

CANAAN MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 12TH, 2016

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the monthly 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

ABSENT: Councilperson David Patzwahl

AUDIENCE: 7

Rebeca Meier and Robert Connors arrived at 7:40 p.m.

MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion with second by Councilperson Alan Miller, to accept the minutes, as amended, of the November 14th. 4-ayes

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes;
Motion carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the General Fund Bills: #345-#373 in the amount of \$16,090.78 and the Highway Fund, #116-#129 in the amount of \$33,424.57. 4-ayes

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes for all other bills;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten- yes;
Motion carried.

Supervisor’s Monthly Finance Report

Town Clerk	\$ 746.42
Highway Fund:	\$266,675.57
Highway Fund – Capital:	\$244,212.82
Lighting Districts:	\$ 1,246.43
Ambulance Districts	
And Fire District:	\$.59
Building Inspector:	\$ 1,255.00
Planning Board:	\$
Recreation:	\$ 7,626.63

General Fund Balance: \$247,772.21
Court Revenues: \$ 3,803.00 (Oct.-2016)
Zoning Board of Appeals: \$
Tax Collector: \$ 10.09

RESOLUTION #62 – General Fund 2016 Budget Adjustments

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion with second by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adopt Resolution #62. 4-ayes

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

Resolution #62 adopted

Board Discussion

- 1. NEW TRANSFER STATION STICKERS:** 2017-2018 stickers now available at the Town Clerk office during normal office hours.
- 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** January 9th, 2017 – before regular Town Board meeting at 6:30p.m.
- 3. SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:** Supervisor Keaveney said that when we have the spring cemetery clean-up we will use the same company for the tree clean-up for all five cemeteries.

ASSESSOR’S Monthly Report:

General-

- Still working on field work/sales review to get as much done as I can before winter.
- The county has hired the Data collector. I have been working with them to determine the new procedures. I will be continuing/starting to do the Land data verifications and photos on good weather days.

Exemptions-

- Exemption renewals have all been sent out. To make the process easier, as usual, in each mailing I have included instructions and hours. The Assessor clerk will be in the office accepting applications from 10-1 Thursdays, December - February. This frees me up to work with the data verification.

HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer read the Highway Report.

ACTIVITIES:

Daryl & I attended the DOT meeting in Poughkeepsie. Road inventory data is now using the geospatial format which is a more accurate way of measuring roads. The major areas of conversation were what are the stop and start points and where exactly are town lines. In the overall picture of things we are losing a miniscule amount.

The 20" snow storm that started early Sunday morning and ended Monday was a challenge. There were lots of broken trees, limbs and power lines down. We ran the generator for two days to keep the furnace and the fuel pump on. Roads that usually take twenty minutes to plow took two hours due to all the trees & branches. The men literally had to chainsaw their way through some of the areas in order to keep plowing. We had our usual "frequent flyers" that called to complain that there were branches in the road and they couldn't get out but overall everyone was very understanding of the situation. We were lucky with no major breakdowns but did have damage to the trucks. The fender flairs, mud flaps, antenna's and mirrors paid a heavy price!

We continue to clean up after the storm. The skid steer with grapples and the chipper have been VERY busy as the volume of debris is huge.

We purchased plow steel & plow shoe supplies to restock our inventory.

The grader blade control broke putting the grader out of commission. We were able to locate the component and have it shipped UPS to the shop. Installation was tricky but we are back in action!

We have waged an all-out war with the mice invading the highway garage. Mouse traps are set out everywhere!

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

Wishing one and all a very happy holiday.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Mr. Andy Meier said that one should remove the lower branches on white pines to help prevent damage.
2. Mr. Robert Connors, committee person for the Columbia County Environmental Conservation group asked the Town to put a link to the County web-sit on the Town web-site giving the public access to the minutes and other information.
3. Ms. Vivian Vispo asked if the beaver could not be caught and transferred somewhere.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney asked to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to enter into executive session at 7:18 p.m. 4-eyes,

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

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to return to the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. 4-eyes,

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

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that there were no motions, nor actions taken while in executive session.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector