

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
HELD DECEMBER 12, 2024 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Michael Muhlebeck, Town Supervisor
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
Jennifer Stein, Residents for the Preservation of the MV Committee Member
Keith & Kylie Fergusson, Village of Canajoharie Code Officer
Michael Ehrenreich, Resident

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

Accept the November 2024 Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Mr. Armitstead, seconded by Mr. Young, that the minutes of the November 2024 meeting, as submitted by the Town Clerk, be approved. All in favor ayes, carried.

Town Supervisor
The following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION #9 of 2024
Appointment of Michael Ehrenreich to the Town Board

Sponsor: Michael Muhlebeck, Councilman
Second: William Armitstead, Councilman

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie Board has (2) two vacancies,

Whereas, Michael Ehrenreich was nominated by the board to fill (1) one vacancy,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that: Michael Ehrenreich is appointed to the Town Board effective December 12, 2024 to finish Mr. Peruzzi’s term, and has plans to run in the November election.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Michael Muhlebeck, Councilman	X		
William Armitstead, Councilman	X		
Rodney Young, Councilman	X		

Following the appointment of Michael Ehrenreich, Town Supervisor Muhlebeck thanked Les Hassan for his 18 years of service to the Town of Canajoharie as Code Officer, and wished him a fruitful retirement.

Mr. Muhlebeck, with the assistance of the Town Attorney and County Representative Nicole Yagel, has started to update the Employee Handbook, Policies and Procedures. He anticipates a January 2025 rollout.

In regard to the 2023 A. Pabis claim, Mr. Muhlebeck has been in touch with our investigator and insurance companies to see where it stands.

Code Officer

Mr. Fergusson attended the Board Meeting to present pricing for a Cloud Permit Service, to assist in the Code Officer position that he's going to be appointed for in January. He proposed the cost be split between the Town of Canajoharie, as well as 3 other Municipalities that he works for, to cut costs. The Board tabled the topic until Mr. Fergusson receives a commitment from the other offices.

Sole Assessor

Miss. Ruszkowski asked the Board to consider modifying the Senior Aged Exemption that the Town currently abides by. The Councilmen asked to table this topic as well until they have a better understanding of what those changes may effect.

Town Clerk

Mrs. Hayes presented the 2025-2026 Control of Snow and Ice on County Highways Contracts, and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution #10 of 2024
2025/2026 Control of Snow and Ice on County Highways Agreement Approval

Sponsor: Michael Muhlebeck, Councilman
Second: William, Armitstead, Councilman

WHEREAS, the Town of Canajoharie includes 41.60 miles of County Highway (40.97 +0.63 in Village of Ames,

WHEREAS, the County of Montgomery Department of Public Works has proposed an agreement for control of snow and ice on County Highways with the Town of Canajoharie for the following:
2025 Winter in the amount/mile as follows: \$6,545.65 per centerline mile (Total \$272,229.04);
2026 Winter in the amount/mile as follows: \$6,774.75 per centerline mile (Total \$781,826.60),

RESOLVED, that the Town of Canajoharie accepts the proposed
2025 Snow/Ice Removal Contracts in the total amount of \$272,229.04 and the
2026 Snow/Ice Removal Contracts in the total amount of \$287,829.60,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Canajoharie agrees to the terms as set forth in said proposed Agreement for Control of Snow and Ice on County Highways, beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026.

VOTING	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Michael Muhlebeck, Councilman	X		
Rodney Young, Councilman	X		
William Armitstead, Councilman	X		
Michael Ehrenreich	X		

Town Bookkeeper

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CASH REPORT

December 12, 2024

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 61,749.77
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Highway Town Wide	\$ 249,449.14
Highway Part Town	\$ 102,620.97
Capital Project	\$ 24,637.01
Trust & Agency	<u>\$ 67,798.91*</u>
Total	\$ 506,295.66

*\$67,798.96 Avangrid/Mohawk Host Community

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS

General	\$ 26,320.93
Highway Town Wide	\$207,773.24
Highway PartTown	<u>\$309,728.49</u>
Total	\$543,822.66

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

Mr. Muhlebeck opened the floor for Public Comment, no one chose to speak.

At 8:36PM the Town Supervisor Called for Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters.

Executive Session was closed at 9:32PM.

Authorization of Vouchers

The Town Clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #419 through #457, totaling \$43,366.23.

Highway fund vouchers #130 through #139, totaling \$26,744.16.

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Armitstead, seconded by Mr. Ehrenreich, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hayes

Town Clerk