

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

Present: Benny Goldstein, Town Supervisor
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman
Rodney Young, Councilman
William Armitstead, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Erica Hayes, Town Clerk

Also Present: Steve Oare, Town Highway Superintendent
Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper
Les Hassan, Town Code Officer
Steve Leon, Resident
Ivan Easton, Resident & Planning Board Member
Mike Cole, Resident & Planning Board Chair
Dennis McEwan, Resident & Planning Board Member
Michael Muhlebeck, Resident & Planning Board Member

Call to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, Town Supervisor, at 7:27 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accept the June 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Recognition of Citizens Present

The Board recognized Steve Leon, town resident, who expressed his concern in regard to speeding vehicles on Old Fort Plain Road. Our Highway Superintendent will contact DOT about getting speed limit signs for the area. Mr. Leon also expressed concern about dogs without leashes on the bike path. That property is considered county property and they would need to be contacted in regard to that issue.

Mike Cole, Ivan Easton, Dennis McEwan and Michael Muhlebeck appeared before the board to show their support in our efforts to educate the public about every side of the solar topic, in our informative meetings. Mr. Cole proposed we create a steering committee, to which he graciously volunteered his time to help with that effort, as did Michael Muhlebeck.

Highway Superintendent

Mr. Oare updated the board that the delivery date on the town excavator has been pushed back to August.

Town Clerk

Mrs. Hayes informed the board that our office received a \$189,258.39 grant from the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program.

Mrs. Hayes further apprised the Council that, year-to-date, the Code Enforcement Officer has accepted applications for 14 building permits totaling \$620.00 in fees.

Town Bookkeeper

The following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION #11 of 2022
NYSRS Resolution Standard Work Day And Reporting 7/14/22

Sponsor: Benny Goldstein, Supervisor
Second: Rodney Young, Councilman

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie Bookkeeper was asked to provide a list of a Standard Work Day,

Whereas, detailed hour sheets have been submitted by elected and appointed persons participating in the NYS Retirement System:

- Councilman William Armitstead 17 hrs in one month
- Councilman John Peruzzi 3 month total hours 20
- Councilman Rodney Young 3 month total hours 20
- Assessor Charlene Ruszkowski average 71.75 hrs per month
- Town Clerk Erica Hayes: based on posted office hours- 20 per week
- Deputy Clerk Christina Jewell: Based on posted hours when working max 20 per week
- Supt of Highway Stephen Oare: Based on established work week of 40 hours.
- Code/Zoning Officer Leslie Hassan average 56 hrs/month
- Budget Officer (Bookkeeper) Amy Kretser 3 month total 202 hrs
- Town Justice Philip Gizzi, Jr. Estimated 65.5 hrs per month
- Town Court Clerk Jena Coppernoll 69 hrs per month
- Town Supervisor 16 hours per month as per statement
- Dog Control Officer no record-on call duties
- Planning Board Chairman to be calculated when three month record of activities is completed based on standard 8.

Whereas, based on the resolution adopted February 3, 1994, the standard work day is 8 hours.

Whereas, the Town Board hereby establishes a 6 hour work day for the Town Clerk, based on posted hours,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: based on calculation methods provided by the NYS Retirement System, the Board now resolves that the standard monthly reporting of days for the following positions are as follows:

- Town Clerk 13.33 days
- Deputy Clerk 13.33 days (based on posted hours)
- Supt of Highways 20/30 days depending on number of payrolls in the month
- Assessor 8.97 days
- Code/Zoning 7.00 days
- Councilman 2.5 days
- Budget Officer 8.42 days
- Town Supervisor 2 days
- Town Justice 8.19 days
- Court Clerk 8.62 days
- Dog Control Officer 3.00 days

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

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

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-7/14/22
CASH REPORT JUNE 30, 2022**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 166,839.84	General	\$ 5,257.60
Fire District	\$ 39.85	Highway Town Wide	\$164,658.44
Consolidated Health	\$ 0.00	Highway Part Town	<u>\$142,394.50</u> Highway Town Wide
\$ 373,584.86	Total	\$312,310.54 Highway Part Town	\$ 310,216.64
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 32,049.13 *</u>		
Total	\$ 882,730.22		

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

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 36,811.70
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$247,203.35
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 14,620.98</u>
Total	\$298,636.03

Sincerely,
Amy S. Kretser,
Bookkeeper

Town Board Vacancy

**RESOLUTION #12 of 2022
Appointment of Michael Muhlebeck to the Town Board**

Sponsor: Benny Goldstein, Supervisor
Second: Rodney Young, Councilman

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie Board has (1) one vacancy,

Whereas, Michael Muhlebeck was nominated by the board to fill the vacancy,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: Michael Muhlebeck is appointed to the Town Board effective July 14, 2022 to finish Mr. Toomey's term, and has plans to run in the November election.

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

Of the three individuals that were considered; Robert Teixeira, Deputy Town Supervisor; Tim Jones, former Highway Superintendent and Michael Muhlebeck, Planning Board Member. Mr. Goldstein voted for his Deputy – he was outvoted.

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #177 through #203, totaling \$10,292.00

Highway fund vouchers #91 through #99, totaling \$33,658.28

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica Hayes
Town Clerk