

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD MAY 9, 2024 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Pete Vroman, Town Supervisor
John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman
Michael Muhlebeck, Councilman
William Armitstead, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Erica Hayes, Town Clerk

Others Present: Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper
Les Hassan, Town Code Officer
Charlene Ruszkowski, Sole Assessor
Kirsten Dunn, Town Attorney/Dunn & Dunn
Kylie Ferguson, Legal Assistant/Dunn & Dunn
Claude Porter, Residents for the Preservation of the MV Committee Member
Fey Mead, Residents for the Preservation of the MV Committee Member
Andrei Stover, SunEast Development

Call to Order

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

Accept the April 2024 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Vroman, seconded by Mr. Peruzzi, that the minutes of the April 2024 meeting, as submitted by the Town Clerk, be approved. All in favor ayes, carried.

Recognition of Citizens Present

The Board recognized Claude Porter, Fey Mead and Andrei Stover who came to observe.

Town Supervisor

Mr. Vroman spoke to the Board about continuing work on the Comprehensive Plan for the Town, with the potential of getting in touch with someone regarding zoning grant programs.

Another topic addressed was applying for the Records Management Grant which would help with our records management system and storage. Mrs. Hayes has reached out to the local contact that will assist in grant writing for this project.

Deputy Town Supervisor

Mr. Muhlebeck mentioned that the Residents for the Preservation of the MV Committee has sought legal council and has the potential of gaining intervenor funds to help advocate for their cause.

Mr. Muhlebeck also said that he would like the Board to consider writing a letter to the State in support of housing in the former Beech-Nut site.

Sole Assessor

The State has informed Ms. Ruszkowski that the Town needs to have another re-evaluation of properties, with fill data collection, in 2025 to obtain equity. The Sole Assessor, with aide from a State representative, would need to perform this task. The Board has asked that we go back to the State to ask if we can split the re-evaluation over two years' time, and ask what specific help the State representative would provide, as this is a cumbersome process.

Town Bookkeeper

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CASH REPORT

APRIL 30, 2024

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 254,310.36
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Highway Town Wide	\$ 143,170.06
Highway Part Town	\$ 221,808.20
Capital Project	\$ 976,341.10
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 90,865.30*</u>
Total	\$ 1,686,534.88

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

General	\$211,601.10
Highway Town Wide	\$204,881.56
Highway PartTown	<u>\$402,862.16</u>
Total	\$819,344.82

*\$77,459.96 Avangrid/Mohawk Host Community

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Highway Cap Reserve	\$3.74
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$314,889.19
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 15,626.29</u>
Total	\$330,519.22

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #160 through #192, totaling \$166,351.20.

Highway fund vouchers #42 through #52, totaling \$29,578.60.

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Vroman, seconded by Mr. Muhlebeck, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hayes

Town Clerk