

March 19th, 2018 - Town Board Public Hearing

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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

AUDIENCE:

Supervisor Richard Keaveney read the Public Notice: Please take notice that the Canaan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Canaan Town Hall, 1647 County Route 5, Canaan, New York 12029, at 6:45 p.m. on March 19th, 2018 regarding Local Law No.2 of the year 2018. The Local Law No. 2 is available for review at the Town Clerk office during normal office hours. The regularly scheduled monthly meeting will follow the hearing. The original monthly meeting of March 12th, 2018 had to be postponed.

Pierre Gontier “Thanked” the ZBA – John Stelling, Sandy Haakonsen, and Councilperson Alan Miller, for their co-operation on working to make the Zoning Laws now a searchable document.

All wanting to be heard, having been heard the hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to close the Public Hearing at 6:50 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan

March 19th, 2018 – Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:03 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: 6

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Terese Platten, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve the February 12th Audit meeting minutes and the February 12th Town Board 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; 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 March bills: General bills: #57 - #85 in the amount of \$14,032.67; Highway Fund bills: #11-#17 in the amount of \$6,192.64. 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	\$ 210.15
Highway Fund	\$562,470.84
Highway Fund Capital	\$ 93,340.85
Lighting Districts	\$ 3,990.50
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ -0-
Building Inspector	\$ 76.25(Jan-2018)
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 7,626.63
General Fund Balance	\$429,261.52

Court Revenues	\$ 5,929.00(Jan-2018)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 142,025.70

Revenues for the month of FEBRUARY -2018

Resolution #48 – Adopting Local Law #2 of 2018 – Adopting the amended Zoning Law

Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to adopt Local Law #2 of the year 2018 – amended Zoning Law. 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 #48 adopted.

Resolution #49 – Approving Bank of Greene County as the Town’s new Depository.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the Bank of Greene county as the Town’s new Depository. 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 #49 adopted.

Resolution #50 – 2018 Budget Amendment

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the budget amendment. 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 #50 adopted.

Resolution #51 – Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the Shared Services agreement between NYSDOT and the Town of Canaan. 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 #51 adopted.

Resolution #52 – Undertaking for the benefit of the New York state Department of Transportation. 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 #52 adopted.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to expense \$20,250 from the Highway Capital Fund Contribution Account – DA962 – to the Highway Capital Fund Bank Account. 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. **Tennessee Gas Pipeline Maintenance** – Supervisor Richard Keaveney spoke with a Tennessee Gas representative who informed him that there are three (3) spots in the Canaan area pipeline that must have work done to be maintained. The machine they use senses if any slight change in the flow of gas is detected. The changes may be due to heaves that may cause errors in readings.
2. **NYSDOT** – Route 22 - Supervisor Keaveney said that he Councilperson Brenda Adams, and Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer, have met with authorities to discuss the road conditions of Route 22. They have been informed that it would cost between \$6 to \$7 million to repave Route 22.
3. ***Broadband** – Councilperson Terese Platten said that the broadband service was originally promise in 2017, then the date was moved to 2018, and now the latest information is that we will receive broadband service by 2019. Fiber-optic cable is being run along existing utility poles, however, a Consolidated (Fairpoint) Communications representative told Highway Superintendent Bernie Meyer that they would be installing fiberoptic cable in 3-foot conduits to run under roadways and overhead for rock ledges. Councilperson Brenda Adams, chair of the Canaan broadband sub-committee will draft two letters to NYS Comptroller DiNapoli in support of Assemblyperson DiDi Barrett’s call for an audit of Charter Spectrum as they are significantly behind the schedule they agreed on with the NYS PSC: One letter will be from Supervisor Richard Keaveney and the other letter will be from the town’s broadband subcommittee.
4. ***Healthcare renewal comparison** – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Town is insured with MVP and pays 100% of the deductible premium. This year at a \$10,000.00 increase. The Counties MVP co-pay plan premium is \$26,129.60 higher than the Town of Canaan.

ASSESSOR REPORT – Assessor Kim Cammer was in attendance and reviewed her report with explanations.

Exemptions -

- Deadline of March 1 has passed. Most renewals were received without a problem with the exception of Ag renewals which are allowed to be late in the year of a reassessment.
- With new values in place all Ag's and 480a's need to be recalculated, as well as residential percentages for parcels over 10 acres receiving an exemption.

Reassessment-

- Values are almost completed at the time of writing this report as soon as they are complete I will be mailing all residential and vacant land parcels an INFORMAL notification of individual assessment changes.
- This notice will list information explaining the process for review if necessary.
- I will be holding a few days of informal meetings (in the Canaan office) which will be scheduled through the COUNTY office. The meetings will be 15 minutes each and taxpayers may bring in documented proof of their determination of value.
- After these meetings I will be reviewing the submitted documents and making assessment changes if justified.
- All this is done prior to the tentative roll of MAY 1. After the tentative roll is published taxpayers still have a chance to meet with the Board of Assessment review.
- I have sent my file to the STATE to be reviewed and we are on point at this time to pass at 100%.

Office-

- My new Clerk Donna is working out excellently, I will explain more in another report.

Other-

For property owners who are disputing their assessments, the assessor stated that they should obtain and present real estate appraisals to the assessor.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer read his monthly report.

ACTIVITIES:

WOW - snow has been the major topic for the last few weeks. Under adverse conditions the men did an exemplary job dealing with the heavy wet snow on the 2nd of March. There were numerous trees & wires down causing power outages throughout town. It was "hard pushing" with the ground being soft & muddy - the trucks did well with only one minor breakdown. Truck 8 lost an oil seal cover which put him out of commission until we could get the part. We had the grader out on the east side of town to open up the roads. We were lucky we only lost power at the garage for a portion of the day - the generator was started so that we could run the fuel pump. Long hours and a good crew had all the roads open by the end of the day.

The storm on the 7th was disheartening to say the least Weather concerns resulted in the Senate and Assembly taking the highly unusual step of canceling Advocacy Day in Albany. This is the one major opportunity for highway departments from across the state to join together and show unity to ask for funding to maintain our infrastructures. Once again, the crew did a fabulous job. It was a long haul as we started plowing midafternoon on the 7th and ended late afternoon on the 8th. Because tractor trailers were banned from the NYS Thruway & Mass Pike there was a cluster on Route 22 by Love's truck stop. Every available parking lot in the area was full and tractor trailers ended up parking on both sides of Rt. 22. This choked the road down to one lane. On Thursday morning it took two sheriffs directing traffic to get the trucks moving again.

We put the new truck into service for the storm on the 13th and are very pleased with it Once again we got hammered with snow around the clock.

I can't thank the men enough for the fantastic job that they did during all this. They slept at the highway - ate on the run and persevered through it all. My hat goes off to them!

Our sand pile took a severe hit!

Fair warning that when all this melt it's going to take a toll on the dirt roads.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

Accept bids based on cost, type of material and length of haul at the time of need. All products are subject to approval by the Highway Superintendent I would like to ensure that there will be a resolution forthcoming at the April town board meeting so that we can "piggy back" off other bids if cost & services are more beneficial for the town.

As requested, current replacement schedule. Superintendent Meyer presented the Town Board with the status of equipment chart stating purchase price, est. cost, and replacement cost.

Permission to attend highway school June 3rd - June 6th.

MOTION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to accept the bids presented by Superintendent Meyer. 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.

(Bid information attached)

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to attend highway school June 3rd – June 6th, 2018. 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.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Mr. Gary Flaherty said how “helpful” the assessor, Kim, is. Mr. Flaherty said that the VFW received a request from the Chatham Rescue Squad for donations but also learned that Sara (present serving president) is living in North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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.

*amended items

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk