

July 10, 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 -absent
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

Highway Superintendent: Bernhard Meyer - absent

AUDIENCE: 8

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the June 12th, 2017 minutes. 4-ayes
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve the payment of the General bills: #260 - #301 in the amount of \$16,225.84; Highway bills: #64 - #71 in the amount of \$7,346.83. 4-ayes
Roll-call showed:
Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – abstained from bill #280 all others -yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 987.66
Highway Fund	\$422,251.74
Highway Fund Capital	\$269,293.07
Lighting Districts	\$ 2,379.33
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ 325.78
Building Inspector	\$ 3,346.00(May)
Planning Board	\$ 275.00
Recreation	\$ 7,626.63
General Fund Balance	\$ 341,528.60
Court Revenues	\$ 5,422.00(May)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 158,894.68

RESOLUTION #55 – Appointment of Thomas Platten to serve on the Assessment Review Board – term 10/01/2017 to 09/30/2022

Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Resolution #55. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #56 – Agreement with Columbia County for one-year (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017) County will provide the Town with technology training, etc...

Motion made by Councilperson Terese Platten, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Resolution #56. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

Board Discussion:

1. Updates

- a. NYS OC Audit: – Supervisor Keaveney said that the Town still has not received any notification from the State Audit and it has been three months.
- b. NYS Rural Water Association Study: we're in the queue
- c. Broadband: Councilperson Terese Platten said that there are more studies to date and may start in the year 2020.

2. Dog Control Officer: The Town DCO resigned at the end of this month, there was a person willing to take his place but she is now facing family obligations and is unable to do the job. The present DCO is will to stay on while the Town advertises to fill the position.

3. Other: Councilperson Terese Platten reported that there are forty students signed up for the swim program.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Final Roll-

-Final roll was filed with Town clerk on July 1. Listed on the website and on the Town Bulletin board.

Scar Hearings-

At the time of writing this report there were no SCAR hearings filed.

Reassessment-Please read Attached. As these come back in the mail they will be entered into the data base. Assessor is out in the field photographing/verifying most vacant land properties. Also, have been working at the county with the valuation specialist on various aspects of the valuation background needed to the reassessment. Correct zoning codes are being updated on all parcels

Around the office-

We have moved the database on to next year processing.
Scanning and organizing of files is still happening in-between other work.

As part of the 2018 reassessment project we are verifying our data on every property. We have completed all of the residential properties.

Last week the assessor's office sent each residential property a mailing. In the mailing is a listing of the inventory of each property. This includes the size, style, etc. of the home and lists any other improvements such as decks, sheds, garages.

The mailing should be reviewed by the property owner for correctness. Anything that needs to be corrected should be crossed out and the correct information added.

If corrections need to be made they are to be signed and returned to the office by August 1. If everything appears fine they are to be kept by the owner for their records.

The office is NOT taking corrections over the phone. Corrections need to be signed for by the property owner and will become a part of our records. They should be mailed back to Assessor,
PO Box 459, Canaan, NY 12029

HIGHWAY REPORT – Read by Councilperson Alan Miller
ACTIVITIES:

Highway school had some very interesting sessions this year. I returned on Wednesday night only to be called out on a guide rail incident on the Maple and Goetz Bridge. It appears someone hooked the guide rail and left it in the middle of the road. I was able to secure it back with rope and the men fixed it in the morning.

We replaced cross culverts on Flints Crossing. Tentatively we are going to grind sometime during the week of the 17th and pave two weeks after that. Watching the tractor trailer activity by the tracks just reinforced my desire to use a hot mix for the area from route 22 to the log yard on Flints. Due to the turning radius of these trucks I watched the tires on the trailers literally skid around the corner and peel up the cold patch.

The heavy rains on the 19th resulted in quite a few plugged culverts. It took two days to get around town and hit all the areas.

The big excitement was the utility pole landing on the mowing tractor which resulted in a call to 911. I am pleased to say that safety training pays off as the operator stayed in the cab until NYSEG showed up to de-energize the lines. The utility pole was rotten and the slightest tap on the guide wire brought it down. There are pictures on columbiapage.com.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, for the Highway Department to purchase new toilets for the Highway garage. 4-eyes
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC Discussion:

1. Ms. Wendy Dwyer noticed the solar panels on the roofs of the storage facility in East Chatham. Wondered why the Town of Canaan zoning laws will not allow solar farms when it is clean energy and helps the environment. Councilperson Terese Platten has been asked to look into a climate committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Richard Keaveney, made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Canaan Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

