

March 14th, 2016 – Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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

AUDIENCE: 8

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the February 8th, 2016 minutes of the Audit Meeting as amended.

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the Public Hearing and the monthly meeting minutes as amended. 5-ayes
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the payment of the: General Fund: #44- #76 in the \$9392.56. The Highway Fund: #5 -#13 in the amount of \$18,424.51. 5-ayes
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 283.00
Highway Fund	\$ 575,004.21
Highway Fund Capital	\$ 219,099.86
Lighting Districts	\$ 4,282.77
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$.59
Building Inspector	\$ 909.00
Planning Board	\$ 50.00
Recreation	\$ 2,526.63
General Fund Balance	\$ 451,271.34
Court Revenues	\$ 5,989.00(Jan.-2015)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 50.00
Tax Collector	\$ 115,387.86

RESOLUTION #45 – 2016 Budget Transfer

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt Resolution #45. 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 #46 – Discontinuance and abandonment of portion of Town Highway for Love’s Travel Shop and Country Store on Peaceful Valley Road.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve discontinuance and abandonment of portion of Town Highway for Love’s Travel Shop and Country Store on Peaceful Valley 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.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve and sign Final Peaceful Valley Road Transfer Documents. 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. 2015 Financials: Supervisor Richard Keaveney read the report for the year 2015 and said that the Town is in good standing.
2. Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that he had to update our part of the plan and return to the County.
3. Route 24 Bridge – Red Rock: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that many obstacles are being encountered, especially with one property owner who refuses to sign off on a few feet of property.
4. County Broadband/Internet – ECC Technologies: the County has discussed the high-speed plan importance in the area. Fairpoint Communications has announced they have a plan for high-speed internet. The density issue continues to be a hold on installing such program in our area.
5. Highway/Burial Ground/Flatbrook Cemetery Mowing:
MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to employ Mr. Robert Lagerwall as the new person to maintain (mow,

trim) the Highway/Burial Grounds at Flatbrook Cemetery and the Route 295 Cemetery.

5-eyes

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

6. Healthcare Renewal: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the renewal of the health-care coverage is a 7% increase. Supervisor Keaveney will present options next month.
7. Planning Board Member: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that there is an opening on the Planning Board and that the alternate applicant, Mark DeSanctis, will be offered the position, if he is still interested.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

I am extremely busy processing exemptions, finishing road work, mapping, permits, assessment changes, special franchise, utility, State lands and ETC.

I will update the Board further next month.

HIGHWAY REPORT –

ACTIVITIES:

Truck #8 was our problem child this month. The transmission went while out plowing. We had to remove the plow & wing, unload the sand and have it towed to Sunnyside. We ended up replacing the transmission with a reman which has a limited warranty.

The heavy rain during the end of February was challenging. Leaves & debris blocked culverts and caused washouts. We spent the better part of the first day just redirecting the water and then it was clean up and repair! The mild weather has given us a jump on the road maintenance. The grader is out and about please use caution! I attended Advocacy Day in Albany speaking with our representatives about the need for more parity within the state budget. There is a \$6 billion gap between the MTA and the DOT highway and bridge capital programs. I believe we made a difference - there was over 700 supporters sending the message loud & clear. We need more funding to keep our infrastructure safe and up to date.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

Bid recommendation

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to accept the Highway Department bids for services and materials as presented by Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer. 5-eyes

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. Susanne Pemrick expressed concerns about the length of time the power company took to restore the power outage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said he would like to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to enter into Executive Session at 8:32 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.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to return to the regular meeting at 9:07 p.m. Supervisor Keaveney said that there were no motions nor decisions made in 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.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 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