

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD OCTOBER 05, 2020 VIA TELECONFERENCE AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Rodney Young, Acting Town 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, Jr., Councilman

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, Acting Town 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).

Accept the September 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

Recognition of Citizens Present

None present.

Town Supervisor

Mr. Young stated he met with Ms. Kretser, Town Bookkeeper, regarding the budget and outlined the following changes:

- The Court Clerk will move from Hourly to Salaried, making sure it includes last year's raise.
- The following Town Officials will receive 2% raises: The Town's Bookkeeper, Clerk, Judge, Highway Superintendent and Sole Assessor, to account for a cost of living increase.
- The machinery budget figure was reduced by the amount of the requested Gradall; there is no money to purchase one. Mr. Young stated the purchase will take up all, or almost all, of the equipment budget and that isn't a good practice. It was agreed to wait a year, as the payment will be affordable after this budget year. In the meantime, the Town will continue to rely on the County's shared services for assistance.

At 7:45 PM Mr. Young made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armitstead, to enter Executive Session. At 7:55 PM Mr. Young made a motion to leave Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi.

Highway Superintendent

Mr. Jones had nothing new to report.

Town Clerk

Ms. Jewell stated the Bureau of Vital Records has initiated activities to reduce the number of primary registration districts in New York State, by combining districts with other districts in their immediate geographic areas, such as the Town (District 2851) and the Village (District 2822) of Canajoharie. The Canajoharie Town Clerk will continue to provide registration services to the Village, but will be combined under one District number – 2851, eliminating District 2822.

Resolution #19 of 2020
**Approval to Consolidate Vital Registration Districts between the
 Town of Canajoharie and the Village of Canajoharie
 Pursuant to Section 4120.2(A) of the Public Health Law**

Sponsor: Rodney Young
Second: John Peruzzi

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie has been assigned by New York State as Vital Statistics Registration District 2851, and the Village of Canajoharie has been assigned by New York State as Vital Statistics District 2822, and;

Whereas, The Town Clerk has requested the approval of the Town Board to formally consolidate the Town and Village into one primary registration district, namely, the District of the Town of Canajoharie under Vital Statistics Registration District 2851;

Whereas, the formal consolidation of the registration Districts would benefit the public by eliminating questions as to which district records should be filed and not result in the loss of services to either municipality;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: by the Town Board of the Town of Canajoharie, that consolidation of the Town and Village Registrar functions under the Town's registration number (Vital Registration District #2851) is approved, pending necessary approvals of all other required entities, including the Village of Canajoharie, Montgomery County and New York State Department of Health.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Rodney Young, Acting Town Supervisor	X		
William Armitstead, Councilman	X		
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman	X		
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman			X
Christina Jewell, Town Clerk			
Dated: October 5, 2020			

Town Bookkeeper

Ms. Kretser stated, regarding the review of the preliminary budget, the Town stayed within the desired parameters.

Resolution #20 of 2020
Approval of the Tentative Budget as a Preliminary Budget

Sponsor: Rodney Young
Second: William Armitstead

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: the Canajoharie Town Board accepts the tentative budget as the preliminary budget and to advertise for a Public Hearing on the 2021 Preliminary Town Budget to be held on November 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM at 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, New York. The regular monthly Board Meeting will be rescheduled to November 12, 2020 immediately following the public hearing on the 2021 Preliminary Town Budget.

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

Dated: October 5, 2020

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-10/07/20
CASH REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 13,898.11	General	\$ 10,233.15
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$ 84,522.76
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$122,209.66</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$ 143,583.52	Total	\$216,965.57
Highway Part Town	\$ 19,264.51		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 14,980.66*</u>		
Total	\$ 191,801.94		

*\$12,849.48 Avangrid/Mohawk Solar Project

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,485.05
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 26,799.87
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$244,853.07
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 26,423.24</u>
Total	\$299,561.23

Sincerely,
Amy S. Kretser,
Bookkeeper

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #207 through #231, totaling \$15,059.76
Highway fund vouchers #157 through #173, totaling \$62,067.37

On a motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Armitstead, the bill vouchers were unanimously approved for payment.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Armitstead, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Jewell
Town Clerk