

**MINUTES OF THE 2024 TOWN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2023 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:25 PM**

Present: Michael Muhlebeck, Deputy Town Supervisor & Councilman
Rodney Young, Councilman
William Armitstead, Councilman
John Peruzzi, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Erica Hayes, Town Clerk

Others Present: Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper
Steve Oare, Highway Superintendent
Les Hassan, Code Officer
Kirsten Dunn, Town Attorney
Kylie Ferguson, Legal Assistant
Greg Elco, SunEast Power

Call to Order

On a motion by Mr. Vroman, seconded by Mr. Young, the 2024 Town Budget Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:30 PM. All in favor, ayes carried.

Call to Order

On a motion made by Mr. Peruzzi, seconded by Mr. Young, the regular monthly meeting was called to order by Mr. Muhlebeck, at 7:30 PM.

Accept the October 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Peruzzi, seconded by Mr. Armitstead, that the minutes of the October 2023 meeting, as submitted by the Town Clerk, be approved. All in favor, ayes carried.

Resolution

Resolution #19 of 2023
Adopt the Preliminary Budget as the 2024 Final Budget Approval

Sponsor: John Peruzzi, Councilman
Second: Bill Armistead, Councilman

Whereas, a public hearing was held on November 9, 2023 at 7:25 PM for members of the public to speak for and/or against the 2024 preliminary budget prepared by the Canajoharie Town Board,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: the Canajoharie Town Board adopts the Preliminary Budget as the 2024 Final Budget.

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

Michael Muhlebeck, Councilman X

Erica Hayes, Town Clerk
Dated: November 9, 2023

Recognition of Citizens Present

The Board recognized Kirsten Dunn, Town Attorney, as she presented the resolution to appoint a new Town Supervisor.

Resolution #20 of 2023
Resolution to appoint Town Supervisor to Complete Prior Supervisor’s Term

Sponsor: John Peruzzi, Councilman
Second: Bill Armitstead, Councilman

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie received a letter of resignation from Benny Goldstein, Town Supervisor, dated October 14, 2023; and,

Whereas, the Town Board accepted the letter and sent it to NYS Department of State Records Department; and,

Whereas, the Town Board desired to appoint Peter Vroman to the Town Supervisor position; and,

Whereas, Mr. Vroman is a resident of the Town of Canajoharie and is otherwise eligible to accept the appointment; and,

Whereas, at the November 9, 2023 Town Board meeting, Mr. Vroman expressed the desire to accept the appointment to fill the remained of the former Town Supervisor’s term; and,

Whereas, Mr. Vroman would accept the position and finish the 4 year term of the previous Supervisor, expiring on December 31, 2025,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: the Board hereby appoints Peter Vroman to the position of Canajoharie Town Supervisor.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Rodney Young, Councilman	X		
William Armitstead, Councilman	X		
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman	X		
Michael Muhlebeck, Councilman	X		

Erica Hayes, Town Clerk
Dated: November 9, 2023

The Board also recognized Greg Elco of SunEast Power, who came to introduce himself and speak about a proposed Solar project in the Town.

Town Bookkeeper

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-11/7/23
CASH REPORT
OCTOBER 31, 2023

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 489,837.49	General	\$159,304.63 Fire District
\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$270,343.78	
Highway Town Wide	\$ 80,629.56	Highway PartTown	<u>\$298,503.85</u>
Highway Part Town	\$ 201,136.97	Total	\$728,152.26
Capital Project	\$1,925,000.00		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 31,870.34*</u>		
Total	\$2,728,514.22		

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

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 46,822.47
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$236,588.67
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 15,624.72</u>
Total	\$299,018.45

Sincerely,
Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #338 through #385, totaling \$486,779.41.

Highway fund vouchers #107 through #120, totaling \$102,828.02.

On a motion by Mr. Armitstead, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, the bill vouchers were unanimously approved for payment. All in favor, ayes carried.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Armitstead, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM. All in favor, ayes carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica Hayes, Town Clerk