

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
HELD JULY 09, 2020 VIA TELECONFERENCE AT 7:30 PM**

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

**Recording Secretary:** Christina Jewell, Town Clerk

**Absent:** Tim Jones, Highway Superintendent

**Others Present:** Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vroman, Supervisor, at 7:30 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance and after noting that some members and all of the public are still utilizing teleconferencing to attend the meetings, 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 (as per Executive Order 202.48 COVID 19 Disaster Emergency).

**Accept the June 2020 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Accept the June 11<sup>th</sup> Agenda**

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

**Recognition of Citizens Present**

None present

**Town Supervisor - New Business**

**Resolution #16 of 2020**  
**Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant Application**  
**for Reimbursement of the Cost for COVID 19 Safety Measures**

**Sponsor:** Peter Vroman

**Second:** William Armitstead

**Whereas**, the Court has had shields installed to conform to COVID 19 Safety Measures;

**Whereas**, The Honorable Judge Gizzi, Town of Canajoharie, has completed an application for reimbursement for the cost of the shields;

**Whereas**, it is required that the application include a certified copy of a resolution of the Town Board members of the Town of Canajoharie;

**Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that:** the Town Board of Canajoharie approves submitting an application to the Justice Court Assistance Program for reimbursement of the cost of Court Shields, in compliance to COVID 19 Safety Measures.

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: July 09, 2020			

### **Town Supervisor – Old Business**

- **Health District Dissolution**

Mr. Vroman and Mrs. Jewell have been researching the history of the Canajoharie-Ames Consolidated Health District, first created in 1936 and reactivated in 1998. Upon agreement of the Town Council members, Mr. Vroman will contact Canajoharie Town Attorney, Douglas Landon regarding dissolving the district, which is composed of the Village of Ames, Village of Canajoharie and Town of Canajoharie. All in favor ayes, carried.

- **Mohawk Solar Update**

Mr. Vroman noted that Mohawk Solar has submitted the final brief to the state.

- **PILOT Agreement - Opting-In Discussion**

The firm involved in the proposed Solar Project on Route 10 is seeking a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement from the Town. Mr. Vroman noted that the majority of the board is not in favor of a PILOT agreement and will remain “Opted Out” for all these agreements, based on the fact there is no long-term job production and they do not want the Town to be locked into a long-term, fixed value agreement on the affected acreage.

- **Board of Assessment Review (BAR) Opening**

Mr. Vroman noted a member of the Town of Canajoharie BAR has resigned, leaving an opening that needs to be filled.

In closing, Mr. Vroman further noted the following:

- Town Council member and owner of Peruzzi’s Meat Market, John Peruzzi, was named ‘Business of the Month’ from the Montgomery County Business Development Center for bouncing back in the face of trying times and incidents several times, including the flood of 2006 and the current pandemic, to continue serving the community it’s called home since 1998.
- Regarding the Town Garage, the land survey has been completed by William Symolon and sent to Chris Yacobucci, engineer; they have been in contact with each other via email.
- Paving for the Town is nearing completion.
- Mr. Vroman advised the Council members he has been named a member of the Board of the Canajoharie Central School District Reopening Committee; the first meeting was held July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Highway Superintendent**

In the absence of Mr. Jones, Mr. Vroman noted the Town grader has had some issues, which have been fixed.

**Town Clerk**

Mrs. Jewell noted the new phone system is in the process of being installed; however, there are some small issues from Frontier that have to be addressed prior to moving forward.

**Town Bookkeeper**

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-7/06/20  
CASH REPORT JUNE 30, 2020

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 14,934.83	General	\$ 75,224.91
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$ 84,515.11
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$297,155.49</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$ 170,380.47	Total	\$456,895.51
Highway Part Town	\$ 32,829.31		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 9,763.25 *</u>		
Total	\$ 227,983.00		

\*\$9587.19 Avangrid/Mohawk Solar Project

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,484.98
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 26,798.53
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$244,840.86
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 26,421.92</u>
Total	\$299,546.29

Sincerely,  
Amy S. Kretser,  
Bookkeeper

**Authorization of Vouchers**

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #127 through #144, totaling \$6,129.68;  
Highway fund vouchers #98 through #119, totaling \$183,098.53

Mr. Vroman noted that, due to COVID-19 and social distancing, he alone would be signing off on this month's vouchers for payment.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Vroman, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Jewell  
Town Clerk