

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD JANUARY 12, 2023 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Benny Goldstein, Town Supervisor
William Armitstead, Councilman
Rodney Young, Councilman
Michael Muhlebeck, 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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, at 7:30 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accept the December 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Muhlebeck, seconded by Mr. Young, that the minutes of the December 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 who came to observe.

7:35 PM - Enter Organizational Meeting

Resolution #1 - 2023
Organizational Appointments

Sponsor: Benny Goldstein, Town Supervisor

Second: Michael Muhlebeck, Councilman

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie must make various appointments for Town operation in the coming year,

Resolved, the following appointments are made effective immediately:

Deputy Town Supervisor:	Michael Muhlebeck
Town Attorney:	Dunn and Dunn, PLLC
Bookkeeper:	Amy Kretser
Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:	Les Hassan
Town Historian:	Vacant
Animal Control Officer/Rabies Response Agent:	Steven Fredenburg
Health Officer:	Brian Hall, P.A.

Zoning Board of Appeals:	David Shults - Term to end December 31, 2023
	Daniel Hazzard-Term to end December 31, 2024
	Gary Barringer - Term to end December 31, 2025
	Francis Avery - Term to end December 31, 2026

Planning Board Members: Michael Cole, Chair – Term to end December 31, 2028
 Raymond Kiefl – Term to end December 2023
 Dennis McEwan- Term to end December 31, 2024
 Wayne Conard – Term to end December 31, 2026
 Elam Kaufman – Term to end December 31, 2027
 Ivan Easton – Term to end December 31, 2027
 Alternate (*Open*) – Term to end December 31, 2028

Further resolved, the following miscellaneous assignments are made:

Official newspaper: The Amsterdam Recorder
 Official depository: NBT Bank
 Mileage reimbursement rates: Per IRS rules, as altered through the year.
 Utility bills, Insurance, postage, credit cards, and gas cards may be paid ahead of monthly council meeting when they are received.
 Salaries of part-time employees set to the New York State minimum wage, as altered through the year.
 Salaries for part-time Highway employees set to the New York State minimum wage, as altered through the year; however, due to COVID, retirees that are willing to come in will work for \$18.00/hour.

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

Dated: January 12, 2023
 Erica Hayes, Town Clerk

7:37 PM - Enter Regular Meeting

Town Supervisor

Mohawk Solar reached out to Mr. Goldstein and has asked for a 6-month hold on making payments to the Town of Canajoharie. A motion was made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Young, that we would extend the 6-month time frame to them. All in favor ayes, carried.

Code Officer:

Issues have been brought to the Code Officer’s attention in regard to an individual living in a shed with no electric or access to water. The board determined that this needs to cease immediately, and asked the Code Officer to condemn the building.

Town Assessor:

The Board determined that the Assessor maintain 100% Level of Assessment/EQ Rate.

Town Clerk

Mrs. Hayes reported that from October to December of 2022, 2 building permits were issued, totaling \$125.00.

Town Bookkeeper

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-1/11/23
CASH REPORT December 31, 2022**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 49,359.12
Fire District	\$ 39.85
Highway Town Wide	\$ 228,304.23
Highway Part Town	\$ 381,904.85
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 33,188.32*</u>
Total	\$ 692,796.37

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 5,263.42
Highway Town Wide	\$164,890.40
Highway Part Town	<u>\$142,595.10</u>
Total	\$312,748.92

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

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 46,815.47
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$267,228.38
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 14,622.46</u>
Total	\$328,666.31

Budget Transfers

From	To	Amount
A1990.4 Contingency	A1410.4 Justice Contractual	\$ 800.00
A1990.4 Contingency	A8090.4 Environmental Control	\$ 200.00

Sincerely,
Amy S. Kretser,
Bookkeeper

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #1 through #42, totaling \$61,379.82

Highway fund vouchers #1 through #12, totaling \$23,404.22

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Muhlebeck, seconded by Mr. Young, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hayes
Town Clerk