

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD JULY 08, 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: Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper
Steven Oarr, Town Employee & 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.

Accept the June 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Recognition of Citizens Present

The Board recognized Steven Oarr, Town Employee and Resident, who came to observe.

Town Supervisor

Barton & Loguidice Agreement

The Barton & Loguidice agreement for Building Plan Review and Site Inspection Services during construction of the proposed 90.5-megawatt Solar Facility was amended to the satisfaction of Mr. Scott McDonald of Avangrid Renewables, addressing concern that some scope of language was broad and the lack of cross reference to the Host Agreement.

Resolution #14 of 2021

**Barton & Loguidice Building Plan Review and Site Inspection Agreement Approval
and Approval for the Acting Town Supervisor to Sign the 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);

Whereas, Barton and Loguidice has revised their agreement to reflect concerns voiced by Scott McDonald of Avangrid by narrowing the scope of some language and cross-referencing the Host Community Agreement and including services only listed therein, and

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: the Town of Canajoharie accepts the proposed Building Plan Review and Site Inspection Agreement with the amendment regarding concerns by Avangrid, agrees to the terms as set forth in said proposed Agreement and grants permission to the Acting 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			
Dated: July 08, 2021			

Resolution #15 of 2021
Proposed Town of Canajoharie Salt Storage Project
Resolution in Support of Application through the Consolidated Funding Application

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

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie is implementing a project to protect water quality impairments and to protect a local drinking water source; and

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie is applying for funding through the NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Program, Salt Storage Project (herein after the “project”); and

Whereas, The Town’s current salt storage method is outdated, and not appropriate for protecting essential surface and groundwater resources; and

Whereas, The Project entails the construction of a new salt storage shed to be located at the new proposed Town Barn site; and

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: this 8th day of July, 2021, that the Town of Canajoharie Board supports the efforts of the Town of Canajoharie application submission.

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			
Dated: July 08, 2021			

Town Barn Well Drilling

Mr. Young noted the well drilling has begun and good water was found at 20’. He further noted the casing used on the previously dug well cannot be used and that the driller is on vacation for a week.

Audit

Mr. Young apprised the Councilmembers the Division of Local Government and School Accountability of the Office of the State Comptroller has selected the Town of Canajoharie for an audit focusing on the Town’s financial operations, to begin August 1st.

LS Power Grid AC Transmission Line Upgrade Project

Mr. Young stated he has invited a representative to the next Council meeting, to be held August 12th, in an effort to update the Council on the status of this project.

Highway Superintendent

In Mr. Jones' absence, it was noted that the new truck has been delivered. It was also noted that Mr. Jones will be bringing figures with him to the next meeting in reference to ordering a new 10-wheeler truck, which is now experiencing a 1-year lead time (payment is due upon arrival, not order).

Town Clerk

Mrs. Jewell asked the Council to consider adopting a policy that permits will not be issued for properties on which there are any delinquent taxes at the time of application. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mrs. Jewell further apprised the Council that, year-to-date, the Code Enforcement Officer has accepted applications for 20 building permits totaling \$1125.00 in fees.

Town Bookkeeper

Ms. Kretser noted that Planning Committee did not meet last month but that Mohawk Solar will be attending this month's meeting.

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-7/7/21 CASH REPORT JUNE 30, 2021

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 14,441.71	General	\$ 80,242.94
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$164,570.34
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$202,310.13</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$ 232,366.75	Total	\$447,123.41
Highway Part Town	\$ 10,178.81		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 13,433.30*</u>		
Total	\$ 270,495.71		

*\$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 #144 through #163, totaling \$3748.31

Highway fund vouchers #89 through #105, totaling \$73815.06

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Jewell, Town Clerk