

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP  
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 VIA TELECONFERENCE AT 7:30 PM**

**Present:** Rodney Young, Acting Supervisor  
William Armitstead, Councilman  
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman

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

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

**Absent:** John Toomey, Councilman

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, Acting Supervisor, at 7:30 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance and after noting that some Town Council members and some members 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).

**Recognition of Citizens Present**

No citizens present in person or via the phone.

**Workshop**

Board members reviewed the tentative budget figures as Ms. Kretser, Town Bookkeeper, stated we will try and stay at the 2% tax cap. She further commented she is reviewing the possibility of moving the Court Clerk from an hourly to a salaried position. Mr. Young noted he would talk to the Judge regarding submitting vouchers for meeting expenses.

Mr. Young, regarding money from Mohawk Solar to be used to fix the roof at the Town Hall, said he will look at what needs to be done for when we are ready to start soliciting estimates. Mr. Young further stated that no decisions will be made tonight for any salary increase requests.

Mr. Jones stated he would work with Ms. Kretser to review the current budget to see if two employees can be hired for the Town Garage in November, prior to anyone leaving, for training purposes. He further noted that he would start the interview process soon, to be held evenings so Mr. Young can take part.

In closing, Mr. Young asked that we move our next Board Meeting to October 5<sup>th</sup> so he can be sure to be in attendance and if there is something someone wants on the Agenda, they should send requests to Mrs. Jewell.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Jewell  
Town Clerk