

July 08th, 2019 - Town Board Monthly 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

ABSENT: Councilperson David Patzwahl

Audience: 5

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the June 10th, 2019 Town Board minutes as amended. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes.
Motion Carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the payment of the June bills: General Fund: #165 - #198 in the amount of \$12,967.59. Highway Fund bills: #68-#82 in the amount of \$2,911.05. Councilperson Terese Platten abstained from bill #184. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes.
Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 303.88
Highway Fund	\$405,935.00
Highway Fund Capital	\$153,470.37
Lighting Districts	\$ 3,053.87
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ - 0 -
Building Inspector	\$ - 0 -
Planning Board	\$ 50.00
Recreation	\$ 3,375.87
General Fund Balance	\$300,682.55
Court Revenues	\$ 5,270.00 (May 2019)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-

Tax Collector \$ 38,984.97
Revenues for the month of JUNE 2019

Resolution #98 - Approving the Revised Canaan Policy Against Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #98 as amended. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes.

Resolution #98 adopted.

Resolution #99 - Approving the Agreement with Consolidated Communications/Berkshire cable for a Cable Television Franchise. Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve resolution #99 as amended. 4-ayes Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes.

Resolution #99 adopted

Resolution #100 - Approving the Librarian contract with Chatham Central School District.

Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve resolution #100. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes.

Resolution #100 adopted

Resolution #101 - Setting the Standard Work Day Hours for certain Elected and Appointed Officials for the NYSRS.

Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #101. 4-ayes Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes.

Resolution #101 adopted

At the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Canaan, Columbia County, New York, duly called and held on the 08th day of July 2019 the following Resolution was proposed and seconded.

Resolution by: Councilperson Brenda Adams
Seconded by: Councilperson Alan Miller

BE IT **RESOLVED** that the Town of Canaan Town Board does hereby establish the following as a standard work day for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local employees' Retirement System:

All Elected Officials

Supervisor	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Town Board Member	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Town Justice	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Highway Superintendent	5 day workweek, 6 hour day

Highway Employees

Highway Employees	5 day workweek, 8 hour day
Highway Superintendent Clerk	5 day workweek, 6 hour day

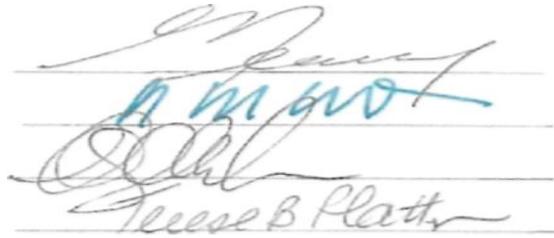
Appointed Officials

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Assessor and/or Assessor Clerk	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Court Clerk and/or Deputy Court Clerk	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Deputy Town Clerk	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Planning Board Members	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Clerk/Typist (Building Insp/Plan Brd/ZBA)	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair/Members	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Clerk/Typist (Taker of the Minutes)	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Board of Assessment Review Chair/Members/Sec	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Historian	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Animal Control Officer	5 day workweek, 6 hour day
Summer Recreation Staff	5 day workweek, 6 hour day

Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted

"Aye" in favor of this Resolution:

Roll Call vote:



Supervisor Richard Keaveney:

Councilperson Alan Miller: Councilperson Brenda Adams: Councilperson Terese Platten: Councilperson

David Patzwahl:

The following Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition thereto:_____

: and _____.

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Canaan. Dated: July 8th, 2019

I, Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk of Canaan, New York, do hereby affirm that this is a true legal copy of the resolution as passed by the Town Board of July 8, 2019.

Canaan Town Clerk

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. **NYSEDA (New York State Energy Research Development Authority) Grant Update:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that we have not heard about the grant for the new vehicle for the CEO plus electric charging station to be installed by an electrician. The new vehicle will get 74 mpg.
2. **Property Revaluation Rebate:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Town should be receiving a check for \$4,000.00 reimbursement for the property revaluation rebate.
3. **Route 22 Update:** Councilperson Brenda Adams said that the State is planning to start repairing State Route 22, two miles south of the State Route 295 intersection. The State is hoping to find needed funds of 8.3 million dollars to mill and repave the route. Councilperson Brenda Adams said that continued advocacy is needed for completion of the project.
4. **NYS Cashless Tolls:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the cashless tolls will be in effect on Route 90/Route87 by 2020.
5. **Culvert Study Meeting (NYS DEC, Hudson and Housatonic Watersheds, Trout Unlimited):** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that he and Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, met with NYS DEC, Hudson and Housatonic Watersheds and Trout Unlimited committee members to discuss a proposed study on all culverts into the Housatonic. The Town would have to pay 45% of the cost to have this study done. Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, said that the Town of

Canaan has six miles of culverts.

New Truck: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that we've received the proposal for a new truck (2019), six-wheeler, at \$215,350.00. The payment is due (Nov/Dec) upon delivery. The Town has the funds and will not have to take out any loans. The old truck will go to auction.

MOTION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan

Miller, to order truck now, to sign purchase of new truck with Zwack, Inc. 4-eyes Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;

Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and

Councilperson Terese Platten - yes.

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, giving the Supervisor authority to sign the broadband settlement with Charter objection letter to the NYS PSC. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;

Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and

Councilperson Terese Platten - yes.

Motion Carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Richard Keaveney read the Assessor's report.

Exemptions-

- STAR—The Assessors are continuing to work with the State to administer the STAR changes. The State is periodically sending us reports to review and make changes to the Roll. Timing of these reports have been an issue as they have not been in time for the printing of the rolls; creating confusion and additional work both for the Tentative Roll and the Final Roll.
- The seniors who did not submit all the required paperwork by March 1, 2019 including the IVP form have had their Enhanced Star exemption removed and replaced with Basic Star. Those seniors will receive a notice from the State. Those people will need to respond to the State, not the assessor.
- Basic Star homeowners whose income is over 250,000 were also removed and automatically switched to the Star CREDIT instead. For the Star CREDIT, you can have an adjusted gross income of up to \$500,000.
- Seniors who are turning 65 and already have Basic Star on their tax bills will continue to apply with the Assessor as they enter the program in the first year. All others will be processed through the State and the assessor is notified if changes need to be made.
- The Assessor's office is conducting an IN-HOUSE Audit of every Agricultural exemption. This will ensure the proper paperwork is on file and that each exemption is administered according to RPTL. This project was started due to the poor results of STATE Ag exemption audit in other towns. This has proven to be time consuming. Many parcels in Canaan will need to send in updated information to continue the exemption.

Final Roll-

- The final Roll was filed by July 1st.

- A legal notice was posted in the paper.

HIGHWAY REPORT

ACTIVITIES:

It was a rough start on the Route 22 project. There were weather delays - broken grinders - and basic lack of communication but in the end, we were able to secure roughly 900-1000 ton of millings. It was well worth the time invested.

The paving project for Flint's Crossing is coming together. Due to the volume of traffic on the road everyone is leaning towards paving on a Saturday. When the date is settled, we will post signs and ask that a notice be put on the web page.

We had a couple of tree calls and filled some major potholes in the last few weeks. Dust is becoming an issue. We have the usual summer weather with heavy T-storms and washouts but all in all the roads are doing well with little damage.

We had our annual training on the 12th which included the required refresher courses of sexual harassment & workplace violence as well as medical, fire safety, electrical safety and work zone safety. A well put together program held at the Chatham fair grounds.

Two of the men were called in for random testing which is part of our drug & alcohol testing with Partners & Safety.

CSX asked to close Schillings Crossing on July 2nd to work on the rail crossing. Signs were put up - residents were notified and it never happened. The County 5 crossing needed more work that anticipated so they skipped Schillings.

We replaced the brake line on Truck 7 and had the driver's seat re-upholstered. It looks great & feels good! I sense a brake rotor warping which means a brake job - always something.

The new truck has been spec'd out.

The fire company is having the floor replaced in the tire house. They have asked to have the fire trucks stationed at the highway garage July into August while the work is being completed. Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, said that the fire company only needs to station one truck at the highway. It was suggested that the fire company get an insurance rider.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Wendy Dwyer is concerned about the items being disposed of at the transfer station in bags without being monitored.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. 4-eyes Roll-call showed:

Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes. Motion

Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk

