

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 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: 10**

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Town Board minutes. 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 David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the General Fund bills: #419 - #440 in the amount of \$12,513.56; Highway Fund bills: #133 - #145 in the amount of \$37,233.18. 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 MONTHLY REPORT**

Town Clerk Revenues	\$358.76
Highway Fund	\$255,690.15
Highway Fund Capital	\$294,315.70
Lighting Districts	\$401.91
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ 325.78
Building Inspector (Oct.-Nov. 2017)	\$1,462.00
Planning Board	\$50.00
Recreation	\$7,626.63
General Fund Balance	\$221,667.27
Court Revenues (Oct. 2017)	\$5,787.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$75.00
Tax Collector	\$25.00

**RESOLUTION #64 – Reducing the speed limit on a section of New Concord Road from 55 MPH to 30 MPH**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Resolution #64. 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 #65 – 2017 Budget Transfer**

**MOTION:** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt the transfer of \$100.00 from Account A1910.4, Insurance to Account A1920.2 Dues, and \$1,500.00 from Account A1990.4 (Contingent) to Account A1680.4 Central Data. 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 #66 – Reappointment – Pierre Gontier to Planning Board for a seven-year term (01/01/2018 to 12/31/2024).**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adopt reappoint Pierre Gontier to the Planning Board for a seven-year term. 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 #67 – Adopting the NYS Unified Solar Permit Application**

**MOTION:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to adopt the NYS Unified Solar Permit Application. 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 “Table” Resolution #64-adopting Local Law #1 of 2017, concerning the cold war exemption. 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.

**Board Discussion:**

1. **NYSOC (New York State Office of the Comptroller)** – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that he has received a “Draft” audit report from the State. Supervisor Keaveney will meet with the auditors’ next week. The report is confidential with the Town Board having a copy.
2. **Columbia County IT Assistance at the Town Hall** – Supervisor Keaveney said that Rick Gul-liangio will do an assessment of a projector, sound system, and a wireless microphone system. He will make a recommendation of cost and locations of the projector and other systems.
3. Councilperson Alan Miller demonstrated the LED “cool light” energy upgrade from fluorescent bulbs and will provide information regarding how the upgrade program will save the Town energy costs.
4. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2017 will be held at 6:15pm followed by the Organizational meeting, immediately followed by the Regular monthly meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
5. Councilperson Terese Platten asked about the hydrogeology study and was informed by the other board members that the scientist is still collecting data of water wells in the Town.

**ASSESSOR Monthly Report**

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 Fridays, December - February. I accidently sent a few letters out that stated the Clerk was available on Thursdays. This was incorrect. I have

called the people that was sent to and let them know it would be Fridays instead. Having the clerk take in exemptions allows me to focus on the reval and other work needed.

Around the office-

- Reval- Work continues daily on background details that will help determine final values. This is a very detailed and involved process. I expect to have preliminary values sent to owners by March.
- Continue to field review sales and permit information. Making changes needed for values.
- Sales book is being prepared for taxpayer use. This book should be able to include sales from New Lebanon and hopefully some Chatham information.
- State has supplied the Assessor with Trends. Our Market area which includes Hillsdale, Austerlitz/Chatham and New Lebanon has supposedly gone up 7% in the past year. As usual we do not agree as this doesn't take into consideration different segments of the market. I have been working to prove otherwise. I have also asked the county to help in this effort.

## **CANAAN HIGHWAY Monthly Report**

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Mother Nature has been good to us with no adverse wintery weather.

Our trucks, plows & sanders are set up for snow & ice conditions.

Truck #11 had new drive tires put on the rear. The new tread pattern is more aggressive.

We anticipate truck #9 to be back soon.

The team has been working on rust control on the 2012 F 550. The frame & body have been descaled, primed and painted.

Ongoing pot hole patrol is still in effect.

Signs have been installed in various locations including the *Person Crossing* and *Slow* signs in the vicinity of

Karen Braun's residence on New Concord. We received a call thanking us for the sign installation but it hasn't

slowed all the traffic down.

To give everyone an idea where some of their hard earned tax dollars goes - salt cost us around \$20,000 for 325

ton this year.

We've had a few more trees come down. A BIG maple can down on Dean Hill.

### **DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:**

I would like to ask the board to designate the seasonal portion of Dean Hill Road to have seasonal limited use status with no maintenance during Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is just a formality required by law.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

**MOTION:** Councilperson David Patzwahl, made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to place a seasonal limit use for Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, to place the restriction on the top of Dean Hill to the MA Line road. 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.

### **PUBLIC DISUSSION:**

1. New Concord road residents want more signs from Cemetery road to County Route 5.

Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, said that a resolution will be presented to the Columbia County Engineers for review of their request.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Supervisor Richard Keaveney asked to enter into executive session at 8:26 pm to discuss an employee issue.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to enter into executive session. 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:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to return to the regular meeting and that there were no decisions or motions made while in executive session, at 9:15pm. 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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 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*

