

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE  
HELD MARCH 10, 2022 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

**Present:** Benny Goldstein, Town Supervisor  
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman  
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman  
Rodney Young, Councilman

**Recording Secretary:** Erica Hayes, Deputy Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Steve Oare, Town Highway Superintendent  
Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper  
Les Hassan, Town Code Enforcement Officer  
Charlene Ruskowski, Town Sole Assessor  
Gregory T. Dunn, Esq.  
Kirsten Dunn, Esq.  
Elizabeth Aurand, St. John's & St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Moshe Glick, Observer

**Call to Order**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, Town Supervisor, at 7:29 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Accept the February 2022 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Toomey, that the minutes of the February 2022 meeting, as submitted by the Deputy Town Clerk, be approved. All in favor ayes, carried.

**Recognition of Citizens Present**

The Board recognized Les Hassan and Charlene Ruskowski, employees of the Town, and Moshe Glick, who came to observe.

**Town Supervisor**

**Planting Trees**

Reverend Elizabeth Aurand would like to donate trees from the Arbor Foundation on behalf of the St. John's & St. Mark's Lutheran Church. She will work with Mr. Steve Oare to find appropriate places to plant these trees around the pond on Old Sharon Road, and once determined, she will ensure they are planted and maintained for the first month.

**Solar Laws and Moratoriums**

Gregory Dunn & Kirsten Dunn of Dunn & Dunn PLLC presented information about the potential new solar law the Town of Canajoharie could put into effect, as well as a moratorium for 12 months. The final copy of each will be presented at the next board meeting for a vote.

**Old Business: Ethics Committee Formation**

An Ad hoc Ethical Committee of three will be formed.

**Court Financial Review**

**RESOLUTION #3 of 2022**

**Approval of Town Court Financial Books and Records for 2021**

**Sponsor:** Benny Goldstein, Supervisor

**Second:** Rodney Young, Councilman

**Whereas**, the Canajoharie Town Council was presented with the 2021 financial books and other records of the Town Court of Canajoharie during the Town meeting on March 10, 2022 and,

**Whereas**, the Town Council found these books satisfactory and complete,

**Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that:** the Town Council hereby approves the financial books and records of the Town Court for the year 2021.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Benny Goldstein, Supervisor	X		
William Armitstead, Councilman			X
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman	X		
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman	X		
Rodney Young, Councilman	X		

#### Appoint Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION #4 of 2022**  
**Appointment of Erica Hayes as Town Clerk**

**Sponsor:** Benny Goldstein, Supervisor  
**Second:** John Toomey, Jr., Councilman

**Whereas**, the Canajoharie Town Clerk, Christina Jewell, has tendered her resignation as Town Clerk, effective March 10, 2022,

**Whereas**, the Town Council has the authority to fill the vacancy by appointment per Town Law Section 64(5),

**Whereas**, the appointed Town Clerk would serve for the remainder of 2022, with the position on the ballot at the general election in November of 2022, and with the winner serving for the remainder of the incumbent's unexpired term to December 31, 2025,

**Whereas**, Erica Hayes, Deputy Town Clerk, has expressed interest in performing the duties of Town Clerk for the Town of Canajoharie,

**Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that:** Erica Hayes is appointed Town Clerk for the Town of Canajoharie effective March 10, 2022, for the remainder of 2022, term to expire December 31, 2022.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Benny Goldstein, Supervisor	X		
William Armitstead, Councilman			X
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman	X		
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman	X		
Rodney Young, Councilman	X		

**Sole Assessor**

Ms. Charlene Ruskowski reviewed the appointment of three B.A.R (Board of Assessment Review) members, and is still looking for two more. She also submitted her voucher for a new computer from the county, which was approved by the Board. Ms. Ruskowski also mentioned that there will be an increase in assessments for the 2022 roll.

**Town Bookkeeper**

Ms. Kretser stated she has closed the books on 2021, as well as the Audit Report.

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-3/7/22  
CASH REPORT FEBRUARY 28, 2022

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 243,552.24	General	\$ 5,256.52
Fire District	\$ 39.85	Highway Town Wide	\$164,624.61
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$142,365.24</u>
Highway Town Wide	\$ 385,766.59	Total	\$312,246.37
Highway Part Town	\$ 365,172.91		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 32,976.27*</u>		
Total	\$ 1,027,543.14		

\*\$31,859.96 Avangrid/Mohawk Solar Project Escrow

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,485.47
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 36,808.04
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$247,178.83
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 14,619.53</u>
Total	\$300,091.87

Sincerely,  
Amy S. Kretser,  
Bookkeeper

**Authorization of Vouchers**

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #56 through #79, totaling \$874.16

Highway fund vouchers #33 through #47, totaling \$14,526.75

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

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Young, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hayes  
Deputy Town Clerk