

October 10th, 2016 – Workshop meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the Workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

AUDIENCE:

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the Tentative Budget Workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor reviewed the 2017 Budget highlights:

<u>Tax Cap</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
Town	523,883	523,520	(363)
Lighting	4,300	4,305	5
Fire Companies	117,316	122,024	4,708
Total	645,499	649,849	4,350
Tax Cap (.0068 of 2016)			4,389
Over/(Under) CAP			(39)

Salaries

All salaries are up 1.25% except Assessor - up 1,800 for the next two years due to Revaluation and Code Enforcement Officer- up \$1,000 consistent with hourly rate paid by other towns -Town Clerk - +2,500 Longevity Pay

Unexpended Balances from Prior Years - No change

General Fund

Revenue: Building Permits (+2,000), Mortgage Tax (+5,000), Fines & Forfeitures (-15,000) all in line with 2016 actual performance

Contractual Expenses: Assessor (-8,865) - Revaluation costs now spread over two years /17-18, Engineer (+1,000) - Park Pond, Contingency (+5,000) - now at 45,000 target is \$50,000, Garage (-2,500) - lower fuel costs, Cemetery (+4,000) - Canaan mowing and capital improvement requests from Canaan and Red Rock, Hospitalization (+1,500) - anticipated June increase although MVP's initial notice of increase is only 1.7%, Retirement (-3,000) - lower rates and adjustments for 2017

Highway

Revenue: Sales Tax (+5,000) - consistent with 2016 actual performance, Inter-fund Transfer from General (-6,300) - reflecting 2016 work at Stoddard Field

Contractual Expenses: Lower fuel costs (-13,000) - distributed over summer and winter accounts, Retirement (-3,000) - lower rates and adjustments for 2017, Hospitalization (+2,500) - same as General Fund

Workshop meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.
Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes,

Councilperson Alan Miller – yes,
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes,
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes,
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes,

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC
Canaan Town Clerk

OCTOBER 10TH, 2016
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:16 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

Minutes: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to accept the 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: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to pay the General Fund #276-#310 in the amount of \$10,498.91 bills, and the Highway Fund #82-#97 in the amount of \$17,849.12 bills.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 686.12
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 271,971.68</u>
Highway Fund-Capital	<u>\$ 244,168.44</u>
Lighting Districts	<u>\$ 1,737.02</u>
Ambulance Districts and Fire District	<u>\$.59</u>
Building Inspector	<u>\$ 1,012.00</u>
Planning Board	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Recreation	<u>\$ 7,626.63</u>
General Fund Balance	<u>\$ 279,950.29</u>
Court Revenues	<u>\$ 3,355.00 (July-2016)</u>
Zoning Board of Appeals	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Tax Collector	<u>\$ 10.09</u>

Revenues for the month of SEPTEMBER- 2016

RESOLUTION #56 – Adopting Local Law No.2 of the Year 2016, AMENDING THE TOWN OF CANAAN ZONING LAW RELATIVE TO SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Resolution #56. 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,
Resolution #56 approved.

RESOLUTION #57 – AMENDING RESOLUTION #55 OF SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2016 APPROVING THE TOWN CLERK OFFICE TO IMPOSE A TEN DOLLAR (\$10.00) SEARCHING FEE ONLY ON VITAL RECORDS.

MOTION: Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve Resolution #56. 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,

Resolution #57 approved.

RESOLUTION #58 – AMENDING THE 2016 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION #8 OFFICIAL BANK DESIGNATION

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Resolution #58. 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,

Resolution #58 approved.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, to move the 2017 Budget from the Tentative Budget to the Preliminary Budget including any Workshop changes. 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 Supervisor Richard Keaveney, to approve a 1% Increase for Chatham Rescue Squad. 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. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that a 2017 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing will be held on November 3rd, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Stoddard Field Pond: Supervisor Keaveney said that he met with DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the options for the pond. DEC (Department of

Environmental Conservation) only has a map showing only the "Kill" not "Stoney Kill" on their map. DEC "required a bottomless culvert in the parking lot" if they allowed the Town to dredge the pond. DEC would approve only one acre of dredging and a canal to the spring source. They suggested bringing the pond back to a kill by filling it in. The Engineer said they did not have to be involved if the Town does not drain the pond. DEC suggestions would result in a six-figure proposal.

3. Code Enforcement Inter-Municipal Agreement Change: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that Austerlitz has opted out of the agreement. "The agreement is now with the Philmont Village, Copake (independent from the use of the Town vehicle), and Hillsdale. Philmont will pay Austerlitz (via Canaan) for their piece of the CEO vehicle."
4. Supervisor Keaveney said that the Route 24 bridge work is hoping to complete the end of October.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

General-

- Still working on field work/sales review before winter.
- I attended the New York State Assessors Association annual meeting and Conference for 2 days this past month. This included a Legislative update, NYS Department of taxation and finance update, Corrections of Errors, Billboard litigation and valuation, Strategies for taxation of Fiber Optic Cable and a panel discussion "The meaning of Market Value"
- Lisa, the assessor clerk has completed 1 /5 of the scanning project among other things and normal office duties.

STAR-

- The changes in the STAR program /process have been high on our list and workload even though this was intended to take it out of the Assessor's office for new owners. The assessors/directors have had a lot to do to make this work and to guide taxpayers through the process. The STAR Checks have gone out. However, some Enhanced Star recipients only got the basic Star amount. Some people didn't get any check at all, etc, etc. It is all being corrected now. I will remind you that this was NOT the idea of the Office of Real Property. It was Governor Cuomo trying to balance the State Budget. Legislation was enacted in the 11th hour with no thought or consideration as to the process or the Assessment Calendar. The Office of Real Property, now merged with DTF, and the directors and Assessors were left to make it work. The link for new applicants was on the home page of the NYS website but now has even been moved and labeled where it is not clear to the average person trying to register. If you are looking for the link it is listed under popular topics and is labeled "Star changes"
- Anyone with ANY questions should call the State DTF STAR unit at 518-457-2036.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Monthly report was written after the town board meeting - the following are highlights of what was said.

We had the usual tree calls: Barnegat and Dean

Culvert replacement Barnegat: We replaced a rusted-out CMP culvert at our problem child area. Yes, right after seeding we had a visit - We didn't do it correctly.

Culvert cleaning

UFPO on New Concord & Sayre Hill

Painting entry rails @ highway. 2 new gates?

Maple & Goetz bridge major deterioration. Cleaned, chipped, air blasted, needle scaled than primed & painted.

2 beams have holes thru web. Flanges which started out 5/8" thick are 1/8" or less in area. In an effort to save bridge we cut down the intersection. Installed culvert hit clay 3' deep. Will seal bridge & road approaches.

Replaced truck #6 rims with W/XHD rims. I learned at the conference that aluminum rims are the answer to no more center breakage.

2 more weeks of 4/10's than 5/8hr. days.

I was going to ask permission to secure professional engineering i.e. Barton & Logudice to look at bridges on Bristol and Maple/Goetz. I would like to get a handle on the cost to do this. Than 1 can report back to the board so we can proceed with a structural analysis. If load limits are required further discussion is eminent. It will an effect on emergency vehicles, school buses and even town trucks.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Ms. Wendy Dwyer has a name of a person who we may contact concerning foam usage.
2. Mrs. Tammy Flaherty said that the Red Rock Cemetery insurance has no increase. They did send out letters for bidders to mow said cemetery but they only received one reply. The State stipulates that the cemetery must have a permanent fund of \$10,000.00, they only have \$7,000.00. They raise money at Pasta Night at the Red Rock Fire Company and selling plots.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to close the meeting at 8:40 p.m. 5-ayes

Roll-Call showed:

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