

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

September 12, 2019

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

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

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

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Pruzzi, the **agenda** was **unanimously approved**

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

RESOLUTION #18 OF 2019
Appointment of Daniel Hazzard to Zoning Board of Appeals

WHEREAS, the Town of Canajoharie Zoning Board of Appeals has a vacancy,

WHEREAS, Daniel Hazzard has expressed interest in becoming a member of the ZBA,

RESOLVED: Daniel Hazzard is appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2024.

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

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

Laurie M. Vroman
Town Clerk
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RESOLUTION #19 OF 2019
Re-Appoint Charlene Ruszkowski as the Town of Canajoharie Sole Assessor

WHEREAS, Charlene Ruszkowski's term as the Town of Canajoharie Sole Assessor will expire September 30, 2019,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Canajoharie is interested in Charlene Ruszkowski to continue as the Sole Assessor for the Town of Canajoharie,

RESOLVED: the Town of Canajoharie Board re-appoints Charlene Ruszkowski as the Town of Canajoharie Sole Assessor, reappointment term to begin October 1, 2019 and end September 30, 2025.

SPONSOR: Supervisor Peter A. Vroman
SECOND: Councilman William Armitstead

<u>VOTING:</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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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RESOLUTION #20 OF 2019
Re-Appoint Catherine Smith to the Board of Assessment Review

WHEREAS, Catherine Smith's term expires September 30, 2019 on the Town of Canajoharie Board of Assessment Review,

WHEREAS, the Town of Canajoharie Board is interested in Catherine Smith to continue as a member of the BAR,

RESOLVED: Catherine Smith is re-appointed to the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire September 30, 2024.

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

<u>VOTING:</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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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New Business- Supervisor Vroman schedules tentative budget workshop for September 24th at 7:30pm

- Supervisor has received proposed fire contract budget amounts from the Ames Volunteer Fire Department and Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department, but not from the Minden Volunteer Fire Department; Should receive Minden’s next week
- Supervisor plans on meeting with the Arkell Foundation next week
- Supervisor plans on meeting with the County grant writer at some point
- Barton & Loguidice has reached out regarding the possibility of representing the Town as intervenor engineers regarding the Article 7 power line upgrade project

Public Comment- Representatives from Lamont Engineering: Chris Yacobucci, Milan Jackson, and Brenden Becker provide the Board with a presentation about the proposed new Town garage and what services their company provides to municipalities regarding projects of this nature; Lamont specializes in municipal construction and engineering services, and has current and past experience with town garage constructions; They also can assist the Town in securing funding, although not many available grants for highway garages; The reps understand that if the Town is able to handle some parts of the project ie: site work, the cost is more effective for taxpayers

- Meeting is scheduled at the site for September 25 at 9:00am with the Highway Superintendent and Lamont representatives; Town Supervisor and Councilman Young will attend
- Lamont representatives briefly explain the permissive referendum process

Mohawk Solar updates- Bookkeeper Kretser [also ZBA and Planning Board Secretary], indicates that the ZBA is in the process of setting up an informal meeting with Mohawk Solar in which they will present their area variance applications for the project; No date has been set

Bookkeeper Kretser indicates there are two subdivision applications before the Planning Board

Bookkeeper- there is a small amount of money left in the G fund---need to borrow from Highway funds which will be paid back to the Highway fund; Money is still set aside for the building fund; Budget amendment as stated in bookkeeper report

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-9/11/19
CASH REPORT AUGUST 31, 2019

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 1,765.69	General	\$ 216.69
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$ 44,456.00
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$266,352.15</u>

Highway Town Wide	\$ 197,580.11	Total	\$311,024.74
Highway Part Town	\$ 49,030.47		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 15,194.26</u> *		
Total	\$263,645.67		

*\$15000.00 Avangrid -Solar Project

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,484.77
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 26,794.49
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$244,803.97
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 26,417.94</u>
Total	\$299,501.17

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Increase Revenue	Increase Expenditure	Amount
DA2665 Sale of Equipment	DA5130.4 Machinery Cont	\$5870.00

This increases the budget line for revenue - money received for sale of 98 dump truck and expenses for Machinery expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy S. Kretser

Highway Superintendent- acquiring sand for the winter; rented a brush hog boom for \$5,800.00

Town Clerk- Windows 7 will be obsolete as of January 2020—the Town Clerk, Town Bookkeeper, and Town Supervisor computers all run on Windows 7; It is recommended by Microsoft to replace computers run on 7 with new computers that run on Windows 10; Clerk has an inquiry to the County Data Processing department to see what their plan of action is and if the Town can purchase new computers with the County

-Reminds all Board members to return the sexual harassment training acknowledgments at the end of the evening’s sexual harassment training

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #199 through #222, totaling \$20,422.04;

Highway fund vouchers #140 through #159, totaling \$82,580.44

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 Peruzzi, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk