tentative budget as the preliminary budget by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, ayes, carried**
-Preliminary budget hearing scheduled for November 8, 2018 at 7:30pm

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT- Auction was successful

TOWN BOOKKEEPER- There is a separate land account with \$53,000.00 from the Latimer Hill land purchase

-With sale of equipment from the auction, there will be no need to use all of the equipment reserve funds

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #201 through #218, totaling \$20,785.71;

Highway fund vouchers #198 through #216, totaling \$148,440.52

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 Armitstead, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk