

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE
2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS THE FINAL BUDGET
& REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:25 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
Amy Kretser, Town Bookkeeper
Kirsten Dunn, Town Attorney
Claude Pietrowicz, Residents for the Preservation of the MV Committee Member
Sue Mallory, Residents for the Preservation of the MV Committee Member
Chip Readling, Cordelio Power
Andre Stover, Cordelio Power
Keith Fergusson, Village of Canajoharie Code Officer

Call to Order

The Adoption of the 2025 Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget Public Hearing was called to order by Mr. Muhlebeck at 7:25PM. There were no comments made on the Budget.

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Muhlebeck announced that he won the vote for the Town Supervisor position, and would be replacing Mr. Vroman. Mr. Muhlebeck thanked Mr. Vroman for his efforts while holding office at the Town. Mr. Vroman thanked the Board for supporting him throughout his time here and welcomed Mr. Muhlebeck as Town Supervisor.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution #8 of 2024
Adopt the Preliminary Budget as the 2025 Final Budget Approval

Sponsor: John Peruzzi, Councilman
Second: William Armistead, Councilman

Whereas, a public hearing was held on November 14, 2024 at 7:25 PM for members of the public to speak for and/or against the 2025 preliminary budget prepared by the Canajoharie Town Board,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: the Canajoharie Town Board adopts the Preliminary Budget as the 2025 Final Budget.

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

Accept the October 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Town Supervisor

Mr. Muhlebeck assigned the Town Clerk the duty to reach out to the bank to update signatories on accounts. He also requested that Mrs. Hayes obtain some information from the Association of Towns on HR Policies and Employee Handbooks, as we work toward updating ours. Mr. Muhlebeck also made mention of the fact that he'd like to start digitizing our records.

In regard to the Flat Creek Solar Project, Mr. Muhlebeck informed the Board that the Town has submitted an application for LAAF Funding, which he hopes will be approved by Thanksgiving. Mr. Readling, from Cordelio Power, spoke to the Board and the Residents for the Preservation for the MV Committee Members, that their application was rejected by ORES, and they intend on providing more information and applying again.

Recognition of Citizens Present

Mr. Fergusson attended the meeting to introduce himself as a potential candidate for our upcoming open position of Code Officer in 2025. An appointment by the Board will be made next month.

Code Officer

Mr. Hassan confirmed that he will work with Mr. Fergusson once he's appointed.

Sole Assessor

Miss. Ruskowski informed the Board that the land tables are done for the tax roll.

Town Bookkeeper

Miss. Kretser stated that with the preliminary budget in place, we are under the Tax Cap.

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CASH REPORT

November 14, 2024

Corrected 11/17/24

CHECKING ACCOUNTS		MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 97,074.25	General	\$ 26,265.16
Fire District	\$ 39.86	Highway Town Wide	\$207,419.54
Highway Town Wide	\$ 224,876.18	Highway PartTown	<u>\$309,728.49</u>
Highway Part Town	\$ 62,775.03	Total	\$543,413.19
Capital Project	\$ 34,339.88		
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 71,308.91*</u>		
Total	\$ 490,414.11		

*\$71,308.96 Avangrid/Mohawk Host Community

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Highway Cap Reserve	\$ 10,004.89
Gen-Cap Reserve-Garage	\$314,920.77
Gen-Cap Reserve-land	<u>\$ 15,627.86</u>
Total	\$340,553.52

BUDGET MODIFICATION

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount
A1355.4 Assessor Cont	A1220.4 Supervisor Cont	\$1000.00
A1355.4 Assessor Cont	A1330.4 Tax Coll Cont	\$ 500.00
A1990.4 Contingency	A1910.4 Unalloc Insurance	\$6425.13
A1990.4 Contingency	A1680.4 Data Proc Cont	\$3500.00
A1990.4 Contingency	A5132.4 Garage Cont	\$4000.00
A3510.4 Control of Dogs	A5010.4 Hgwy Supt Cont	\$ 500.00
A1620.4 Buildings Cont	A9060.8 Health Ins	\$2500.00
B8010.4 Zoning Contr	B8020.4 Planning Cont	\$ 200.00
DA5148.4 Serv Oth Govt	DA9060.8 Health Ins	\$2534.00
DA5148.1 Serv Oth govt Per	DA9060.8 Health Ins	\$2534.00
DA5142.1 Snow Rem Pers	DA9060.8 Health Ins	\$2532.00
DB5110.4 Gen Rprs Pers	DB9060.8 Health Ins	\$3000.00

Sincerely, Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

At 8:03PM the Town Supervisor Called for Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters.
Executive Session was closed at 9:10PM.

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #380 through #418, totaling \$85,703.07.

Highway fund vouchers #115 through #129, totaling \$23,307.30.

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Peruzzi, seconded by Mr. Armitstead, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica Hayes
Town Clerk