

*November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 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: 14**

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Budget Workshop and the Town Board minutes. 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:** Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Public Hearing minutes. 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 Terese Platten, to approve the payment of the General Fund bills: #384 - #418 in the amount of \$12,813.77; Highway Fund bills: #121 - #132 in the amount of \$34,816.68. 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	\$425.77
Highway Fund	\$362,924.32
Highway Fund Capital	\$269,311.22
Lighting Districts	\$831.17
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$1,612.32
Building Inspector	(Sept. 2017) \$2,249.00
Planning Board	\$50.00
Recreation	\$7,626.63

General Fund Balance	\$251,960.13
Court Revenues	(Sept. 2017) \$4,745.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$-0-
Tax Collector	\$25.00

**RESOLUTION #60 – Adopting the 2018 Budget**

**MOTION:** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve adopting the 2018 Budget. 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 #61 – Approving the Red Rock Fire Company three-year contract (2018 – 0%, 2019 – 0%, and 2020 – 1%).**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt the Red Rock three-year contract. 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 #62 – Approving the Chatham Rescue Squad 2018 Funding/Chargeback at \$187,509.00.**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt the Chatham Rescue Squad 2018 Funding/Chargeback. 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 #63 – 2017 Budget Transfers**

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board of the Town of Canaan wishes to transfer:

- a. \$1,030.00 from Account A1990.4, (Contingent) to Account A 9010.8 (Retirement) and \$1,030.00 from Account DA9030.8 (Social Security) to DA9010.8 (Retirement),
- b. \$1,850.00 from Account A1990.4 (Contingent) to Account A8810.4 (Cemetery),
- c. \$155.00 from Account A3510.4 (Dog Control Contractual) to Account A3510.1 (Dog Control Salary),
- d. \$50.00 from Account A7410.1 (Library Salary) to Account A7450.4 (Library Contractual),
- e. \$415.00 from Account A5132.4 (Garage) to Account A3010.4 (Traffic Control),
- f. \$2,525 from Account DA5110.4 (General Repairs) to Account DA 5120.4 (Bridges Contractual);

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, \*to adopt the budget transfers. 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 make the NYS Retirement Fund Payment (\$58,058) by December 15<sup>th</sup>, and make the \$25,000.00 Highway Capital Contribution in December. 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.

**MOTION:** Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to offer the 2003 International Truck to Austerlitz for \$16,500.00. 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.

**MOTION:** Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the 2018 Columbia-Greene Humane Society Contract. 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.

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Tech-4-All as the Town’s primary computer, software and technology provider in 2018. 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.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that another quote was received from BAS (Business Automation System) and the original quote was lower but within a certain time frame they wanted us to purchase our own server at an \*expense that made Tech-4-All price the lower-priced provider.

**MOTION:** Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to extend the “Cold War Veterans” exemption sunsetting the Local Law 3 of 2008 by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, by a Local Law #1 of the Year 2017: a local law extending an exemption on Real Property Taxes for real property owned by Veterans who rendered Military service during the “Cold War”, indefinitely. 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.

**Board Discussion:**

Councilperson Terese Platten reported on the Canaan Congregational Church Fire that occurred on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

1. It appears the *fire was electrical in nature* (no fault nor neglect); no definitive statement from the forensic investigators yet.
2. **Building is currently unsafe** and the Powers' family next door is housing elsewhere until the building can be stabilized.

The insurance company's structural engineer has deemed *the steeple unstable*. Tim Schroder (local structural engineer) opines we can safely shore up the building as it stands; more definitive answer at the church trustees meeting tonight.

Building will be capped off; debris and loose items on the building roof or soffits will be removed to make the building safe. Then the *Powers family can return to their home*.

3. The building is not on the historical register. However, the church recognizes its historic value to the congregation and to the community. The church has to be realistic as it assesses its options over the next weeks regarding reconstruction or demolition.
4. The church members are grateful to the Canaan Fire Company for extending an invitation for us to hold our worship services at their facility.
5. We are grateful and send our highest praise and thanks to each and every firefighter who came—**all** 11 companies: Canaan, East Chatham, Richmond, Chatham, North Chatham, Tri-Village, Hudson, Spencertown, Austerlitz, LVPA, and Niverville.
6. Photos show that the fire did not enter the sanctuary except at the entrance area; damage is from smoke, water, and heat.  
  
The church is currently working with the insurance companies and two structural engineers.
7. Supervisor Keaveney said that the New York State Office of the Comptroller was contacted concerning the Town audit and said they would respond and return the Town Hall Key. They audited the Town in January to April of 2018. The Town has not received a closing statement.
8. Councilperson Brenda Adams said that she is concerned with the number of students leaving the Berkshire Farm facticity, without permission and that the enrollment is down to 37 students.

## **ASSESSOR Monthly Report**

### Reassessment-

- The County and I did field review of the Commercial properties. I still have a few more items to change in the data base.
- We had Reval progress meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> with the State and County. All is on schedule.
- The State was in town and conducted a random test sampling of the inventory on our files. This is part of the State Aid process. To receive any State aid we must remain in certain State standards. We past the State Tests and need just as few changes.
- I am extremely busy reviewing individual parcel information and value information to ensure the new values process without issues. Very time consuming process but very important.

### Around the office-

- Still Scanning, sorting, cleaning.
- Exemption renewals are being printed now and will be sent just after Thanksgiving.
- I will be out of the office Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> for annual training and the 22 for personal reasons.
- Desktop computer monitor was replaced and is a big improvement.
  - I am working on reviewing permits and sales in the field as usual when time permits.
  - Files were turned into the County for the Jan. Tax bills to be printed.

## **CANAAN HIGHWAY Monthly Report**

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Shoulder cutting and ditch cleaning on New Concord Road has been completed. We still have several trees to cut which are starting to heave the blacktop surface due to expanding root structure.

The usual routine grader work to keep chatter board at bay continues throughout town. Acceleration of vehicles causes a lot of that.

The pot hole patrol is ongoing. Lots of wind & rain have caused trees to uproot and blow down - we have had our share.

Road signs are up. I believe all are in place now. When we replace signs they have to meet the new MUTCD, (manual of uniform traffic control devices), rules in regards to size. We now have some street signs that require two posts to hold them up!

The new 9' angle plow for truck #12 has been installed by Checkered Flag Fabrications. They did a great job!

This plow replaces the 8' V plow. V plows are OK for driveways but too narrow for r pads.

We are back on our winter schedule. Trucks have plow frames on and sanders are being checked out for lighting and safety equipment.

The new 6 wheel truck is at Zwacks getting outfitted. Hopefully it gets done soon. Truck #9 is also at Zwacks

getting a new floor welded in the body. We were unable to save it because it had rusted out.

All the sand & salt is in and the barn is full.

Trucks #11, #8, and #7 have been undercoated again. We are making every effort to extend the life of these expensive investments.

**DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:**

I would like to decommission the Fisher 8'V plow and the 8' Hiniker plow. I would like to place them on Auctions International to recoup some \$. A motion would be required.

**MOTION:** Councilperson Alan Miller, made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, for Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, to place the Fisher 8' V plow and the 8' Hiniker plow up for auction on the Auction International site. 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.

Congratulations to all on their reelection!

I am attending a LADA, (Liquid Asphalt Distributions Association of NY), meeting to get the latest and greatest on asphalt trends and pricing for upcoming paving projects.

Thank you, Alan for reading this!

**PUBLIC DISUSSION:**

1. A petition was presented to the Town Board, by residents of the New Concord Road between County Route 5 and Cemetery Road, requesting that a speed sign of 35 MPH sign and a weight limit sign of 5 Ton be placed.
2. Ms. Wendy Dwyer, announced that today is Vivian Vispo's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Wendy asked if there could be a sound system installed in the meeting room. Supervisor Keaveney said that a request for a projector system has also been made.
3. Councilperson Alan Miller asked about the Town having another "Canaan Day" event.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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/Tax Collector*

Items clarified and amended are "\*".

