

April 11th, 2016 – Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Keaveney
Councilperson Alan Miller
Councilperson Brenda Adams
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

AUDIENCE: 9

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the March 14th, 2016 minutes as amended. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the: General Fund: #18ab- #43 in the \$6,892.87. The Highway Fund: #14 -#23 in the amount of \$10,034.87. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes:
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 212.60
Highway Fund	\$ 521,047.47
Highway Fund Capital	\$ 219,090.56
Lighting Districts	\$ 4,700.62
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$.59
Building Inspector	\$ 745.00
Planning Board	\$ 50.00
Recreation	\$ 2,526.63
General Fund Balance	\$ 471,076.38
Court Revenues	\$ 4,805.00(Dec.-2015)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 25.00
Tax Collector	\$1,266,189.14

RESOLUTION #47 – Approving Local Law No. 1 – Moving Grievance Day back to the 4th Tuesday in May.

MOTION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to adopt Resolution #46. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;

Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #48 – Appointing Mark DeSanctis to fill a vacant term for the Town Planning Board with the term ending December 31, 2022.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Resolution #48. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #49 – Approving a Town of Canaan Longevity Bonus for Certain Officials and Employees on Specified Anniversary Dates.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve Resolution #49. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, to approve Healthcare Plans Renewing June 1st and July 1st – MVP Liberty HDHP (\$9,000.00) Bronze 5 Plan (has a \$9,000.00 HD, Delta Dental, and Empire BC/BS (Vision). 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to move money into the Health Reimbursement Plan - \$20,000 (money market to the HRA checking).

Board Discussion:

1. County Route 24 Bridge Replacement: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the replacement will take place because the resident signed the agreement and they will begin in June/July.

2. Transfer Station: The Supervisor met with Tom Hickey, manager of Covanta, and they discussed issues concerning the dumping of garbage at the Transfer Station. Mr. Hickey said that Covanta hires Wee-Care to help with the station. Mr. Hickey said that they will purchase dumpsters with a platform on the side to place garbage on a lift (hydraulic) to fill the garbage into the dumpster. Councilperson Brenda Adams asked about recycling at the current site. Supervisor Keaveney said that it would cost the Town too much and we have sites at New Lebanon and Chatham.
3. 2016 Capital Account Contributions: Supervisor Richard Keaveney discussed the potential account contributions for the Town.
4. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the ribbon cutting ceremony for Love's Truck Stop will be held on April 13th, 2016.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Office-

- Items for destruction - All 2010 exemption renewals have been scanned and were given to the Town Clerk's office for destruction.
- Lisa (clerk) was finished cleaning at least 1200 parcel files. Scanning of exemptions has started.

Exemptions-

- Chatham School district voted to allow the Alternative Veterans Exemption at the following limits. War time \$12,000, Combat Zone - additional \$8,000 and Disabled \$40,000. I was able to automatically update those qualified for the exemption without the need for the tax payer to reapply. This affected 65 Canaan properties totaling in \$1,133,490 in assessed value. At a School tax rate of \$15.51 per thousand that equals only \$17,580 in School Taxes that will be shifted to non-Vet owned properties.
- All exemptions have been processed.
- Exemption deadlines- The final Date to apply for an exemption is March 1. This is the same deadline every year. The only exception is in the event of a death or health problem that can be documented. The best way for a tax payer to keep their exemption is to respond immediately when the renewal is sent out.
- Exemption renewal notices are sent 3 months in advance. All exemptions can be mailed in.
- We make this all very clear with an additional note in with the renewal notices. We have tried to make the process as easy as possible for the taxpayers. However, each year there are still people that we need to call and remind. This is a courtesy call that we may not always have time for.
- The exemption renewal time period is also when all the other yearly processes are being finalized. It is the busiest time of year for the assessor and exemptions are only a portion of the work during those 3-4 months.

Other-

- Assessor has been finishing up all work to complete the Tentative roll. Utility assessments, special franchise, permits, exemptions, updating libraries, etc.
- Tentative Roll will be published May 1. A legal notice will be posted as required. Change of assessment notices will go out.

HIGHWAY REPORT –

ACTIVITIES:

We got an early jump on road side work this year. We ditched Old Hudson and then moved to Frisbee Street. On Frisbee Street we started cutting back brush and ditching. We ground dropped culverts in preparation for paving in June.

Strong gusty winds had some big limbs down resulting in 911 tree calls.

I attended the Rebuild NY rally in Albany to advocate for more CHIPS money. All our hard work payed off and we have achieved true parity in infrastructure funding between upstate and down state. The state budget contained some good news for highway departments - the largest state transportation plan ever approved.

I attended the Columbia County Traffic Safety meeting.

Spring may be here but winter returned for a few days. With no frost in the ground the roads had softened

up.....plowing has been fun to say the least. Overall the roads have held up well.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

Weather permitting, we will be going on four, 10 hour days, in a few weeks around April 25th, 2016, for our summer hours.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Mr. Newton inquired about the filing of a liquor license application that he filed with the Town. Mr. Newton and Mr. Shay are purchasing the old “Cottage” restaurant. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Town does not receive such notification anymore. Mr. Newton said that their lawyer said they had to notify the Town. The Town has no problem with the application.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney asked to enter into Executive session to discuss an employee issue.

MOTON: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to enter into executive session at 8:35 p.m. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to return to the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;

Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that there were no motions or decisions made in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. 5-ayes
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC
Canaan Town Clerk*