

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD APRIL 14, 2022 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Benny Goldstein, Town Supervisor
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman
John Toomey, Jr., Councilman
William Armitstead, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Erica Hayes, Town Clerk

Others Present: Steve Oare, Town Highway Superintendent
Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper
Les Hassan, Town Code Enforcement Officer
Charlene Ruskowski, Town Sole Assessor
Brittany Kolbe, Montgomery County Clerk

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 March 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Toomey, that the minutes of the March 2022 meeting, as submitted by the 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 Brittany Kolbe, Montgomery County Clerk.

Town Supervisor

Request to support Brittany Kolbe for Montgomery County Clerk. All in favor ayes, carried.

RESOLUTION #8 of 2022

The Town of Canajoharie Supporting Brittany Kolbe for Montgomery County Clerk

Sponsor: Benny Goldstein, Supervisor
Second: John Toomey, Councilman
Third: William Armitstead, Councilman

WHEREAS, Brittany Kolbe is running for re-election as the Montgomery County Clerk in the November 2022 Election; and

WHEREAS, as County Clerk, Brittany Kolbe has taken the County Clerk's Office and DMV into the 21st Century through several projects, including digitization of records, E-Filing and recording, remote online records searching and much more; and

WHEREAS, she has spent countless hours helping with the needs of the constituents of the Town of Canajoharie and of Montgomery County;

AND WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Canajoharie Board to support Brittany Kolbe for re-election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that: the Town of Canajoharie proudly supports the efforts of Brittany Kolbe for the elected position of Montgomery County Clerk in 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

Solar Laws and Moratoriums

Composed a survey with Eden Solar that will be mailed to the Town of Canajoharie residents in the next two weeks, asking about interest in solar projects, there will also be a meeting on May 11th that is open to the public to discuss. The town will also be submitting the following resolution for a solar moratorium.

RESOLUTION #7 of 2022
HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 of 2022, ENTITLED
“A LOCAL LAW ENACTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AUTHORIZED UNDER LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2017”

Sponsor: Benny Goldstein, Supervisor
Second: John Toomey, Councilman

WHEREAS, Local Law #1 of 2021 to extend a moratorium placed on the construction of solar energy systems for a period of six (6) months was passed at a public hearing held on June 10, 2021, but was not filed with the New York Department of State,

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to adopt a local law placing a moratorium on the construction, installation, approval and processing of any application of and for a solar energy system, except for the installation of rooftop mounted solar panels, within the Town of Canajoharie,

WHEREAS, Local Law #1 of 2022 entitled “Moratorium on Placement of Solar Systems in the Town of Canajoharie, NY” was presented to the Town Board at a regular monthly Board meeting on April 14, 2022 for said purpose,

AND WHEREAS, Local Law #1 of 2022 is intended to place a temporary twelve (12) month moratorium to prohibit the construction, installation, approval and processing of any application of and for the placement of any solar energy system, not to include the installation of rooftop mounted solar panels, within the Town of Canajoharie,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that: Local Law #1 of 2022 is hereby passed and a moratorium against the placement of solar energy systems, not to include rooftop mounted solar panels, within the boundaries of the Town of Canajoharie, is hereby put in place for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of passage hereof.

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

ARPA Funding

The Town of Canajoharie will submit ARPA filing before the deadline of April 30, 2022. The board determined that of the relief money, \$7,000 is to be split amongst the employees of the Town for working during COVID and will be given out immediately.

Sole Assessor

Appointment of one B.A.R (Board of Assessment Review) member, Jill Baker. Ms. Ruzzkowski also spoke about the assessment updates for the 2023 roll.

RESOLUTION #6 of 2022

Appointment of Jill Baker to the Board of Assessment Review (B.A.R.)

Sponsor: Benny Goldstein, Supervisor

Second: John Toomey, Councilman

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie B.A.R. has (1) one vacancy,

Whereas, Jill Baker has expressed interest in becoming a member of the B.A.R.,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: Jill Baker is appointed to the B.A.R. effective April 14, 2022, terms to expire April 14, 2026.

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

Town Bookkeeper

Ms. Kretser submitted her books for auditing by the board, all in favor ayes, carried.

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-4/14/22
CASH REPORT MARCH 31, 2022**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 226,093.15	General	\$ 5,256.72
Fire District	\$ 39.85	Highway Town Wide	\$164,637.91
Consolidated Health	\$ 35.28	Highway Part Town	<u>\$142,376.75</u> Highway Town Wide
\$ 336,130.09	Total		\$312,271.38
Highway Part Town	\$ 365,162.83		

Trust & Agency	\$ 32,986.68*
Total	\$ 960,447.88

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

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Consolidated Health	\$ 1,485.54
Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 36,809.86
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$247,191.02
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 14,620.25</u>
Total	\$300,106.67

Sincerely,
Amy S. Kretser,
Bookkeeper

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #80 through #113, totaling \$29,092.97

Highway fund vouchers #48 through #65, totaling \$61,401.23

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Armitstead, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hayes
Town Clerk