

*June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Canaan Town Board Monthly Meeting*

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence.

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

**ABSENT: Councilperson Alan Miller**

**AUDIENCE: 11**

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten to approve the May 09<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes with a revision.

4-eyes

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

**BILLS:**

**MOTION:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the payment of the: General Fund: #139- #177 in the \$12,322.07. The Highway Fund: #37-#46 in the amount of \$29,099.01. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;  
Councilperson Terese Platten – abstained from bill #142 – voted yes on all others;  
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.  
Motion Carried.

**SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 511.69
Highway Fund	\$ 433,990.63
Highway Fund Capital	\$ 244,127.64
Lighting Districts	\$ 2,803.32
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ .59
Building Inspector	\$ 1,713.00
Planning Board	\$ 150.00
Recreation	\$ 7,526.63
General Fund Balance	\$ 358,527.96
Court Revenues	\$ 3,885.00(May-2016)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 10.09

**RESOLUTION #51 – Highway**

**Disposition/Disposal list for Machinery, Tools, and Equipment**

**MOTION:** Councilperson David Patzwahl made motion, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, to adopt Resolution #51. 4-eyes

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

**RESOLUTION #52 – Approving the Youth Swim Program Positions, Hourly Rates and Standard Work Day for the NYS Retirement Reporting.**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to adopt Resolution #52. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – 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 Brenda Adams, to appoint a Town of Canaan Broadband Committee: Councilperson Brenda Adams, chair; Councilperson Terese Platten; and Councilperson Alan Miller. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – 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 Supervisor Richard Keaveney, to proceed with a more detailed and comprehensive Solar Power Zoning Law. 4-eyes

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

Supervisor Keaveney said that Planning Board Chairperson, Pierre Gontier, listed suggestions he recommended and Councilperson Alan Miller had a concern to be addressed.

**Board Discussion:**

1. **County Route 24 Bridge Replacement over Indian Creek:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the County Route 24 bridge replacement will start on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and take four to five months to complete. .
  2. **Town Newsletter:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the annual Town newsletter has been mailed to all residents. A total of 1400 copies have been mailed. The letter is also on the Town of Canaan web-site.
  3. **MOTION:** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, giving the Supervisor permission to speak with DEC & the Army Corp of Engineers to obtain a joint permit application to dredge the Town Park Pond. 4-eyes  
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;  
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and  
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.  
Motion Carried
- Highlighted letters in yellow are corrections.

Councilperson Brenda Adams spoke concerning the Berkshire Farm and their responsibility to secure the students. Mr. Jim Denise, CEO for the Farm, is asking for more time to review the situation of the stolen car and staff are being interviewed about the student breach. Mr. Denise hopes to increase staff and have after school programs.

Mr. Charles Bott feels there should be a siren to alert the public when residents are off campus. JoAnn Demayo said that the alert system is a good idea but the problem is the students. Tremper residents, mostly seniors, do not feel safe.

Mr. Charlie Long asked that the boy's description be released.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the State Child/Family Services inspects the facility.

**ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:**

Exemptions -

- STAR- All NEW STAR applications will now be processed at the STATE level. STAR renewals and all other exemptions will still be processed with the

assessor.

- The website has been updated to provide information and links to apply.
- Implementation of RPTL 520 which has always been on the books but not followed by many assessors.- in short this law states that when a property sells, any exemptions afforded to the prior owner (such as Aged or Vets) shall be removed and the new owner shall be liable. The process to do this is through omitted taxes.

Grievance Day-

- There was a total of 6 Stipulations/corrections by the assessor and 12 Grievances that went before the BAR.
- Any changes from this have been entered on the roll.
- A Statement of changes has been filed with the Town Clerk.

Final Roll-

- The final Roll will be filed on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A legal notice

will be in the paper Other-

- Back to routine business in the office.
- The scanning project is moving along but does require a lot of time. We are currently able to scan around 5 -7 files per hour. That's about 215 hours of work. This does not include moving previously scanned files. Those files will be moved to each individual folder AFTER the scanning of the physical files is complete
- I will begin to get back out in the field looking at sales and permits. I may do some data verifications if time permits. A new person will be hired at the county level around September and the project will get underway. Canaan will be the first town for this person and I will need to spend some time working with them.
- Preliminary Equalization rate is 100%
- See attached news article regarding how the STATE is issuing some of the TAX FREEZE rebate checks.

SALES- Sales have not been entered due to being in between the tentative roll and the final roll

## **HIGHWAY REPORT –**

### **ACTIVITIES:**

We have been busy preparing Frisbee Street for paving. Culverts were addressed and shimmed. With some luck we will be finished tomorrow.

Three trucks and the trailer went in for inspection stickers. No word on truck #7 which is in for major surgery.

I attended the Traffic Safety Board meeting the end of May.

I attended highway school which was very informative.

The crew and I attended our annual safety training.

Cold, windy & rainy has been the norm lately. We had a few tree calls but over all we have done well.

### **DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:**

**Have a safe & happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

1. Councilperson Terese Platten asked about installation of the playground equipment. Mr. Will Powers will meet with Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer, to look at where the placement of the playground equipment will be.
2. Councilperson Terese Platten asked about a “pop stand” at the beach during swim lessons and Adams Point Beach.
3. Mr. Charlie Long asked about internet, Fairpoint, charter Communications, and Time Warner lines.
4. Mrs. Tammy Flaherty would like to plant flowers, in the ground, around the Flag pole at the Town Hall. The flowers would come from Berkshire Farm. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that would be fine.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney “Thanked” Gail Heinsohn, the newspaper reporter for the Chatham Courier, for her services recording the Canaan Town Board meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – 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*