

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD APRIL 9, 2020 VIA TELECONFERENCE AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Peter A. Vroman, Supervisor
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman
Rodney Young, Councilman

Absent: William Armitstead, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Christina Jewell, Town Clerk

Others Present: Tim Jones, Highway Superintendent
Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vroman, Supervisor, at 7:30 PM, noting that it was being held via teleconference, as the country is in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus, and the Open Meeting Law has been relaxed during this time.

Accept the March 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Vroman, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, that the minutes of March 2020 meeting, as submitted by the Town Clerk, was approved. All in favor ayes, carried.

Accept the April 9th Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Vroman, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, that the agenda was unanimously approved. All in favor ayes, carried.

Recognition of Citizens Present

None present

Town Supervisor – Resolution #11 of 2020

Mr. Vroman read the following, with regard to giving him permission to execute documents with Mohawk Solar:

“Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: after reviewing the settlement documents which are posted on the NYS Department of Public Service website and which are available at all times for public review, the Town Board of the Town of Canajoharie hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the settlement document evidencing that the Town Board has no further objections to the proposed facility so long as the Applicant complies with the Certificate conditions and the SEEP guidelines also available on the website; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is also authorized to sign Town road use and solar facility decommissioning agreements with Mohawk Solar LLC; and

Be it Further Resolved, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Siting Board along with the signed settlement document.”

Resolution #11 of 2020

**Town Supervisor to execute the settlement document and
sign Town road use and Solar Facility Decommissioning with Mohawk Solar**

Sponsor: Peter Vroman
Second: John Toomey

Whereas, Mohawk Solar LLC (Avangrid, Inc.) has proposed to construct a 90.5 megawatt solar energy facility in the Towns of Canajoharie and Minden, Montgomery County (the “Project”), and has applied to the New York

State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law to allow Mohawk Solar LLC to construct and operate the facility and,

Whereas, the Towns have participated fully in every phase of the review of the Project under Article 10 of the Public Service Law using intervenor funds awarded for that purpose, additionally the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Towns issued area variances for the Project,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: after reviewing the settlement documents which are posted on the NYS Department of Public Service website and which are available at all times for public review, the Town Board of the Town of Canajoharie hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the settlement document evidencing that the Town Board has no further objections to the proposed facility so long as the Applicant complies with the Certificate conditions and the SEEP guidelines also available on the website; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is also authorized to sign Town road use and solar facility de-commissioning agreements with Mohawk Solar LLC; and

Be it Further Resolved, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Siting Board along with the signed settlement document.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Peter A. Vroman, Supervisor	X		
William Armitstead, Councilman			X
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman	X		
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman	X		
Rodney Young, Councilman	X		

Christina Jewell, Town Clerk

Dated: April 09, 2020

Survey and Topography Study

Mr. Vroman stated that Chris Yacobucci is looking forward to getting his copy of the survey for the Town Garage property. Mr. Young noted it would be sent out as soon as it is finished.

Mr. Vroman took time to thank the Town Clerk, who has worked full-time throughout the Tax Season despite the State of Emergency, to collect taxes and the effort is appreciated.

Mr. Peruzzi brought up the fact that Richardson's is going out. A letter from them stated that on March 9, 2020, the assets of Richardson Foods, Inc. and its Richardson Brands company were foreclosed upon and sold by its senior secured creditor, and that as a result, the company is unable to pay its outstanding obligations. It was questioned as to whether or not their taxes had been paid. Following research by the Town Clerk, it has been determined that the 2020 Town and County taxes had been paid in full on March 12th.

Highway Superintendent

As the meeting was being held via teleconference, the councilmen asked to table the New Truck until everyone can meet face-to-face.

Resolution #12 – 2020 - Mr. Jones discussed used Town items he has taken to an auction for sale.

RESOLUTION #12 of 2020

Amendment to the budget, increasing the Sale of Equipment as well the Machinery Contractual Account (Expenditure) Highway Fund by \$11,680.00

Sponsor: Peter Vroman, Supervisor
Second: John Toomey, Councilman

Whereas, Mr. Jones, Highway Superintendent, has taken 5 used pieces of equipment, belonging to the Town, to auction and received bids, as follows: Mower (\$10900.00); 3 Point Hitch (\$550.00); Nose Plow (\$62.50); Front Plow (\$920.00); and Hot Water Pressure Washer (\$230.00), and

Whereas, the Town Councilmen have approved accepting the bids on the Old Mower (\$10900.00), 3 Point Hitch (\$550.00) and Hot Water Pressure Washer (\$230.00), for a total of \$11,680.00, and asked to hold off on selling the Nose Plow and Front Plow for a better price, and

Whereas, Mr. Jones has asked the money earned be put back into the parts account, as we have currently spent \$1200 in repairs to the Grader,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: the councilmen have approved amending the budget to increase Revenue Code DA2665-Sale of Equipment by \$11,680.00 as well as Revenue Code DA5130.4-Machinery Contractual. This accounts for the revenue on the sale of equipment to offset some of the cost to repair the grader.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Peter A. Vroman, Supervisor	X		
William Armitstead, Councilman			X
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman	X		
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman	X		
Rodney Young, Councilman	X		

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Mr. Jones concluded by asking when employees could go back to work. Mr. Vroman sated he would contact Montgomery County Board of Health and see what the guidelines are. Following the meeting, Mr. Vroman received correspondence from the County, stating “Essential work, repairs, outages, emergency work is all fine to continue but day to day maintenance can be put on hold as of now. Mowing grass, since it is tick season and mosquito season is considered essential and allowable, as there is only 1 person at that task.”

Town Clerk

Mrs. Jewell stated that Tax Collection for 2020 had ended and the town received \$500,097.00, as well as \$6198.86 in Penalties.

Town Bookkeeper

Mr. Kretser noted we have money again and further stated that the Planning Board met and resolved the Dingman sub-division. She noted it has been decided that, during the State of Emergency, there will be no more Planning Board meetings scheduled. Mike Muhlebeck, acting Planning Board Chairperson, will research issues as they arise and schedule meetings as needed; however, the end of May would be the earliest he would begin scheduling meetings. Mr. Vroman commented that the Town is paying Mr. Muhlebeck the Chairperson salary as long as he is the acting Chairperson.

RESOLUTION #13 of 2020

An Acting Planning Board Chairperson can receive the current salary of a Planning Board Chairperson until one is Seated

Sponsor: Peter Vroman, Supervisor
Second: John Toomey, Councilman

Whereas, Mr. Muhlebeck is performing the tasks of the Planning Board Chairperson, and

Whereas, the Town Supervisor desires to pay the 'Acting' Planning Board Chairperson the salary of the Planning Board Chairperson, until one is seated,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: the councilmen have approved paying an Acting Planning Board Chairperson the current monthly salary of the Planning Board Chairperson, until one is seated.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Peter A. Vroman, Supervisor	X		
William Armitstead, Councilman			X
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman	X		
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman	X		
Rodney Young, Councilman	X		
Christina Jewell, Town Clerk			

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**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-4/9/20
CASH REPORT MARCH 31, 2020**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 48,011.52	General	\$ 75,217.67
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$ 84,506.33
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$397,015.80</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$ 108,926.38	Total	\$556,739.80
Highway Part Town	\$ 21,892.46		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 9,692.29 *</u>		
Total	\$188,597.79		

*\$9587.19 Avangrid/Mohawk Solar Project

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,484.91
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 26,797.19
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$244,828.65
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 26,420.60</u>
Total	\$299,531.35

Sincerely,

Amy S. Kretser,
Bookkeeper

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #73 through #89, totaling \$27,072.69;

Highway fund vouchers #55 through #60, totaling \$3857.78

A motion to authorize the payment of vouchers was made by Mr. Vroman, seconded by Mr. Toomey, all in favor ayes, carried.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Vroman, seconded by Mr. Toomey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Jewell
Town Clerk