

TOWN BOARD MEETING – MAY 11TH, 2020

Supervisor Brenda Adams opened the Town Board meeting with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence at 7:00 p.m. ZOOM

Audience: Patrick Doyle and Wendy Dwyer “attended” the meeting via Zoom phone.

Present: Supervisor Brenda Adams
Councilperson Alan Miller
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl -

BILLS: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the General bills: #115 - #130 in the amount of \$5,898.54; Highway bills: #31 - #36 in the amount of \$10,4190.42. 5-ayes. Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes; Councilperson Alan Miller- yes; Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- yes; Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes. Motion Carried.

MINUTES;

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve April 13th, 2020 town board minutes. 5-ayes.

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes; Councilperson Alan Miller- yes; Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes; Councilperson Terese -Platten – yes; and Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 330.00
Highway Fund	\$378,765.84
Highway Fund-Capital	\$ 42,888.47
Lighting Districts	\$ 3,875.12
Fire Districts	\$ 300.00
Building Inspector	\$ 1,255.00 (3/26-4/20/2020)
Planning Board	\$
Recreation	\$ 3,492.52
General Fund Balance	\$ 438,891.50
Court Revenues	\$ 4,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$
Tax Collector	\$ 88,905.15
Revenues for the month of April - 2020	

Resolutions & Motions

1. Supervisor Brenda Adams asked if the town board members agreed with the amendments to the dog law: Licensing of dogs will be mandatory to six months of age instead of four months. The night quarantine is to be eliminated, (item 6E in present law). A public hearing will be held, at the June meeting, on Local Law No. 1 of the year 2020.
2. **MOTION:** Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve to establish emergency assistance fund, Canaan Neighbors Helping Neighbors, for Canaan residents. 5-ayes. Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;

Councilperson Alan Miller- yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese -Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

3. **MOTION:** Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to create a Neighbors Helping Neighbors committee is needed. Supervisor Adams has a list of names and she will offer the email list to the new committee for their outreach work. Supervisor Adams suggested that the committee should consist of three to five people. The committee will review applications and recommend grants. 5-eyes.

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller- yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese -Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

4. **MOTION:** Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to create a MOU with the Queechy Lake Club to umbrella donations, after a 501c (3) can be established. Attorney David Birch, town resident, will work pro bono. 5-eyes.

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller- yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese -Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

Report from the County Board of Supervisors:

Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the County Board of Election (BOE) will mail out absentee ballots for the June primaries; voters can use “COVID-19” as a reason for voting absentee. Many inspectors do not want to work because of COVID-19. Supervisor Adams said that the County State of Emergency continues until May 15th, 2020.

Board discussion:

1. Supervisor Brenda Adams said that there are still open positions for a ZBA clerk, and a Planning Board clerk.
2. Board of Assessment Review (BAR) hearings will proceed as scheduled via google meetings. Darsi Frederick (former BAR clerk) will tutor the new clerk; Grievance Day is May 26, 2020.
3. COVID-19 update and budget impact: Supervisor Brenda Adams said that revenues are expected to be lower for sales.
4. Councilperson Terese Platten will work on language for signage at the electric car charging station at the park.
5. Board approved the expenditure to purchase a town Zoom account.
6. Town Board approved expenditure to purchase email service (e.g., Constant Contact; Mail Chimp) to better communicate with town members. Cost about \$25.00 per month.

HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT:

Councilperson Alan Miller spoke for highway superintendent, Bernhard Meyer.

ACTIVITIES:

April was a month of crazy weather, rain, snow, strong winds and extreme temperature swings. Along with this weather came tree clean up, culvert patrol and just plain nasty working conditions.

A flurry of financial woes changed the way we approach this year's capital projects. First there is no guarantee that CHIPS money will be reimbursed and second you must have money to spend in order to get the reimbursement. Hie vendors have pushed hard to engage the towns to start early - "first at the feed trough gets the best meal" but I don't agree with this approach, I'd prefer to wait and see what direction our future sends us.

Some of the things we have accomplished in lieu of all that is that most of the roads have been graded, raked and rolled which has us two weeks ahead of schedule. Despite the snow & rain we have had a significant number of phone calls for dust control.

In an effort to save costs we teamed up with New Lebanon to make cold patch which is used for potholes. Our portion is roughly \$9,500.00 which will last all summer. We have patched some of the bigger pot holes in the paved roads in an effort to save them from further degradation. We started reconstructing a section on Cunningham Hill road from Miller Road to Oak Ridge. This area is plagued with clay pockets which continually move causing severe sink holes and mounds. The material used on this project was purchased last

year in anticipation of doing the project this spring. Once the Extreme Winter Recovery amounts are published by the state only then can Daryl apply for reimbursement. The promised date for the publication is May 15th.

Beavers have been very active on Beebe's Pond causing minor road flooding. We go there daily to clean debris from the culvert.

Every effort is being made at the highway department to stay healthy & keep the facility clean. One member has self-quarantined due to a family member being exposed.

All is well -

Stay Safe!

ASSESSOR Monthly Report:

Tentative Rolls have been printed and made public for May 1. They can be seen online at www.canaannewyork.org

Notice of assessment changes have been mailed.

The assessor is available by phone for questions regarding the tentative roll. 518-257-9797.

Grievance Day (May 26th) details have been worked out and are available on our website. All Complaints will be held via a Virtual Online Meeting by joining the

meeting either by computer or telephone. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling or emailing the assessor at 518-257-9797 or assessor@canaannewyork.org.

Adjournment:

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan
Canaan
Town Clerk