

May 8th, 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
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

AUDIENCE: 7

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams to approve the April 10th, 2017 minutes as amended. 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.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the General bills: #199 - #223 in the amount of \$6,215.91; Highway bills: #33 - #47 in the amount of \$35,783.66. 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	\$ 226.67
Highway Fund	\$465,835.41
Highway Fund Capital	\$269,280.08
Lighting Districts	\$ 3,125.17
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$249,896.63
Building Inspector	\$ 551.00(March)
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 7,626.63
General Fund Balance	\$ 369,528.33
Court Revenues	\$ 6,002.00(March)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 75.00
Tax Collector	\$ 69,306.06

RESOLUTION #49 – Retaining the NYS Rural Water Association to do a Groundwater Resources Study and Protection Plan for the Town of Canaan.

Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Resolution #49. 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 #50 – Appointing Brenda Izzo assistant Dog Control Officer.

Motion made by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve Resolution #50. 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 #51 – Budget Amendment Increasing both the CHIPS Revenue (DA3501) and (DA5112.2) Accounts.

Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve Resolution #51. 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 #52 – Purchasing a Mack GU 712 2018 Six-wheel Truck for a Price not to Exceed \$205,000 – paid from the Highway Capital Account.

This Resolution is Subject to a Permission Referendum – a 30-day period, beginning May 9th – excluding Sundays.

Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve Resolution #52. 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: Annual transfer from the General Fund (\$5,000) and the Highway Fund (\$19,000) to the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) – the total \$24,000 contribution plus the projected amount remaining in the account will approximate 40% of the members' High Deductible – the average historical usage.

Motion made by Councilperson Terese Platten, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the transfer of funds. 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.

New Lebanon School District: Superintendent Leslie Whitcomb and the business agent presented a brief video with explanations of the proposed school budget for the 2017-2018 school year. Supervisor Richard Keaveney asked financial questions and Councilperson Brenda Adams, Councilperson David Patzwahl, and Councilperson Alan Miller did much inquiring about the financial decisions and proposals. Mr. John Adams asked a few questions concerning finances. The vote will be held on May 16th, on the proposed budget of \$12,409,824, and the renovation project in the amount of \$11,855,000. The school enrollment has declined to around 420 students.

Board Discussion:

1. March Snowstorm Stella – Potential FEMA reimbursement
2. Energy Committee – Councilperson Terese Platten said that an advisory committee should be created and work with Robin Reynolds from the NYSEERDA clean energy communities.
3. Councilperson Terese Platten said that a broadband map showing locations is posted at the Town Clerk office. Residents should take the Columbia County broadband survey and internet speed test to help the committee.
4. Councilperson Alan Miller said that he, Sandy Haakonsen, and Pierre Gontier, have reviewed the Zoning Laws to make sure all are categorized and put into a PDF searchable document. Councilperson Alan Miller would like research done by the Town Attorney, Andy Howard, to see if the consolidation (revisions) is baseline for the Town Zoning Laws.
5. Councilperson Terese Platten said that the Recreation Committee has hired three staff members, and will purchase new safety equipment. The program runs 10 AM to 12PM (2 hours) Wednesday, July 5 through Friday, August 11 (excluding Saturdays and Sundays).

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Office-

1. Tentative Roll is available for review in Town Clerks office and Assessors office.
2. Legal notices have been posted. Assessment changes letters have all been sent
 - 3.1 am sitting with the rolls on Monday May 1 stand 8th from 12-4, Saturday May 13th from 8-12 and Monday May 15th from 4-8 pm.
4. Grievance day is May 23th from 4-8. More information can be found on the website.

Other- Data verification - Approx. 50 more residential parcels left to look at and all commercial still. I will be doing the vacant land during this and next month.

REVAL-1 have already started working with the county in developing appropriate neighborhoods and land schedules. I have also been randomly verifying the data collectors work. In the near future, the state will be down to conduct a random sampling of residential data to ensure everything meets standards.

Because we are in between the tentative roll and the final roll and we have not yet gone to next year processing I am not able to enter sales. I will provide sales as soon as I begin enter them again.

HIGHWAY REPORT – Highway Superintendent Meyers read the report.

ACTIVITIES:

This weekend's heavy rain & wind brought down quite a few trees and left quite a few

"hangers". The men were out early this morning with the chipper cleaning up things.

The grader is making its second pass through out town - some areas won't settle down due to saturation. We have been busy patching potholes on both the blacktop and gravel roads.

Lots of paperwork this month. We have been gathering information for FEMA for the winter storm Stella. We refined the truck contract and continued to get final numbers for the Bristol Road bridge/culvert replacement project.

Despite being sick for the week I met with the Federal Rail Administration & DOT regarding Flints Crossing. Due to another near miss with a train they are looking at ways to increase the safety of traffic at the crossing. I have been asked to supply both agencies with names, addresses & contact numbers of all the commercial entities located in the area of the crossing. Whatever the solution maybe I know it won't be cheap. Safety isn't expensive - it's priceless!!

The break room is a work in progress. We still have to finish painting the trim & doors.

I attended a Cornell Local Roads training workshop in Hudson.

The crew & I will be attending safety training June 7th.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller, made a motion seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, for Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, to attend school on June 11th thru June 14th.

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.

Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer, said that the Highway Department will write a letter asking for Columbia County to be placed back into Region 1, in Region 8 the County does not get anything.

PUBLIC Discussion:

1. Marion Lathrop asked about fishing at the park pond.
2. Walt Williams asked about clean up at the Canaan Cemetery and if it had gone out to bid. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the bids were done with the Highway bids in January.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams, made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC
Canaan Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

