

***April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Town Board Meeting***

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney  
Councilperson Alan Miller  
Councilperson Brenda Adams  
Councilperson Terese Platten  
Councilperson David Patzwahl

**AUDIENCE:** 9

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Motion made by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes. 5-ayes

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

**BILLS:**

**MOTION:** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the payment of the General Fund bills: #173 - #199 in the amount of \$8,065.36; Highway Fund bills: #23 - #32 in the amount of \$31,209.40. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;  
Councilperson Terese Platten – abstained from bill #189, all others yes; and  
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.  
Motion Carried.

**SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 315.66
Highway Fund	\$517,027.27
Highway Fund Capital	\$269,269.02
Lighting Districts	\$ 3,531.98
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ -0-
Building Inspector	\$
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 7,626.63
General Fund Balance	\$ 385,146.50
Court Revenues	\$ 3,680.00(Feb.-2017)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 90,520.89

**Presentation/Discussion:**

Supervisor Richard Keaveney introduced Steven Winkley, Hydrogeologist and Source Water Protection Specialist – NY Rural Water Associates.

Mr. Winkley said that the program is non-profit and \*Federally funded. He explained that he has been doing these studies since 1995. Canaan has ten water systems and New Lebanon has 24. He has received grant funding for the project and would like the Town to establish a town "Planning Team." Supervisor Keaveney would like a Planning Board member, Pierre Gontier; town board members; and Robert Connor, EMC, from Canaan on the team. The study would include management and education or options available. Mr. Winkley will send the Chatham report. The Town of Chatham are extensive and may be viewed at the clerk's office during normal office hours. The May meeting will have a resolution for the project.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to take part in this study. 5-ayes

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

Mr. Winkley will send the Chatham report. Those interested on serving on the committee are: Councilpersons' Brenda Adams and David Patzwahl; Pierre Gontier, Planning Board chairperson, and Robert Connor, EMC representative. The May meeting will have a resolution for the project.

#### **Board Discussion:**

1. \*Supervisor Keaveney said that the NYS Comptroller's Office audit has not given us a final report.
2. \*Supervisor Keaveney said that many organizations have been contacting "Loves" Truck Stop for donations. Supervisor Keaveney will look into Loves philanthropic policies and procedures.

#### **ASSESSOR Monthly Report**

##### DATA Verification-

- The County Data Collector has finished about 400 parcels out of 700. I am verifying the work. I will soon be spending a lot of my time in the field getting photos and recording vacant land parcels.

##### Tentative Rolls-

- All roll changes have been completed and the rolls were sent to the County for processing. The tentative roll will be out by May 1 and a legal notice will be in the paper.
- I am meeting with the board of assessment for an organizational meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Grievance Day will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-8

Assessor on Vacation April 17<sup>th</sup> & April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### **CANAAN HIGHWAY Monthly Report**

Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer, read his monthly report.

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

Stella the blizzard was quite a challenge - we had upwards of 2 feet of snow and soft roads. Truck #6 went down during the storm with a blown hydraulic line. The driver swapped over to #12 and kept going. Overall, we *did* well.

We have brought in several hundred tons of material for the roads. Weather permitting, we have been hitting up the soggy spots.

Ten years or so ago we raised Edwards Park North three feet to alleviate a perpetual flooding problem which worked extremely well. Last week we received a call that the road was going under water! It turned out to be a blocked culvert under the CSX railroad tracks which backed the water up. We called CSX (in Florida) and reported the situation. Day 2 the water is now 1 Vi. feet over the road so we called CSX again and escalated the severity of the situation. They finally sent someone here to dismantle the beaver dam which lowered the water level. We got lucky as there was no damage to the road structure on Edwards Park North.

We've finished insulating & putting up sheet rock in the break room. It's taped and ready for painting. We finalized the specs on the new truck.

**DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:** Bristol Road Bridge replacement update. Superintendent Bernhard Meyer said that he has looked at WICKS law concerning State funding. He said that if the Town did it themselves we could save funds. We could put a weight reduction on the current bridge of 12 ton and delay replacement. The Town has four bridges it is responsible for maintaining.

**TRUCK** – Bernhard Meyer said that the price is \$202,000.00 with a five-year warranty. This is subject to a permissive referendum for the residents to respond within thirty-four days.

**MOTION:** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, for the Highway Department to purchase twelve stubs, twelve posts, and signs out of the General Account. 5-eyes

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

Supervisor Richard Keaveney calls for end of April/early May clean up the Canaan and the \*Flat Brook Cemetery. The Highway Department will co-ordinate with the tree company to do the clean-up. Resident Walter Williams asked about bidding for the clean-up. Supervisor Keaveney said that the Highway did their bidding for materials and maintenance by Public Notice.

**PUBLIC DISUSSION:**

1. Mr. Robert Connor, Environment Council representative, said that there will be a DEC program concerning climate changes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. 5-eyes

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC  
Canaan Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

Items clarified and amended are “\*”.

