

January 08th, 2018 - Town Board Meeting

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

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

ABSENT: Councilperson Alan Miller

AUDIENCE: 7

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Terese Platten , seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve the December 11th, 2017 minutes. 3-ayes

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

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the payment of the December General Encumbered bills: #454 - #457 in the amount of \$1,201.76; December Highway Encumbered bills: #147 - #155 in the amount of \$7,088.28. Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Terese Platten to approve the payment of the Encumbered January 2017 bills: 4-ayes

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

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, to approve the payment of the General bills: #1 - #24 in the amount of \$30,844.43, and the payment of the Highway bills: #1 in the amount \$929.00. 4-ayes

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

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl, made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the payment of the Highway bill: #1 in the amount of \$929.00. 4-ayes Roll-call showed:

Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; but abstained on Voucher #15 for Meals on Wheels mileage since she is one of the reimbursees.
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$	415.75
Highway Fund	\$	303,495.29
Highway Fund Capital	\$	294,320.70
Lighting Districts	\$	116.31
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts		-0-
Building Inspector	\$	1,462.00 (Oct.-Nov. 2017)
Planning Board	\$	-0-
Recreation	\$	7,626.63
General Fund Balance	\$	192,683.71
Court Revenues	\$	2,625.00 (Nov.-2017)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$	25.00
Tax Collector	\$	25.00

RESOLUTION #42 – Adopting Local Law No. 1 of the year 2017, Extending the Cold War Veterans Property Tax Exemption.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adopt resolution #42. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;

Councilperson Terese Platten - yes;

Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #43 – 2017 Budget Transfers

WHEREAS, the Canaan Town Board wishes to transfer funds from the 2017 budget:

- a. \$1,262 from A1990.4, the Contingent Fund Account, to A9060.8 the Hospitalization Account,
- b. \$270 from A1990.4, the Contingent Fund Account, to A9030.8 the Social Security Account,
- c. \$70.00 from A1355.11, the Assessor Assistant Account, to A1355.1 the Assessor Account,
- d. \$370 from A1670.4, the Central Printing Account, to A1680.4 the Central Data Account,
- e. \$81 from A1990.4, the General Contingent Fund Account, to SL5182.4 the SL Canaan Account,
- f. \$52 from A1990.4, the General Contingent Fund Account, to SL5182.41, the SL East Chatham Account.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adopt resolution #43. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;

Councilperson Terese Platten - yes;

Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #44 – APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM (CAP) FOR THE NYS COMPTROLLER’S AUDIT. 4-eyes

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

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adopt resolution #44. 4-eyes

Roll Call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried

BOARD DISCUSSION: Councilperson David Patzwahl asked that the base board, in the Town Hall meeting room, be painted.

Councilperson Brenda Adams noticed that the Covanta tonnage for the year was close to the limit allowed to the Town. Supervisor Keaveney said that because of the smaller compactor residents must use the scale and maintenance permits to dispose of materials that they use to dispose at the lower dumpster. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that he would like to talk to Tom Hickey, manager at Covanta, about the future.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Supervisor Keaveney read the report.

Exemptions -

- Renewals for exemptions are coming in. Even though I have allocated a certain DAY/Time to collect exemptions most taxpayers are not taking advantage of that time period. Next year I will not be allocating additional time for this. My clerk was covering these hours but now I am handling it myself.

Other-

- In addition to the normal office tasks I continue to work on fine tuning values for the reassessment. A first round final value will be produced soon for me to begin field review. After I am happy with those numbers we can start the informal review process which should be in March. I will also need to recalculate all Ag and Forest exemptions and residential percentages.
- The State has advised us that our market area "trend" is up by 7%. We do not fully agree with the methods used by the State to determine the trends as they are applied to the entire roll. We are analyzing to determine the actual trends for different segments of the market area.

HIGHWAY REPORT – Highway Superintendent Meyers read the report.

ACTIVITIES:

Small snow storm in December went well short of truck #7. A lift cylinder hydraulic hose ruptured in the middle of the plow route. Chatham Auto was able to make us a new one but still the time from breaking down to being back on the road was 5 hours.

The earlier accident scene on Frisbee Street damaged the guide rail which we have had replaced. Daryl will follow through with the paperwork for the insurance company.

I attended the Association of Towns Resolution Committee meeting where potential new laws would be sent to the legislature for consideration of enactment. The same day I had to testify in front of the Assembly Transportation Committee to show cause for need of monies required to rebuild current infrastructure. I was not impressed with the disinterested attitude displayed! These folks are voted in to represent our interests...

With the inclement weather we have taken many proactive precautions to be ahead of possible problems. The team insulated, plugged holes, sealed doors and tested the generator in case of power outages. We had the furnace serviced and I checked on the shop on a regular basis to make sure we didn't freeze up. So far so good. The big area of discussion is the cold weather for such a lengthy stretch of time and the side effects. Besides consuming lots of fuel, having frozen pipes, and wearing layers and layers of clothes to add insult to injury was getting a bad batch of diesel fuel with biofuel mixed in! I can't begin to tell you what a disaster this has been. Numerous expensive fuel filters, bulk tank filters and vehicles which needed to be towed back to the shop to thaw out. Numerous complaints were lodged with the fuel company to the point I was ready to change companies. We have spent serious money to try and stabilize the gelling problems. We finally found a company named Eneritech who was able to help us with a product to "combat" the biofuel.

As par for the course we have people plowing snow from their driveways onto the road. This is a big No-No!

We had a complaint of hitting a mail box but upon inspection it was an out of control car that did the damage. I explained to the homeowner that it was not us!

January started off with some of the best complaints we've ever had. The first one was that the sand we put out for the residents is "lumpy" and what could we do about it. Then during the "Bomb Cyclone" storm we received a call about a dead deer in the ditch on County Route 5. We passed on the complaint to the county highway department, but the gentleman caller couldn't understand why plowing during this storm took precedence over picking up the deer.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

284 Agreement

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Richard Keaveney to approve the Annual Agreement for expenditure of highway funds in the amount of \$172,500, for general repairs and \$275,000.00 for the Bristol Bridge Project. 4- ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;

Councilperson Terese Platten - yes;

Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Motion Carried

Accept the bids for the snowplows advertised on Auctions International.

Superintendent of Highway, Bernhard Meyer, asked that the bids for the sale of the Fischer - \$3,000.00 and \$16,000.00 for the 2003 truck.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to accept the bids offered by Auctions International. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;

Councilperson Terese Platten - yes;

Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Motion Carried

Adjournment: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;

Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;

Councilperson Terese Platten - yes;

Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC

