

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD APRIL 13, 2023 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Benny Goldstein, Town Supervisor
William Armitstead, Councilman
Rodney Young, Councilman
John Peruzzi Sr., 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 Ruszkowski, Town Sole Assessor
Kylie Ferguson, Legal Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, at 7:33 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Accept the March 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Recognition of Citizens Present

The Board recognized Kylie Ferguson, to discuss the next steps in the Solar Law process. Working closely with Delaware Engineering, our reps have determined that it's time to send out an informative packet to the neighboring towns to show what we plan on putting into place. A vote was taken on the State Environmental Quality Review Act:

RESOLUTION #4 of 2023

A Resolution to Classify an Action to Adopt Certain Changes to the Town's Zoning Law Pertaining to Solar Collector Systems and Initiating a Coordinated Review in Connection with this Action, in Accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)

Sponsor: John Peruzzi Sr., Councilman
Second: William Armitstead, Councilman

Whereas, a moratorium on the placement of solar projects, not to include rooftop mounted solar panels, in the Town of Canajoharie is currently in place, as enacted by local law number 1 of 2022; and,

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Canajoharie desires to update the Town's Zoning Law with respect to the requirements for construction of solar collector systems, including utility-scale solar collector systems, in the Town and has caused a draft Zoning Law text amendment relating thereto to be prepared (the "Proposed Action"); and,

Whereas, on behalf of the Town Board, the Town's consultant, Delaware Engineering, DPC, has prepared a full environmental assessment form (FEAF) Part 1 in connection with Proposed Action; and

Whereas, the Proposed Action is subject to the requirements of SEQR and would involve the adoption of changes in the allowable uses affecting 25 or more acres of the Town's Residential, Agricultural/Rural Residential, Commercial, and Manufacturing Zoning Districts; and WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to assume lead agency status for the purposes of a coordinated review under SEQR; and,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: the Board of the Town of Canajoharie as follows:

1. The Proposed Action is hereby classified as a type 1 action under SEQR;
2. The Town Board hereby declares its intent to seek lead agency status for the purposes of the required coordinated review under SEQR; and
3. Town Staff are hereby directed to circulate to potential involved and interested agencies the aforementioned FEAF Part 1, draft Zoning Law text amendments, and a copy of the Town's Zoning Map.

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

Town Code Officer

Mr. Hassan addressed the Board in regard to residents building without permits. The Board would like Mr. Hassan to come to the next meeting prepared with a fee schedule for those who choose not to abide by Town law.

Town Bookkeeper

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-4/6/23
CASH REPORT March 31, 2023

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 387,053.20	General	\$ 5,274.06
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$165,223.73 Highway Town Wide
\$ 287,341.24	Highway Part Town	<u>\$142,883.36</u>	
Highway Part Town	\$ 507,167.68	Total	\$313,381.15
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 32,881.92*</u>		
Total	\$1,214,483.90		

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

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 46,815.47
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$240,308.38
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 14,622.46</u>
Total	\$301,746.31

Sincerely,

Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

Town Clerk

Ms. Hayes reported the quarterly building permit numbers to the Board. Seven permits have been approved in the first quarter of 2023, bringing in \$400 in fees.

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #107 through #144, totaling \$22,604.58

Highway fund vouchers #34 through #48, totaling \$71,610.69

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Armitstead, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hayes
Town Clerk