

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

May 9, 2019

The Town Council met for a regular monthly meeting, 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, New York.

Present: Supervisor Peter Vroman [arrived at 7:55pm], Councilpersons: William Armitstead [arrives at 8:15pm], John Toomey, Jr., Rodney Young, John Peruzzi, Sr.; Highway Superintendent Timothy Jones; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser; Attorney Ken Ayres and Joe Green from Mohawk Solar present in gallery

The meeting was opened by the Deputy Supervisor Young at 7:30pm, and the evening's agenda was presented

On a **motion** by Deputy Supervisor Young, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, the **agenda** was **unanimously approved**, with some modifications

On a **motion** by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, the April public hearing, regular, and special meeting minutes **were unanimously approved**

Public Comment- Joe Green gives update to the Mohawk Solar project: Project is advancing; the company anticipates filing their application to NYS by May 22nd

- they are looking to come before the planning board in June

- a mitigation program is being put into place with some additional landowners re: upland sandpiper habitat

- the company is ready to submit to both Towns building permit applications with a check however, they have an issue with the Town's current commercial solar building permit fee of \$250.00 per acre contracted; the company misunderstood and thought the fee was for per acre of fenced in land, not the entire leased property

- Mr. Green requests that the Town amend its' commercial solar fee resolution to reflect \$250.00 per actual fenced in area, not leased acreage

- Town Clerk reminds the Board that the commercial solar fee resolution was passed in regards to any commercial solar project that may be constructed in the Town, as well as residential solar projects, and not specifically tailored to the Mohawk Solar project

- Councilman Young asks Mr. Green to give the Board the number of acres of the fenced in area

- Mr. Green agrees and will return with the number

8:02pm- Opening of Sealed Bids for Town Recycling Contract-the Town Clerk opens the one (1) sealed bid proposal received: Spohn's Disposal Service submits a bid in the amount of \$28,800.00 for the entire two (2) year contract period from June 1, 2019 to and including May 31, 2021. A certified check in the amount of \$1,440.00, a Non-Collusion Certificate, Iraninan Divestment Act of 2012 Certification and the company's Corporate Resolution were all included

-The Town Clerk indicates that she is not in receipt of any other sealed bid proposals; however, she did make note to the Board that she received correspondence from County Waste & Recycling and they will not be submitting a bid response

Motion to accept the proposed bid for Town Recycling from Spohn's Disposal Service by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Supervisor Vroman, **all in favor unanimous ayes** [Councilman

Armitstead not present at this time for the vote]

Supervisor Vroman gives a report to the Board regarding a meeting he attended with surrounding Town supervisors [Town of Minden, Town of Charleston] re: power line upgrades to double the kilowatts which would relieve power bottle necks on the grid; the current “H” poles will be replaced with 100’ poles thereby less poles will be used; It is an Article 7 process; Project anticipated to start in 2021 and be completed by December 2023

8:10pm- Motion to Enter Executive Session to discuss litigation by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor, unanimous ayes**; [Councilman Armitstead arrives at 8:15pm]

8:28pm-Motion to Exit Executive Session by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Young, **all in favor unanimous ayes**

Motion to Untable Resolution #7 of 2019 by Councilman Armistead, **seconded** by Supervisor Vroman, **all in favor ayes, unanimously carried**

Resolution #7 of 2019

Enacting Local Law #1 of 2019 Designating a Portion of Budd Street, from Null Road South to the Town of Sharon town line as a Minimum Maintenance Road

SPONSOR: NONE

SECOND: NONE

<u>VOTING:</u> [roll call taken by Clerk]	<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, Sr.		X	

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Laurie M. Vroman

Canajoharie Town Clerk

Local Law #1 of 2019 to designate a portion of Budd Street, from Null Road South to the Town of Sharon town line as a Minimum Maintenance Road will NOT be enacted

-Mohawk Solar representative, Joe Green, returns with requested acreage amount; He calculates total acres leased as 1,032.5 acres in Town of Canajoharie and measured 510.5 acres for solar construction within fenced in areas; He calculated the building permit fees to be \$127,625.00 which is lower than his colleague’s calculation of \$132,000.00, but defers that his colleague’s calculation is more accurate

Highway Superintendent- Mowing season has begun; He needs to purchase a replacement flail mower; He received a quote from Randall implement in the amount of \$5,659.00, he indicates there is money in his accounts for the purchase

-Motion to purchase flail mower by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Supervisor Vroman, **all in favor, unanimous ayes**

-Superintendent would like to hire a part-time employee strictly for mowing during for the 8-week mowing season; He estimates that the cost would be approximately \$3,000.00 and there is money in his budget to do so; He suggests hiring former Town Highway employee, John Klock

-Motion to hire John Klock at \$11.10 per hour strictly for mowing during the 8-week mowing season by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Young, **all in favor, unanimous ayes**; Town Bookkeeper Kretser reminds Highway Superintendent that Mr. Klock needs to be approved for hiring by the County

-Highway Superintendent is in the process of having contractors come to Town garage for ideas and how much it would cost to alter the roof of the Town garage so the new truck will fit inside properly; He also mentions that DEC has grants for construction of salt sheds, the Town may want to consider applying

Town Clerk- nothing to report

Bookkeeper- reports that the Town funds are managing; the Town received its' sales tax check, however, \$79,801.00 was used to pay for the three (3) fire contracts

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-5/9/19
CASH REPORT APRIL 30, 2019

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 38,030.04	General	\$ 4,213.06
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$ 14,422.46
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$265,840.44</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$246,619.15	Total	\$284,475.96
Highway Part Town	\$141,346.01		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 58.58</u>		
Total	\$426,128.92		

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Consolidated Health	\$ 1,484.70
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 26,793.25
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$244,791.86
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 26,416.62</u>
Total	\$299,486.43

Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Kretser
Town Bookkeeper

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #111 through #135, totaling \$20,144.26;

Highway fund vouchers #66 through #83, totaling \$20,169.15

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

The Board discusses Joe Green's request from Avant Grid [Mohawk Solar Project] to amend Resolution #5 of 2019 which sets commercial solar fee building permits to \$250.00 per acre for each parcel leased under contract, to instead to \$250.00 per acre within the fencing; The Board agrees to keep the resolution as is currently stated

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk