

# DECEMBER 09<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

## TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the monthly meeting at 7:00 PM 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: 32**

### MINUTES:

**MOTION:** Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the November 2019 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 Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the payment of the General bills: #318 - #342 in the amount of \$9,182.53: Highway bills: #124-#142 in the amount of \$27,596.42. 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	\$ 257.72
Highway Fund	\$ 175,391.92
Highway Fund-Capital	\$ 142,893.83
Lighting Districts	\$ 1,493.19
Ambulance Districts and Fire District	\$ -0-
Building Inspector	\$ 98.00

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Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 3,486.38
General Fund Balance	\$ 168,613.62
Court Revenues	\$ 7,434.00 (October-2019)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ _____ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 4.43

Revenues for the month of NOVEMBER - 2019

**Resolution #115**-Approving the Columbia-Greene Humane Society Contract. Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #115. 4-ayes  
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and  
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes.

Resolution #115 adopted.

**Resolution #116** – Approving the Columbia County Office of the Aging (OFA) Senior Nutrition Program Contract. Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve resolution #116. 4-ayes  
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and  
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes.

Resolution #116 adopted.

**Resolution #117** – 2019 Budget Adjustments

Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the request for a speed reduction on Flints Crossing Road. 4-ayes  
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and  
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes.

Resolution #117 adopted.

**Resolution #118** – 2020 Budget adjustment – increasing both CHIPS revenue and the Expense accounts. Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the CHIPS Highway fund revenue (DA3501) and the Expense (DA5112.2) accounts by \$22,000.00 for the State’s approval of winter recovery funds. 4 – ayes  
Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;

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Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and  
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes.

Resolution #118 adopted.

**MOTION:** Approve the Budgeted Highway Capital Contribution of \$35,000.00

A motion was made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the Budgeted Highway Capital Contribution of #35,000.00. 4 – ayes

Roll -call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;

Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;

Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; and

Councilperson Terese Platten – yes.

Motion Carried.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

1. NYSERDA Grant Update – Councilperson Terese Platten said that the Town is waiting for a certificate of insurance to receive the initial grant payment of approximately \$8,000.00 out of the total grant funding of \$35,000.00. The hybrid SUV has already been purchased. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that we will purchase and install a charging station that can be used by the Town and the public with some of the remaining funds from the grant.

2. Town Hall Broadband Update – The town has purchased backup batteries for the Town Hall, the Highway Garage, and the Library so that if the electric power goes out the phone lines will still be usable (both the broadband internet service and the phone service are now delivered via fiber-optics, which depends on electricity to run). There is no viable cell phone service at the Town Hall, Library, or Highway Garage. Pierre Gontier, chairperson for the Town Planning Board, spent some time describing the advent of 5G cell service and how it will work in our town. Planning Board is reviewing the possibilities to add to the Town Zoning laws.

3. Year-End Meeting – Monday December 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

### **ASSESSOR REPORT**

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Assessor, Kim Smith, has sent out the exemption renewals on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Database was sent to the County in November for preparation of tax rolls.

The Assessor has taken three continuing education classes within the last 2 months.

### **HIGHWAY ACTIVITIES:**

We set up the trucks in snow plow mode for pending snow storms. Subsequent storms were heavy rain and ice.

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We repaired numerous shop tools, i.e., the vice, drills, grinders and generator.

We installed a permanent outlet for the (broadband) ONT enclosure.

Truck #8 exhaust manifold and turbo let go. We did the repairs in house, but it was still an expensive adventure.

We raised the drop basins on Smith Road after having paved the road.

Flint's Crossing has been line striped by DOT from Rte. 22 to #27. Tractor-trailer parking on Flint's has become a problem despite the no parking signs. Now that there is line striping, we can install *No Parking on Pavement* signs that the State Police can enforce.

The snow storm that started on December 1<sup>st</sup> was intense from a driver's point of view - there were times when we had to stop and find the road again. The men gave it their all—they plowed roughly 35 hours in a 2-days span, catching food and drink on the move and cat-naps on the couch. We had some issues on Flint's with a jack-knifed tractor trailer and a double bottom stuck in the middle of the road effectively shutting down the road. Due to the accident on the thruway Peaceful Valley and Frisbee Street got hammered, causing ice to the point where we had numerous cars and trucks off the road. Peaceful Valley was closed for three hours. We sent the grader out the next day to cut the heavy ice pack.

### **REQUESTS:**

Request (2) *No Parking on Pavement* signs, posts and hardware which will be roughly \$200.00. I want to personally thank Rick for all that he has done!

Wishing one and all a very Happy Holiday Season.

**MOTION:** Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, for highway to purchase requested signs, posts and hardware.

4-eyes

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

**Public Discussion** – Mr. Curt Morris asked for assistance with the beavers at the Town park pond. He is hoping that cages to discourage the beavers will help solve the problem.

Ms. Wendy Dwyer said, “Since this is your last meeting my gift is; “not to say a word”.

### **Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;

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Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;  
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes.  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC  
Canaan Town Clerk  
Municipal Seal*

Councilperson Brenda Adams announced that we would like to “Thank” Supervisor Richard Keaveney for his commendable job the past twelve years of service.

A portrait of Supervisor Keaveney, with his favorite surroundings, was given to him. This was painted by town resident Sue Leal. The frame, surrounding the painting, contained signatures of many of the town employees and friends. A sheet cake and refreshments were given to all. Along with a few gift cards and a few bottles of wine.

We “Thank” Supervisor Richard Keaveney for all he has done for our Town.