

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**October 10, 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 Peruzzi, the **agenda** was **unanimously approved**

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, the September regular meeting and budget workshop minutes **were unanimously approved**

**Public Comment-** no public in attendance

**Supervisor Vroman-** reports to the Board that the Town has received the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the mowing contract check from the County

-Received information from Town Assessor that qualified volunteer firemen can be eligible for an exemption on their property

**-Motion to renew Town Hall sidewalk snow removal contract between the Town and Village for \$1.00** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor, ayes, carried**; Town Supervisor will sign and present to the Village for approval

-Received a proposed Road Use & Crossing Agreement from LS Power Grid re: the power line upgrade and the liability of the company for any damage they may create during the upgrade

RESOLUTION 21 OF 2019

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RESOLUTION TO RETAIN BARTON & LOGUIDICE TO ASSIST THE TOWN / TOWN  
PLANNING BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH REVIEW OF PROPOSED LS POWER GRID AC  
TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE PROJECT

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**WHEREAS**, the purpose of intervenor funding is to allow municipalities and their consultants and attorneys to contribute to the development of a complete record leading to an informed decision by the New York State Public Service Commission, and to foster broad public participation; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 7 of the Public Service Law provides for Intervenor Funding to be provided by Article 7 applicants to be used to defray certain expenses by municipal parties; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the understanding of the Town Board that any legal and/or engineering services provided related to the LS Power Grid AC Transmission Line Upgrade Project would be fully covered by the intervenor funds awarded, at no cost to the Town of Canajoharie; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Canajoharie Board has requested the services of Barton & Loguidice, as engineers to represent the Town and the Planning Board in connection with the review of proposed LS Power Grid AC Transmission Line Upgrade Project, including the preparation of a Request for Intervenor Funds;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town retains the engineering firm of Barton & Loguidice to represent the Town and Planning Board, at no cost to be incurred by the Town, in connection with the review of proposed LS Power Grid AC Transmission Line Upgrade Project, including preparation of a Request for Intervenor Funds, subject to the review and approval of a proposal/retainer agreement.

SPONSOR: Supervisor Peter A. Vroman  
SECOND Councilman William Armitstead

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

Laurie M. Vroman  
Town Clerk  
October 10, 2019

**Resolution #22 of 2019**

**TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE FOR INTERVENOR FUNDS**

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

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Canajoharie Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement between the Department of Public Service and the Town of Canajoharie as to the first request for Intervenor Funds-Application Phase-PSC Article 10-Mohawk Solar LLC.

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

Dated: October 10, 2019  
Laurie M. Vroman Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #23 OF 2019  
Approving the Tentative Budget as Preliminary Budget

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Canajoharie Town Board accepts the tentative budget as the preliminary budget and, to advertise for a Public Hearing on the 2020 Preliminary Town Budget to be held on November 7, 2019 at 7:30pm, 12 Mitchell St., Canajoharie, New York. The regular monthly Board Meeting will be rescheduled to November 7, 2019 immediately following the public hearing on the 2020 Preliminary Town Budget.

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

<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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-Board has brief discussion re: renewing the volunteer fire department contracts; Councilman Young will follow up with the Town Bookkeeper and the fire chief for the Village of Canajoharie

-Board discusses the proposed contract received from Lamont Engineering, they decide they need more clarification of certain points contained therein, and would like Lamont representatives to come to next Board meeting

-Budd Street- it has come to the Town's attention that there is still an issue raised by the homeowners through Attorney Ayres regarding the 50 foot turnaround, they claim it was not put in the correct spot.

-both the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent met with the homeowner early summer to discuss the placement of the turnaround, and all were in agreement; the settlement agreement states the area to be deeded to the Town for the turnaround is 50' x 50'

-Superintendent Jones states he's already installed the 40' culvert pipe

**Mohawk Solar Updates-** Bookkeeper Kretser reports that because the Mohawk Solar project has the possibility of impacting adjacent municipal boundaries and State highways, it needs to be reviewed by the County Planning Board; Also the ZBA hearing to hear the Mohawk Solar variances is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>—it has been published in the papers and on website

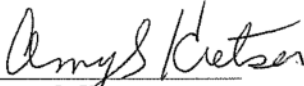
TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-10/10/19  
CASH REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 5,336.22
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28
Highway Town Wide	\$133,517.39
Highway Part Town	\$ 79,442.77
Trust & Agency	\$ <u>14,375.27</u>
Total	\$232,746.79

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 217.40
Highway Town Wide	\$ 44,465.53
Highway Part Town	\$ <u>216,465.26</u>
Total	\$261,148.19

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Amy S. Kretser  
Town Bookkeeper

**Highway Superintendent-** Started the addition for the new truck; explains while demolishing the back wall, a highway employee was concerned that the wall may contain asbestos; Councilman Young contacted asbestos removal expert, Rich Lipman, who confirmed it is not asbestos but vermiculite; Even though vermiculite is not asbestos, NYS mandates its' removal to be considered among the asbestos category; Mr. Lipman will recommend a reputable, reasonable decontamination firm to the Town

-Pavings are done; Sand is all in; widening bridge on Happy Hollow Road

**Town Clerk-** nothing to report

**Town Bookkeeper-** currently borrowing from highway fund to cover the G fund's expenses

## **BILLS**

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #224 through #242, totaling \$6,407.67;

Highway fund vouchers #160 through #177, totaling \$58,968.55

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

## **Adjournment**

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, all in favor, ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk