

August 14th, 2017 - Town Board Meeting -

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence.

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

AUDIENCE: 8

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the July 10th, 2017 minutes. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - abstained;
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 bills: #302 - #331223 in the amount of \$14,588.11; Highway bills: #72 - #91 in the amount of \$92,859.28. 5-eyes

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 MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 626.15
Highway Fund	\$474,661.81
Highway Fund Capital	\$269,297.64
Lighting Districts	\$ 2,003.33
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$
Building Inspector	\$ 872.00(June-2017)
Planning Board	\$ 325.00
Recreation	\$ 7,626.63
General Fund Balance	\$ 317,623.43
Court Revenues	\$ 4,100.00(June-20170)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 25.00

RESOLUTION #57 – Appointing Wes Powell as Dog Control Officer

Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve Resolution #57. 5-eyes

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 #58 – Transferring Funds from A3510.4 (\$500.00) to A3510.1 for dog control officer’s salary.

Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Resolution #58. 5-eyes

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.

Board Discussion:

1. Updates: a. NYS Rural Water Association Study – Councilperson David Patzwahl, and Councilperson Brenda Adams are the contact persons for information pertaining to this study.
b. Broadband – Charter Spectrum is behind in their work to install fiberoptics infrastructure and has been fined by the NYS PSC for failing to meet scheduled mileposts. Charter Spectrum says that it cannot access the utility poles needed to run the line. Fairpoint, which has accepted NYS Broadband Office grant money to provide broadband service to their customer base is also behind in their infrastructure work to install fiberoptics. The NYS PSC allowed Consolidated Communications to purchase Fairpoint Communications. The new company is expected to follow through on the stipulations of the NYS Broadband Office grant money. Both Charter spectrum and Consolidated (formerly Fairpoint) Communications are expected to offer their respective customer bases true broadband internet service by 2020.
2. Key Bank Fees – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the bank is charging the Town accounts over \$200.00 in fees. Supervisor Keaveney said that if this continues we may have to look for another bank.
3. 2018 Budget Requests – Supervisor Keaveney has presented the different committees with the 2018 budget request. The 2018 Budget Tax Cap increase established by the State is 1.84%.
4. Code Officer’s Shared Services Report – with the municipal agreement each town pays a quarter of his education. The Town of Copake does not share in the expense of the Town vehicle, they have their own.
5. Councilperson Terese Platten said that the Recreation Committee has hired three staff members, and will purchase new safety equipment. The program runs 10 AM to 12PM (2 hours) Wednesday, July 5 through Friday, August 11 (excluding Saturdays and Sundays).

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Equalization rate - Final equalization is 100%

Legal -

- We have 1 SCAR hearing

Reassessment-

- Still field reviewing and photographing vacant land parcels.
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- I have been working continuously with the county to get the land schedules in place to move forward with the new values on the land portion of the assessments. This is in part a data cleanup effort as well as working on valuation and has been time consuming.
- Data mailers also called property description reports were set to all residential properties. We only asked for them to be sent back if there were corrections needed. We received about 130 of them back with a lot only needing a change to the heating type or some other small changes. These are being scanned and saved as a record for each parcel. I am still in the process of entering and verifying any data that was said to need corrections.

Around the office-

- Clerk is continuing the scanning project. Files are being cleaned and the amount of paper in the office is slowly being cleaned up.
- Desktop computer monitor is in need of being replaced.
- Shared service Laptop is having issues connecting to the printers after new wireless was set up for New Lebanon office. Other issues have come to light concerning the live file residing on the Laptop. I am seriously considering letting the live file reside on the DESKTOP and logging in to the desktop from the laptop VIA log me in or other service instead of keeping the live file on the laptop. I the cost for this is around \$249 a year and if I do the same for New Lebanon the cost can be shared.

SALES-

- No new sales have been entered since last month due to the REVAL taking priority this month.

HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT:

ACTIVITIES:

The intersections of Schoolhouse, Cemetery and Stonewall where they intersect with County 24 have been paved for 50' to 60' to minimize potholes and dips providing a smooth transition.

We reclaimed & paved Flints Crossing from the old Hoffecker farm to the state line which is the non-commercial zone. Many thanks go to Austerlitz, Chatham and Ghent highway depts. for all the help! As part of our shared services we're going to help Austerlitz pave this week.

We fared well with the heavy rains unlike our neighbors to the north - Grafton & Pittstown lost most of their infrastructure.

The first week in Aug the roadside mowing came to an abrupt halt Both tractors went down the same day and has us scrambling. With all the glass bottles and debris tossed aside we ended up with a flat tire on the front of the JD 301. Luckily, I had what we needed at the farm to get the mower back on the road. A blown hydraulic line on the Case JX1090U meant a trip to Chatham to have one made up. The Alamo boom mower required knives and the main bearing is starting to fail.

The NYS Thruway Authority contacted me regarding the bridge on Sayre Hill. They are going to remove & replace existing bridge joints & do substructure repairs. The anticipated construction will be in the spring of 2018. We are still discussing the work zone traffic control because installing a light similar to the one that was on 295 in East Chatham won't work.

We are currently working on the CHIPS reimbursement forms for the November submission. CHIPS is broken down into three categories - CHIPS, Extreme Winter Recovery and Pave NY. The reimbursement process requires different forms for each category as well as supporting documentation for the work that was done.

Daryl represented Canaan at a FEMA meeting for the declared severe winter storm Stella. She is now "plowing" through a lot of paperwork that FEMA will require.

Bristol Bridge update: The final design plans are underway and the project is within the budget established.

The accident on Frisbee is going to require recovery of damages to the guide rails, signs and road surface. Daryl is in direct contact with the insurance company.

Highway received a call that there were lights on in one of the highway trucks, the State Police responded at 9:30 p.m. and did a thorough search. They did a good job.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

Millings on Route 295 – starts Wednesday.

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, for the Highway department permission for Town trucks to pick-up screen fill from Route 295 and stock pile at the Highway garage for the Town to use. Superintendent Meyer said that this would save the Town about \$50,000.00. 5-ayes,

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

Motion Carried.

Attend the fall conference in Ellicotville and use my personal car for transportation.

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, giving Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, permission to attend the fall conference and use his own vehicle. 5-ayes,

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 Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
 Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
 Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

Purchase signs, brackets & posts. 7 signs are gone posts & all! Replacement cost is roughly \$65 per sign.

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, for the Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, to purchase new signs and posts to replace those missing. 5-ayes,

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

Motion Carried.

Happy Labor Day!

Public Discussion:

1. Mr. Gary Flaherty said that he saw a black pick-up truck picking up gravel on Frisbee Street.
2. Ms. Vivian Vispo inquired about the beaver at the Town Park. Supervisor Keaveney said that the culvert trap has been taken out – there are no beaver dams and fishers have been spotted around the area.
3. People please beware of the bees' nest in the park.

Adjournment: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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/Tax Collector*

