

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD AUGUST 8, 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
Rodney Young, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Erica Hayes, Town Clerk

Others Present: Steven Oare, Highway Superintendent
Les Hassan, Town Code Officer
Charlene Ruskowski, Sole Assessor
Jerry Ward, President Ames Cemetery Association
Sue Mallery, Residents for the Preservation of the MV Committee Member
Claude Porter, Residents for the Preservation of the MV Committee Member
Andrei Stover, SunEast Development
Michael Walther, Lamont Engineers
Milan Jackson, Lamont Engineers

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 July 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Town Supervisor

First and foremost, Mr. Vroman wanted to address the storm of July 16th that adversely effected the Village of Ames, and applaud the community, local fire departments, National Grid, the Amish community, and County Departments for all of their support during that time.

Mr. Vroman updated the Board on the two letters of support he recently signed on behalf of the Town Office to support the Village of Canajoharie's effort to apply for grants.

Recognition of Citizens Present

The Board recognized Jerry Ward, President of the Ames Cemetery Association, who requested assistance from the Town in the way of a budget line to help with storm damage and maintenance for the cemetery, going forward, as he said the Village of Ames cannot support those efforts. The Board agreed to discuss this at the upcoming Preliminary Budget Meeting, scheduled for September 19th @ 7:30PM.

The Board recognized Sue Mallery, who addressed the group in regard to the July 16th storm. She said that the end of her residential road had a lot of leftover debris after the Highway Department cleaned up the damage, to which our Highway Supervisor responded saying he'd address the issue.

Deputy Town Supervisor

Mr. Muhlebeck reported that Cordelio Power denied the Town's request for larger setbacks on the Flat Creek project, specifically in regard to Cunningham Road. Cordelio will be submitting an application to proceed with the project soon.

Councilman Young

Mr. Young asked the Engineers from Lamont to come speak to the Board about the progress on the Town Garage, and what the next steps should be. They reported that the punch list for the job was incomplete and they would be sending out communication to the contractors of how displeased the Board was that it wasn't completed now, over a month after it should have been done.

Mr. Jackson will be in charge of getting grant contacts to us. Lamont would like to give us a town plaque to hang in the new facility. The Board agreed that this would be a nice gesture and have asked the Town Clerk to provide a copy of the Canajoharie logo to the engineers.

Code Officer

Mr. Hassan informed the Board that the Department of Health has intentions of giving the clinic on Clinton Road it's Certificate of Occupancy in the upcoming week.

Town Clerk

The following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION #5 of 2024
Reduction of Speed Limit on Clinton Road (Near #1165/ Crooked Cabin Farm)

Sponsor: Pete Vroman, Councilman
Second: John Peruzzi, Sr., Councilman

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie Town Board has expressed concerns for the safety of all children, pedestrians, wildlife and motorists along road, and;

Whereas, Clinton Road is a County Highway, and;

Whereas, a Town Resident has requested to the Canajoharie Town Board that the speed limit on Clinton Road be reduced from 55 miles per hours to 45 miles per hour,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: the Town Board hereby requests that the Department of Public Works, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, to perform a speed study to establish whether or not this is a viable request.

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

Town Bookkeeper

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-8/6/24
CASH REPORT
July 31, 2024

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 142,533.96	General	\$212,663.34
Fire District	\$ 4,890.86	Highway Town Wide	\$205,910.06

Highway Town Wide	\$ 257,306.54	Highway PartTown	<u>\$404,884.52</u>
Highway Part Town	\$ 100,272.89	Total	\$823,457.92
Capital Project	\$ 399,998.45		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 75,201.08*</u>		
Total	\$ 980,203.78		

*\$74,378.96 Avangrid/Mohawk Host Community

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 10,004.39
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$314,904.89
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 15,627.07</u>
Total	\$340,536.35

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #273 through #311, totaling \$188,388.52.

Highway fund vouchers #77 through #87, totaling \$43,371.95.

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. Armitstead, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hayes

Town Clerk