

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED Local Law #1 of the year 2015 establishing income levels for real property taxes for citizens sixty-five of age or over.  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m. Supervisor Keaveney read the Public Notice: Please take notice that the Canaan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of the year 2015 establishing income levels for real property taxes for citizens sixty-five of age or over, on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:55 p.m. at the Canaan Town Hall. The proposed law is on file at the Town Clerk office for review during normal business hours. The monthly meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearing. By order of the Canaan Town Board.

Present: Supervisor Richard Keaveney  
Councilperson Alan Miller  
Councilperson Brenda Adams  
Councilperson Carrie Bither  
Absent: Councilperson David Patzwahl

Audience: 9

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 6:59 P.M.

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: MAY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the monthly 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  
Councilperson Carrie Bither  
Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Charlotte Cowan

**ABSENT:** Councilperson David Patzwahl

**AUDIENCE:** 9

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion with second by Councilperson Alan Miller, to accept the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes as amended.

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;  
Councilperson Carrie Bither – yes;

Motion carried.

**BILLS:**

**MOTION:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the payment of the General Fund Bills: #113-#143 in the amount of \$8,493.17 and the Highway Fund, #43-#54 in the amount of \$10,119.34.

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;  
Councilperson Carrie Bither – yes;

Motion carried.

**Supervisor’s Monthly Finance Report**

Town Clerk	\$ 383.52
Highway Fund:	\$491,887.58
Highway Fund – Capital:	\$233,515.36
Lighting Districts:	\$ 3,668.47
Ambulance Districts	
And Fire District:	\$ .59
Building Inspector:	\$ 3,668.47
Planning Board:	\$ 0
Recreation:	\$ 7,720.63
General Fund Balance:	\$360,147.46
Court Revenues:	\$ 7,222.00(March-2015)
Zoning Board of Appeals:	\$ 0
Tax Collector:	\$ 60,533.10

**RESOLUTION #57 – 2015 Budget Amendment – Adjust CHIPS Revenue and Expense to the State’s Final Town Allocation up \$17,736.66 for a total of \$141,764.66.**

**MOTION:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to adopt resolution #57. 4-eyes

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;  
Councilperson Carrie Bither – yes;

Resolution #57 adopted.

**RESOLUTION #58 – Approving Local law #1 of the Year 2015 Allowing the Assessor to Grant “Hardship” Extensions to Senior Citizens when Filing for their Annual Exemptions.**

**MOTION:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to adopt Resolution #58. 4-eyes

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes  
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes  
Councilperson Carrie Bither – yes

Resolution #58 adopted.

**Motion:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Carrie Bither, to transferring \$16,000.00 from the General Account and the Highway Account to the HRA Account. 4-ayes

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes  
Councilperson Carrie Bither – yes  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes

Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Carrie Bither, to purchase Town Park Equipment for \$5,349.00/ Installation - \$2,500.00 and for the Budget Officer permission to move money to the Recreation Account with the Town Highway Department installing the equipment not the R.E. Woodson, Inc. 4 ayes

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes  
Councilperson Carrie Bither – yes  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes

Motion Carried

### **Board Discussion**

1. Town Hall Security – Supervisor Keaveney said that the Sheriff’s department is not able to provide security other than for the courts.
2. Love’s Update – Supervisor Keaveney said that they are here in Town renting residents to stay here until December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 when they plan on being finished. They have completed their permits. They are putting sand bags up to protect the wetlands. The project will be constructed by an Albany company. There will be a Subway and a Dunkin Doughnuts on the premises.
3. Town Efficiency Plan – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that if the Town wishes to receive a rebate the Town must file, with the County, a Government Efficiency Plan. The Town shall make an effort to implement a Plan beginning in 2017 to 2019.
4. Planning Board – The Town has received three resignations form the Planning Board. Mr. Ronald Davis, Mr. Michael Belknap, and Mr. Craig Dillon. The Town will advertise for the open positions. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that a letter of appreciation will be sent to each of the resigned persons for their service.
5. Councilperson Brenda Adams said that there is great concern of the Berkshire Farm Boys missing. There is a lack of communication with residents and the State Police when boys are out and no notification/information is available. Councilperson Brenda Adams asked that a Berkshire Farm representative be present at the next Town Board meeting.
6. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the requested street light has been installed at the entrance to Shaker Ridge road.

## **ASSESSOR'S Monthly Report:**

### **Tentative Roll -**

- Has been filed and Legal noticed was printed in the Newspaper and posted on the Bulletin board.

### **Grievance -**

- I do not anticipate a busy Grievance this year. Many complaints have been dealt with on an ongoing basis.
- Grievance day meeting will be held in the Assessor/building inspector office this year due to a conflict with the Court We will address the issue after grievance day.
- I am "sitting with the rolls" (available for discussions) concerning assessments on the following days.
  - May 6<sup>th</sup> 8-12
  - May 11<sup>th</sup> 12-4
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> 12-4 (Saturday)
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> 4-8 (Wednesday evening)

**Sales-** none to report this month due to county holding until we are into next year processing

**Highway Report** – Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer read the Highway Report.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Beavers in the pond at the park were working overtime plugging the culvert daily. We installed a water level maintenance tube which seems to be working.

We have been performing extensive ditching and cleaning leaf & debris clogged culverts throughout town. Frisbee Street is being prepped for paving which weather permitting will be June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Seek alternate routes or expect delays.

We were doing shoulder maintenance on Old Quench, Old Hudson and Peaceful Valley at which point the grader decided to have a Charlie horse. Several service calls and many hours by the Nortrax technician resulted in locating a broken transmission sending wire.

We started grading the worst roads only to be followed by dust complaints. The cost of calcium is expensive but we may have to implement its use by houses near the roads.

CSX has rolled through town replacing railroad ties. There was some inconvenience to the motoring public but the end results are great. The newly replaced crossings are wider and much smoother. The project managers were great people to work with.

I attended a state association meeting and learned that there will be a 25% to 37% increase in salt prices with the new state contract. I can still order a few loads under our current contract which I plan on doing.

I met with reps for the Loves truck stop project. The meeting went very well, they should be starting this week and hope to be completed by Dec. To clear up any misconceptions, Peaceful

Valley Road will stay open during the realignment process. The road will be closed for 4 hours during the actual transition which I have requested not be done on a Wednesday or a Saturday.

New lights were installed at the highway garage. They will definitely make a difference during the winter months. Thank you!

We had 3 PESH violations and they have been addressed.

I will be at highway school May 30<sup>th</sup> thru June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Public Discussion**

1. Mrs. Mary Angolia said that the “Stop” sign is twisted at the intersection of Pine Lane and State Route 295.
2. Ms. Sotek expressed her high concerns of the Berkshire Farm boys walking around and not being controlled. There needs to be accountability on the Farms part maybe a “call list”.
3. Mrs. Ann Pearce would like someone to pursue the whereabouts of the missing State sign at Whitings Pond about the mill.

**MOTION:** Motion by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Carrie Bither, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. 4-eyes

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes  
Councilperson Carrie Bither yes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC*