

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
January 10, 2019**

The Town Council met for the organizational meeting for 2019 and regular monthly meeting

Present: Supervisor Peter Vroman, Councilpersons: John Peruzzi, and Rodney Young, William Armitstead and John Toomey, Jr.; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Highway Superintendent Timothy Jones,

The meeting was opened by the Supervisor at 7:30pm

Motion to adopt agenda by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor ayes, carried**

Motion to accept December 2019 meeting minutes by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, **all in favor ayes, carried**

7:30pm- Enter Organizational Meeting

Resolution #1 2019

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Sponsor: Supervisor Peter A. Vroman

Second: Councilman John Peruzzi

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie must make various appointments for town operation in the coming year,

Resolved, the following appointments are made effective immediately:

Town Attorney: Douglas Langdon, Esq.

Bookkeeper: Amy Kretser

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer: Les Hassan

Town Historian: Kathy Hanford

Planning Board Chairman: William Douglass

Animal Control Officer/Rabies Response Agent: Steven Fredenburg

Health Officer: Brian Hall, P.A.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair: Michael Ehrenreich

Zoning Board of Appeals: David Shults-term to end Dec. 31, 2023

-open seat- term to end Dec. 31, 2019

-open seat-term to end Dec. 31, 2020

-open seat- 5 year term to end Dec. 31, 2021

Planning Board Member: Dennis McEwan-term to end Dec. 31, 2024

William Douglass-term to end Dec. 31, 2025

-Alternate open seat-two year term

Planning Board Chairman: William Douglass

Further resolved, the following miscellaneous assignments are made:

Official newspaper: The Amsterdam Recorder and the Courier –Standard-Enterprise

Official depository: NBT Bank

Mileage reimbursement rates: per IRS rules, as altered through the year

Utility bills, Insurance, postage, credit cards, and gas cards may be paid ahead of monthly council meeting when they are received

Salaries of part-time employees set to \$11.10 per hour

Salaries for part-time Highway employees set to \$11.10 per hour

Voting:	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Peter A. Vroman	X		
Councilman William Armitstead	X		
Councilman John Toomey, Jr.	X		
Councilman Rodney Young	X		
Councilman John Peruzzi	X		

Dated: January 10, 2019

Laurie M. Vroman Town Clerk

7:40pm-Enter Regular Monthly meeting

Public Comment-none no public in attendance

Supervisor Vroman indicates that a representative from Potentia Management will be attending the meeting tonight to discuss converting lightbulbs in the Town Hall and Town Garage to LED

Supervisor Vroman explains to the Board that on Route 163 there is an Amish schoolhouse located within a 55 mile an hour and full passing zone; He observed the situation and took some pictures; He proposes a speed reduction and no passing zone

-the Board discusses other Amish schools in the area

Resolution #2 of 2019 by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey **for reduction of the speed limit near the Amish School in Buell on Route 163**, all in favor, unanimous ayes, carried

-Town Clerk will prepare resolution and send to County to start process

RESOLUTION #2 OF 2019
For Reduction of Speed Limit on Route 163

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie Town Board are concerned for the safety of all children attending school, pedestrians, wildlife and motorists along aforesaid road, and

Whereas, Route 163 is a State Highway, and

Whereas, an Amish schoolhouse is located at 1719 State Highway Route 163,

Whereas, the Town Supervisor has requested to the Canajoharie Town Board that the speed limit on Route 163 between mile markers 163/2501/1085 and 163/2501/1088 be reduced from 55 miles per hours to 35 miles per hour,

Whereas, the Town Supervisor has requested to the Canajoharie Town Board that the current passing zone located in front of the Amish school be re-designated to a “No Passing Zone” with appropriate double solid line road marking in front of the schoolhouse between mile markers 163/2501/1085 and 163/2501/1088,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED: The Town Board hereby requests that the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on Route 163 between mile markers 163/2501/1085 and 163/2501/1088, and to re-designated that portion of Route 163 in front of the schoolhouse as “No Passing” with double solid line road markings.

SPONSOR: Supervisor Peter Vroman
SECOND: Councilman John Toomey, Jr.

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

Laurie M. Vroman
Town Clerk
Dated January 10, 2019

Supervisor Vroman updates the Board on the County Snow & Ice removal contract, a new proposed contract has been negotiated to include a 2% increase for 2 years; He has yet to receive it from the County

7:45pm-Motion to enter Executive Session by Supervisor Vroman, seconded by Councilman Peruzzi, all in favor, ayes, carried—Budd St. lawsuit discussion

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

Councilman Young discusses the proposed commercial solar fees with the Board; He had spoken with Joe Green from Mohawk Solar project who indicated that the company does not have a problem with the Town adopting the same/similar fees as the Town of Minden, they only request more description with our fees

The Board tables the proposed resolution for commercial solar fees until the Town Attorney has looked it over

RESOLUTION # OF 2019 [Tabled]
Setting Fees for Solar Facilities in the Town of Canajoharie

WHEREAS, Local Law #2 of the year 2017 was filed with the Department of State on June 16, 2017, which establishes Town-wide solar energy systems rules and regulations for permitting and installation of utility-scale solar collector systems, as well as rooftop, flush mounted, ground mounted racks and freestanding solar collectors,

WHEREAS, the Local Law did not set the fees for solar facilities, but left same to be set by resolution of the Town Board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the fee for commercial solar projects shall be \$250.00 per acre for each acre used for the construction of solar panels, fencing, right-of -ways, roads, buildings, etc. during the project in the Town; And in addition thereto, the applicant shall reimburse the Town for all costs and professional services, including but not limited to, engineering and legal fees incurred by the Town associated with the application, permit, or review as deemed necessary by the Town, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the fee for residential solar projects in the Town shall be based upon the estimated cost of the project as follows:

<u>Estimated cost of project</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>
Under \$500.00	\$20.00
\$500-\$25,000.00	\$25.00
\$25,000.00 and up	\$40.00

Jim Buono from Potentia Management arrives to speak to Board about converting from incandescent to LED lighting; he also suggests the Town switch to Constellation for electric bills

-Councilman Armitstead suggest looking into switching to Constellation

-The Board discusses options of incandescent vs. LED and changing electricity providers

Highway Superintendent- the Amish families living on Herrick St. and Vosburgh roads would like to take over the maintenance of the roads from the Town; Board discusses; the roads need to be abandoned by the Town

Town Clerk- tax collection is going well; Anticipating Town's warrant to be collected by next week

Bookkeeper- discusses financing of the new truck, not going to bond as of yet; asks the Board if they

want to use a little from the machinery reserve or bond the whole amount; the Board prefers to leave the machinery reserve alone

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-1/10/19
CASH REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2018

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 13,800.24
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28
Highway Town Wide	\$ 56,825.26
Highway Part Town	\$ 91,600.91
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 572.23</u>
Total	\$162,863.78

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 19,210.28
Highway Town Wide	\$ 14,415.21
Highway Part Town	<u>\$265,576.97</u>
Total	\$299,202.46

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,494.63
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 16,792.42
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$234,780.28
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 53,858.51</u>
Total	\$306,925.84

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Kretser
Town Bookkeeper

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #1 through, 24 totaling \$47,835.25;

Highway fund vouchers #1 through #16, totaling \$29,970.75

Motion to pay bills and for budget amendments by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor ayes, carried**

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk