

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**November 14, 2019**

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

**Present:** Supervisor Peter Vroman, Councilpersons: William Armitstead, John Toomey, Jr., John Peruzzi, Sr.; Highway Superintendent Timothy Jones; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser not present, Councilman Rodney Young not present

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 Armitstead, the **agenda** was **unanimously approved**

**Supervisor Vroman-** recognizes both candidates for Town Clerk present in the gallery, Marigrace Hoag and Christina Jewell. Invites both to speak to the Board

**Public Comment-** Christina Jewell introduces herself to the Board and expresses interest in the Town Clerk position

**7:31pm-**Public Comment closed

**7:32pm-Motion to Enter Executive Session to discuss the candidates for Town Clerk** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, ayes, carried;** Everyone leaves the meeting room except for the Town Board

**7:44pm-Motion to Exit Executive Session** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor, ayes, carried**

**Supervisor Vroman** recognizes that two highly qualified candidates have expressed interest and submitted resumes as application for the Town Clerk position, Marigrace Hoag and Christina Jewell. After careful review and consideration by the Board, the Town Board selected Christina Jewell for appointment of Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION #26 OF 2019  
Appointment of Christina Jewell as Town Clerk

WHEREAS, the Town of Canajoharie Town Clerk, Laurie Vroman, has tendered her resignation as Town Clerk, effective November 18, 2019,

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the authority to fill the vacancy by appointment per Town Law Section 64(5),

WHEREAS, the appointed Town Clerk would serve for the remainder of 2019 and all of 2020, with the position on the ballot at the general election in November of 2020, and with the winner serving for the remainder of the incumbent's unexpired term to December 31, 2021,

WHEREAS, Christina Jewell has expressed interest in performing the duties of Town Clerk for the Town of Canajoharie,

RESOLVED: Christina Jewell is appointed Town Clerk for the Town of Canajoharie effective December 2, 2019, for the remainder of 2019, term to expire December 31, 2020.

SPONSOR: Peter A. Vroman  
SECOND: 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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RESOLUTION 27 OF 2019

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RESOLUTION TO RETAIN YOUNG/SOMMER LLC TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE / 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 services, including the preparation of the intervenor fee request, 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 Young/Sommer LLC, as attorneys to represent the Town of Canajoharie and the Town's 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 firm of Young/Sommer LLC 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, and including preparation of a Request for Intervenor Funds, subject to the review and approval of a proposal/retainer agreement at no cost other than provided by intervenor fee awards.

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		

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Representatives from Lamont Engineers (Christopher Yacobucci and Milan Jackson) present to discuss the initial steps for prepping the grounds for new Town Garage construction, specifically, finding water and the perc test

-Councilman Armitstead would like to find water on the land and do the perc test first before a site plan; He states he will witch for the water, and he has someone who can reasonably drill the well; Superintendent Jones indicates Gradall could also dig well

-Lamont indicates they prefer to do a site plan first, but will hold off per the Councilman's and Town's wishes. However, they would like permission to do the topographic surveys in Phase 1 before more snow is on the ground in order to design a plan, cost approximately \$4K includes field work, surface contours, map, etc.; Lamont requests property line survey from the Town, if the Town has one

-Superintendent Jones requests using the plans received from the Town of Root garage, but with one additional bay, and each bay large enough so dump beds can be raised inside; Lamont asks Mr. Jones to measure how high the clearance needs to be and report back to them

-Lamont also responds that the Town of Root plans are a good start, but there do have to be some upgrades to them as NYS codes have changed and the plans have to meet current building codes

Mr. Yacobucci confirms with the Board the following: Town will start the well and contact County Soil and Water for perc testing; Lamont will conduct the topographic survey in Phase 1

### **Adjournment**

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, all in favor, ayes, the **meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk