

TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2020

Supervisor Brenda Adams opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence.

Audience: 4

Absent:

MINUTES:

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the July 13th, 2020 town board minutes. 3-ayes. Councilperson David Patzwahl and Councilperson Alan Miller abstained.

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes.
Motion Carried.

BILLS:

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve the General bills: #211-#231 in the amount of \$10,487.24; Highway bills: #55-#68 in the amount of \$8,532.54. 5-ayes.

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

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 368.25
Highway Fund	\$ 312,345.60
Highway Fund-Capital	\$ 42,923.41
Lighting Districts	\$ 2,353.59
Fire District	\$ 300.00
Building Inspector	\$ 2,160.00
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 3,496.93
General Fund Balance	\$ 373,146.30(July-2020)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 21.58

Revenues for the month of July – 2020

Supervisor Adams would like to hold a workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the September monthly Town Board meeting.

RESOLUTION #53 –CANAAN A PURPLE HEART TOWN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve resolution #53 to name Canaan a Purple Heart Town. 5-ayes.

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

REPORT from COUNTY BOARD of SUPERVISORS

1. Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the County offices reopening/ state of emergency has not set a definite date.
2. Supervisor Brenda Adams reported on the current numbers for COVID-19 in our county. There were 68 cases tested and all came back negative. We're hoping that school districts procedures will help protect our students and their families.

3. **Committee Task Force for Police Reform:** An Executive Order was signed by the Governor. All municipal police authorities have a Community review committee. Supervisor Matt Morel said that he wanted to have two committees for Columbia County Sheriff Department. The timeline is April 2021. The work task force with Mike Benvenuto of Ghent, and a co-chair will be Bill Hughes of Hudson. Current numbers
4. **County budget –** The sheriff department sued the County over its furlough policy. The County decided in April to furlough all departments equally. The Court decided in the Counties favor.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

CANAAN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS (CNHN): Councilperson Ginny Nightingale reported that there has been three request and one case has been reviewed and aid has been given. Gary Grill from the Queechy Lake Club, is working with CNHC and they have opened a checking account.

DEC boat launch update: Councilperson David Patzwahl said that since Labor Day the number of swimmers has decreased at the boat launch. Supervisor Adams said that there is an ongoing liability issue that needs to be addressed.

County Route 13 mowing: Supervisor Brenda Adams has been informed that the County will do mowing along County Route 13.

Town Library Bench site: Supervisor Adams reported that the site has been cleared by the Fabiano family and friends. The Canaan Highway Department has placed the concrete pad at the site. We are waiting for the bench that will be permanently installed.

JAZZ Liturgy: The Canaan congregational Church UCC, in collaboration with the Town of Canaan, will hold a Midday Jazz Liturgy service of prayer, poetry and music on September 20th at 1:00 p.m. at Stoddard Field. in Stoddard Park will be held on September 21st, at 1:00 p.m.

Transfer Station: Supervisor Brenda Adams said that she and Councilperson David Patzwahl will be meeting to prepare for contract discussions.

Red Rock Fire Company Contract: A meeting will be held with the Red Rock Fire Company. They have proposed a 1% increase each year for the next three years.

Budget: request have been submitted and prep work will begin. It will be a challenge with reduced revenues this year.

Election Poll site: Supervisor Brenda Adams met with Kelly Miller-Simmons and Ken Dow from the County Board of Elections today. They went to view the Field House as a alternate voting site for this years November, General election. If the County approves, we will have to go to the State for approval.

Canaan Historical meeting: A public organizational meeting to reorganize at the historical building. The meeting will be held on October 10th, at 2:00 p.m.

Berkshire Farm: September 21st, is the confirmation date for the refugee program.

Transfer Station: Supervisor Brenda Adams and Councilperson David Patzwahl will meet to review and discuss preparation for a new/renewal contract for the coming year with the transfer station.

Town Court has not been able to schedule traffic tickets and has many tickets backed up creating revenue short fall.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

- I have started the field review of open permits and some Data Verifications.
- I have reviewed all sales information that the State will be using for the 2021 Equalization Rates and time trends.
- We have 2 Scar Hearings and 1 Article 7. At this time the Courts are not scheduling any SCAR Hearings.
- I have been working with the Chatham Assessor to correct some of the inventory issues on the Town Line.

Exemptions-

- Assessors continue to work with the State on the STAR information. STAR credit checks will be issued by DTF starting in September. This is not for people with the STAR exemption but for people in the STAR Credit program.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

ACTIVITIES:

Truck 6 the 2018 Mack went in for a software update.

Truck 8 the 2006 International the brake work has been completed and is back in service.

Truck 11 the 2014 Mack had link rods replaced.

Truck 12 the 2012 Ford F550 was taken to Redlyne Performance in Ghent - it appears we have a turbo issue. It will also have some front-end work done in order to pass inspection.

The Alamo mower needed new linkage, bushings etc.

Congratulations to Stephen for getting his Class A license. He is now qualified to haul heavy equipment on the trailer. We want to thank Ghent Highway for facilitating the truck & assistance in obtaining the license.

The 5' culvert on Frisbee Street has started to collapse. I have ordered one under the OGS contract with an anticipated delivery date of September 21st. The road will be closed the end of September for approximately 3 days to through traffic. I have received the OK from the East Chatham Fire Company to place the LED display board on their property so that we can give notice of the impending closure.

We have done ditching on Maple as well as replaced a culvert.

Daryl applied for another CHIPS reimbursement of \$58,830.25 which was for paving the intersections of the town roads & Route 22.

REQUESTS:

Accept the bid price from Auctions International for the 2003 International.

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to accept the bid of \$10,400.00 for the 2003 International truck. 5-ayes.

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda – yes;

Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes;

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale -yes; and

Councilperson Terese Platten – yes.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. 5-ayes.

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda – yes;

Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes;

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale -yes; and

Councilperson Terese Platten – yes.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk