

December 10th, 2018 – 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

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE: 5

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the November 12th, 2018 minutes. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - abstained
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the November 07th, 2018 Public Hearing minutes. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the December bills: General bills: #316–#344 in the amount of \$9,213.63; Highway bills: #134–#151 in the amount of \$35,712.66. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 346.81
Highway Fund	\$381,765.99
Highway Fund Capital	\$152,917.74
Lighting Districts	\$ 350.91
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ -0-
Building Inspector	\$ 602.00 (10/3 to10/25/2018)
Planning Board	\$ 75.00
Recreation	\$ 3,363.60
General Fund Balance	\$ 136,773.11
Court Revenues	\$ 5,904.00 (October, 2018)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 36.77

Revenues for the month of November-2018.

RESOLUTION #78 – 2018 Budget Amendments

Canaan Town Board wishes to amend:

- a. Transfer \$1,600.00 from the Youth Programs account A7310.4 to the Cemetery account A8810.4
- b. Transfer \$200 from the Central Data account A1680.2 to Central Printing account A1670.4
- c. Transfer \$205 from the General Fund Contingency account A1990.4 to the Lighting Districts (Canaan SL5182.4 - \$180.00 and East Chatham SL5182.41 - \$25.00)

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adopt resolution #78. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #79 – Approving CEO Shared Services Agreement:

Canaan Town Board wishes to approve the CEO Shared Services Contract with the Town of Canaan, Town of Hillsdale, Town of Copake and the Village of Philmont.

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten , to adopt resolution #79. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #80 – Approving the NYSEG Contract to Replace Indoor Town Hall Lighting.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt resolution #80. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion carried.

MOTION: Local Law #1 of the year 2019 – Amending the Zoning Solar Law

Commercial Businesses can produce up to 200kWh-per New York State law and only sell to another business that they own in the same electric grid. Residential structures cannot sell generated electricity.

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to move forward for the Public Hearing. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. **January Organizational Meeting** – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Organizational Meeting will be held on January 14th at 6:30 p.m. The Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of the year 2019 will be held January 14th at 6:15 p.m. The regularly scheduled Town Board meeting will be held immediately following the Public Hearing.
2. **NYSDOT – Route 22** – Supervisor Richard Keaveney spoke of a letter he received from NYSDOT stating that they will redo the pavement conditions on Route 22 in the vicinity of the bridge crossing I90 for a length of approximately 3000 ft. Construction is anticipated to start in the fall of 2019.

3. **NYMIR Insurance request** – Supervisor Keaveney said that the NYMIR Insurance company request that all companies that work for the Town and do not have insurance must sign a “release and indemnity agreement form” to be filed with the Town.
4. **2019 E.M.S Chargebacks** – Supervisor Keaveney said that the County Board of Supervisors’ will vote on Resolution No.498-2018 showing the sums to be returned to the respective towns of the County of Columbia as the 2018 E.M.S. chargebacks.
5. **Broadband** - Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that residents of Stony Kill Road do not want Consolidated Communications to erect utility poles to carry fiber-optic lines along the road on their property: they want the fiber installed underground. The Supervisor informed the homeowners that the easement granted to Consolidated Communications to build infrastructure for the fiber expansion only covers **town right of way** property including over and under the town roads. Property owners have jurisdiction over their own property; however, if they want underground conduits on their property, they will have to negotiate with the utility regarding installation cost and payment.
6. **Recreation Committee** – Councilperson Terese Platten said that the Recreation Committee wishes to extend the summer program one more week. Question asked if they want to have a field program.
7. **Columbia County Department of Public Works** – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that there will now be a fee charged for residents using the Columbia County Solid Waste Stations handling recyclable material. This will take effect January 1, 2019. Residents will need to purchase a permit annually and display it on their vehicle for the station attendants to view. The county will provide two (2) stickers per household. Permits will be available at Town Clerk offices that wish to sell them and at the County waste stations.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Exemptions-

- The two days that were set aside for the seniors who that have both the Low-Income Exemption and the Enhanced STAR exemption were successful and most of those are now completed.
- All other Exemption renewals are ready to send out. They will be sent out by the 14th with instructions to return by February 15th. Although, the RPTL gives them until March, DTF has requested that we have all our work to them by March 1 also.

Around the office-

- Continue to field review sales and permit information to determine needed assessment changes.
- State has supplied the assessor with trends. We have very little movement this year. I will still be conducting a systematic analysis of all properties to determine if there is a need to adjust some or all assessments.
- I have changed the office hours around slightly to make our time here more efficient. On Monday's, the office is open to the public with the Assessor Clerk (Donna) from 9-to12. And on Wednesday's, the Assessor is here with public office hours from 8-to12.

HIGHWAY REPORT – Highway Superintendent Meyers read the report.

ACTIVITIES:

Bristol Road: The final stage of this project will be the guiderail installation which should be in the near future. For the time being we set up Jersey barriers so that we could open the road just in time for the first snow fall. A special thanks goes to Sean McCarthy and A. Colarusso & Son for getting the blacktop down!

Winter sand is coming in. Of the 2,000 tons we need, 1,400 ton have been delivered. The price of road salt this year has increased \$1.50 per ton.

Thank you to Jordan Tree Service for donating time to help fix the flag pole. When we went to

lower the flag to half-mast the rope broke. We found out that the rope was bound up in the pulley at the top.

A reminder to all that it is not legal to plow snow across the road!

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Public Discussion:

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Adjournment: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. 5-ayes

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