

**MINUTES OF THE SOLAR PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD AUGUST 10, 2023 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:15 PM**

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

Recording Secretary: Erica Hayes, Town Clerk

Others Present: Charlene Ruszkowski, Sole Assessor
Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper
Steve Oare, Highway Superintendent
Les Hassan, Code Officer
Kirsten Dunn, Town Attorney
Kylie Ferguson, Legal Assistant
Ann Norman, Town Resident
Ron Nilsen, Town Resident
Mary Catherine Caron, Town Resident
Chad Bowerman, Town Resident
Steve and Sandy Stortecky, Town Residents

Call to Order

The Solar Public Hearing was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, at 7:15 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Citizens Present

The Board recognized Steve and Sandy Stortecky, Chad Bowerman, Mary Caron, Ron Nilsen and Ann Norman. These residents attended to reinforce their concerns about the potential of upcoming solar projects. Their main concerns, as a group, are the property line setbacks and solar panel fires. The Town Attorney took all comments into consideration and will implement what she can in the next draft of the Local Solar Law.

On a motion by Mr. Muhlebeck, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, the Board will host another Solar Public Hearing to be held prior to our next Town Board Meeting, scheduled for September 14th, at 7:15 at the Town Hall Building, to discuss the final version of the Town's Solar Law.

Solar Public Hearing Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Muhlebeck, the Solar Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:30 PM. All in favor, ayes carried.

Call to Order

On a motion made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, the regular monthly meeting was called to order by Mr. Goldstein, at 7:33 PM.

Old Business

The Board voted on the following resolution; to implement a temporary payroll solution until the Town can budget for a software program:

RESOLUTION #9 of 2023
Resolution to Approve Paychex Agreement

Sponsor: Benny Goldstein, Councilman
Second: Michael Muhlebeck, Councilman

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined the need for payroll system changes within the Town of Canajoharie municipality, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to implement a payroll system which encourages employees to utilize an online self-service platform, which will allow for streamlined benefit administration;

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to improve effectiveness of the Town’s payroll efforts, and avoid unnecessary delays in instances necessary to provide paystub information, by streamlining its payroll procedure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Canajoharie approves the Paychex Agreement, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Investment Summary Sheet.

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

Erica Hayes, Town Clerk
 August 10, 2023

Highway Superintendent

Mr. Oare updated the Board that NYS DOT performed a speed test on Route 163 confirming that the speed was in fact too high in the residential area, and was reduced to 45MPH.

Town Bookkeeper

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-8/7/23
 CASH REPORT
 JULY 31, 2023

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 60,044.63	General	\$231,982.86
Fire District	\$ 4,279.76	Highway Town Wide	\$267,562.31
Highway Town Wide	\$ 85,265.31	Highway PartTown	<u>\$345,299.19</u>
Highway Part Town	\$ 59,447.89	Total	\$844,844.36
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 31,861.76*</u>		
Total	\$ 240,899.35		

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

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 46,817.78
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$236,576.74
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 15,623.93</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 #242 through #273, totaling \$12,597.74.

Highway fund vouchers #77 through #90, totaling \$50,404.22.

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Muhlebeck, seconded by Mr. Young, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. All in favor, ayes carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica Hayes, Town Clerk