

March 11th, 2019 – Town Board Monthly Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:05 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 David Patzwahl

ABSENT: Councilperson Terese Platten

Audience: 4

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the February 11th, 2019 Audit minutes, and the Town Board minutes. 4-ayes
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve the payment of the March bills: General Fund: #47 - #75 in the amount of \$23,518.36. Highway Fund bills: #14-#29 in the amount of \$24,784.51. 4-ayes
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 210.88
Highway Fund	\$541,429.57
Highway Fund Capital	\$153,105.92
Lighting Districts	\$004,671.28
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ - 0 -
Building Inspector	\$ 1,016.00 (02/2019 to 3/2019)
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 3,367.75
General Fund Balance	\$ 392,871.85
Court Revenues	\$ 003,901.00 (January)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$608,009.34
Revenues for the month of FEBRUARY -2019	

Resolution #85 – Calling on Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to Continue Aid & Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) Payments in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 State Budget.

Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #85. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #85 adopted.

Resolution #86 – Calling on the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) to Repair-Mill and Pave/ Resurface State Route 22 between Peaceful Valley Road in Canaan, NY and State Route 20 in New Lebanon, NY. 4- ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #86 adopted

Motion: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve to renew the MVP and Delta Dental Health Care policies. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the HRA. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve legal expenses to Review and Update the Town’s Zoning Laws concerning the Cell Tower Section for FCC requirements not to exceed \$3,500.00. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. **Light Replacement:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the entry lights have been remedied and Kevin Durlack built a shield of the Town Hall lights on the side of the building. have been replaced.
2. **Sanservo Property:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that he has not received any response from the Sanservo and that they want to sell the property. Supervisor Keaveney said that is they do reconsider and donate the property to the Town the Town would have to pay the taxes. The cut-off date was March 1st, 2019 to donate without taxes being imposed to the Town.
3. **Consolidated Communications Franchise Fee:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that Consolidated Communications has agreed to pay a franchise fee of 5% on gross profits on cable connections.
4. **AUD Filed:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the annual AUD (Automated Updated Document) financial document has been filed.
5. **Route 22 Update:** Supervisor Keaveney said that the County, New Lebanon, and Canaan are doing a resolution to the New York State DOT to repair State Route 22.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Exemptions -

- Deadline of March 1 has passed. Late Star renewals will have to appeal to the Department of Taxation and Finance. We had minimal problems administering the move of Star to the State for processing. Time will tell.

2019 Roll-

- 2019 Values are almost completed at the time of writing this report I will be working on the finishing touches.
- Canaan will be able to hold this year's Level of Assessment and Equalization rate at 100% even with the States upward trends.

Going forward in 2019

- This year I will be verifying use of Ag lands
- I will begin informally re- verifying data in the field and taking photos. This will be needed for the 2022 reassessment and can be started now.

HIGHWAY REPORT

ACTIVITIES:

Welcome to day light savings time!

I attended Advocacy Day in Albany. It's our opportunity to advocate for the needed funding for capital highway improvements which most municipalities could not afford on their own.

We had a fickle February with the ups & downs of temperatures. Most of the storms this year happened either after normal work hours, weekends or holidays hence lots of expensive overtime. The 36 hours of nonstop, intense, wild and crazy winds that we endured brought down 4 trees.

The soft roads sucked in one of our trucks. Because of the precarious position it was in I opted to have Sunnyside lift it out. There was no damage to the truck at all.

Truck #7 needed the sander spreader valve, hoses & fittings replaced.

Truck #12 needed the DEF heater replaced.

Truck #9 was down for a few days. It came in from a storm one night and the next day it wouldn't start. Jon Mesick was finally able to trace the electrical issue to a corroded wire that was in the harness. It caused an electrical malfunction for the fuel injectors to not fire. A new splice and on the road again.

Attached is a letter I received from a very disgruntled person regarding the condition of Route 22. She has very legitimate complaints about the safety of the road but her frustration is incorrectly directed at me. People are under the assumption that all roads in Canaan belong to Canaan and they do not. State Route 22 and State Route 295 are the responsibility of NYSDOT, County Route 5 and County Route 9 are the responsibility of Columbia County Highway and then there are private roads which are the responsibility of homeowners. Signage is the only way to differentiate between roads. We assume the responsibility to maintain Canaan's 50 miles of roads but are prohibited to do any work on roads other than our own. Thank-you Brenda for forwarding the letter to DOT.

REQUESTS: Accept bids as presented

Permission to go to highway school

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the agreement for the expenditure of Highway Moneys pursuant to the provisions of Section 284. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried

Motion: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to grant permission for Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer to attend Highway School. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve the bids as presented by Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer.

4- eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Gary Flaherty said that there is about \$2,000.00 in the “Friends of Library” account and he wanted to know what to do with it. Supervisor Richard Keaveney suggested that he donate it to the Chatham Library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney asked to go into executive session to address a legal matter.

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to enter into executive session at 8:05. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

The Town Board returned at 8:40 p.m. and Supervisor Keaveney said that there were no decisions or motions made while in executive session.

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to return to the regular meeting. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk