

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD MAY 13, 2021 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Rodney Young, Acting Town Supervisor
William Armitstead, Councilman
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman

Recording Secretary: Christina Jewell, Town Clerk

Others Present: Tim Jones, Highway Superintendent
Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper
Michael Muhlebeck, Planning Board Acting Chairperson
Ronald Dievendorf, Town Resident

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 April 2021 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, that the minutes of the April 2021 meeting, as submitted by the Town Clerk, be approved. All in favor ayes, carried.

Recognition of Citizens Present

The Board recognized Michael Muhlebeck, Town of Canajoharie Planning Board Acting Chairperson. Mr. Muhlebeck requested the Board consider a resolution enacting a local law placing a temporary moratorium on future Solar Energy Systems. The proposed revised and reintroduced local law would establish a temporary moratorium on the review of solar facilities to give the Town Board sufficient time to evaluate the existing law and to make changes to that law, if warranted. Mr. Muhlebeck requested a 6-month moratorium which will run through November, giving the Board time to observe how the Mohawk Solar project has progressed.

Resolution #10 of 2021

Public Hearing to discuss Local Law #1 of 2021 entitled "A Local Law enacting a temporary moratorium on Solar Energy Systems Authorized under Local Law #2 of 2017"

Sponsor: Rodney Young, Supervisor
Second: John Toomey, Jr., Councilman

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: a public hearing will be held on June 10, 2021 at 7:30 PM, located at 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2021, enacting a temporary moratorium on Solar Energy Systems authorized under Local Law #2 of 2017, entitled Town-Wide Solar Energy Systems Rules and Regulations for Permitting and Installation of Utility-Scale Solar Collector Systems as well as Rooftop, Flush Mounted, Ground Mounted Racks and Freestanding Solar Collectors. At such time and place, all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning the same.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
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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The Board recognized Ronald Dievendorf, running for the open seat of Town Supervisor, who came to observe.

Town Supervisor

Mr. Young noted Jim Sullivan of NBT Bank and Doug Landon, Town of Canajoharie Attorney, are working together on a bond for financing the new Town Garage and to have a financial planner from NBT provide financial impact information of the cost to town residents.

Mr. Young further stated that, as of May 28, 2021, intervenor funds are no longer available for use; if there are any funds left over, Amy Kretser will be appraised.

Resolution #11 of 2021
Mohawk Solar Host Municipality Construction Agreement

Sponsor: Rodney Young, Supervisor
Second: John Toomey, Jr., Councilman

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie requires engineering review and site inspection services during the construction of the proposed Mohawk Solar 90.5 megawatt solar facility;

Whereas, Barton and Loguidice has submitted a proposal outlining the scope of services and fees for those services (paid for by Avangrid Renewables via a Town-held escrow account);

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: that the Town of Canajoharie accepts the proposed Mohawk Solar Host Municipality Construction Agreement, agrees to the terms as set forth in said proposed Agreement and grants permission to the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
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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Highway Superintendent

Mr. Jones stated he is waiting on additional pricing for the one ton truck the Town wants to purchase. With regard to the pick-up, he noted the transmission has been fixed on the old truck and it has been returned; the newly purchased pick-up could arrive any day.

In closing, Mr. Jones stated his department has begun paving in the hope of beating any anticipated price increases.

Town Clerk

Mrs. Jewell noted that she has completed reorganizing the Town website, with the help of the County and stated the next project will be converting Accounts Payable from a manual to an automatic system, followed by payroll.

Town Bookkeeper

Ms. Kretser noted that the Town is in good financial shape this year so far.

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-5/6/21
CASH REPORT APRIL 30, 2021

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 39,872.08	General	\$ 85,236.23
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$164,548.93
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$222,281.20</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$ 33,793.52	Total	\$472,066.36
Highway Part Town	\$ 174,666.53		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 13,490.65*</u>		
Total	\$ 261,897.92		

*\$12,849.48 Avangrid/Mohawk Solar Project Escrow

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,485.26
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 26,803.89
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$261,896.98
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 14,617.32</u>
Total	\$304,803.45

Sincerely,
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #105 through #123, totaling \$12907.67

Highway fund vouchers #58 through #74, totaling \$52417.90

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Toomey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Jewell, Town Clerk