

January 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: 11

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams to approve the December 14th, 2015 minutes. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – abstained; and
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 Encumbered: #404 - #418 in the amount of \$3,104.64; Highway Encumbered: #137 - #144 in the amount of \$10,015.43, and the General (January 2016): #1 - #17 in the \$26,092.13. The amended phone bill on the General 2016 bill, and Terese Platten recused herself from the 2015 bills because she was not in office. 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	\$ 326.39
Highway Fund	\$ 296,263.52
Highway Fund Capital	\$ 219,082.44
Lighting Districts	\$ 818.42
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$.59
Building Inspector	\$ 1,209.00
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 2,526.63
General Fund Balance	\$ 243,662.39
Court Revenues	\$ no report
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 50.00
Tax Collector	\$ 10.00

RESOLUTION #41 – 2015 Budget Amendment

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt Resolution #41. 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 #42-2016 Budget Amendment

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl to approve Resolution #42. 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. Property Tax Rebate: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the rebate checks have been mailed.
2. Updates: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Town Hall parking lights have been updated with LED bulbs. Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer, and crew have replaced the Flag at the Town Hall.
Supervisor Keaveney said that the Town audit of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Court, and Supervisor books will be held February 8th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. prior to our regular monthly meeting.
DEC responded to the Towns concern about the illegal docks at the Backwater Grill. DEC will inspect these docks and will decide on whether the docks should be removed. DEC will issue a fine.
Berkshire Farm and the Child/Family Services have been meeting and have said that their findings are a confidential relationship with private organizations. Councilperson Brenda Adams said that she is not satisfied with the answer of client confidentiality.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Exemptions-

- Exemption renewals are coming in slowly.

Around the office-

- Lisa Henry will be hired as the Assessor Clerk. We plan on having the files cleaned and ready for scanning before Summer.
- Today the county has finished mapping adjustments on a number of parcels around Queechy Lake. I will be reviewing them soon.

Data Collection-

- As of today I have not been notified of any new hires at the County.

HIGHWAY REPORT – (typed as presented to clerk at meeting, in writing)

ACTIVITIES:

We finished and installed the entryway alcove for the west side door. It fits well and should eliminate damage to the door frame from the wind whipping.

We had some issues on truck #11 with the tailgate. Everest flew in their engineers from Canada to meet with me and assess the situation first hand. They were extremely helpful

We have been persistent in removing the beaver dams at the park and the beavers have been even more persistent in rebuilding! There is a large dam off of Peaceful Valley which is causing the water to rise. It is way out of our jurisdiction and eventually we may need DEC to assess the situation.

There was a small disturbance that went through during the last of December which required plowing & sanding. The cold snap we recently experienced reminds us that it really is winter!

Truck #12 is now officially in service.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

284 Agreement: This agreement is between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Canaan, and the undersigned members of the Canaan Town Board. The 284 Highway Law states that monies levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the 284 Agreement. 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 DISCUSSION:

1. Ms. Wendy Dwyer asked if someone could come to the Town Board meeting and speak about the climate issue.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 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