

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING - MARCH 9,2015

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. 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 Carrie Bither
Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer
2nd Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Julie Alexander

ABSENT: Councilperson David Patzwahl

AUDIENCE: 10

MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilperson Carrie Bither made a motion with second by Councilperson Brenda Adams to accept the minutes as amended to change the dates from February 13,2015 to February 9,2015.

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller-yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Carrie Bither - yes;

Motion carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the payment of^ General Fund Bills: #52 - #74 In the amount of \$6,664.30 and the Highway Fund, #17- #27 in the amount of \$12,108.65.

Supervisor Keaveney noted that Voucher #75 is to pay the contracted Town Hall cleaning people the gross amount they previously had been paid as employees. The change was made at the mandate of the NY State Retirement System and *is budget-neutral*^:

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney-yes;
Councilperson Alan. Miller - yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes; ^ ,v
Councilperson Carrie Bither - yes;

Motion carried.

Supervisor's Monthly Finance Report

Town Clerk:	\$ 137.59
Highway Fund:	\$543,863.22
Highway Fund - Capital:	\$233,495.52
Lighting Districts:	\$ 4,423.77
Ambulance Districts	
And Fire District:	\$.59
Building Inspector:	\$ 420.00
Planning Board:	\$ 0
Recreation:	\$ 7,720.63
General Fund Balance:	\$402,160.40
Court Revenues:	\$ 4,860.00 (Jan.2015)
Zoning Board of Appeals:	\$ 0
Tax Collector:	\$185,525.05 (Feb.2015 revenues)

Supervisor Keaveney said we are paying the County by the 15th of every month as we have completed the Town's portion of the taxes. We have filed our annual AED report with the State, 80 pages long, available in the Town Clerk's office.

RESOLUTION #45 - 2015 Budget Transfer - \$50 from Central Data - A1680.4 to Insurance - A1910.4

This resolution can be withdrawn per Supervisor Keaveney. The Imbalance was the result of misposting and has been corrected - the amount has now been correctly posted to the Code Enforcement expense account.

RESOLUTION #46 - Recreation Commission Appointment

MOTION: Councilperson Carrie Bither made a motion with second by Councilperson Alan Miller to Mr. Will Powers to the Recreation Commission.

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes !
Councilperson Carrie Bither - yes
Councilperson Brenda Adams -yes
- Councilperson Alan Miller - yes
Motion carried. ✓ 1

RESOLUTION #47 - Planning Board Appointment-Jens Braun

MOTION: Motion by Councilperson Brenda Adams with second by Supervisor Richard Keaveney to table Resolution #47 pending the Planning Board meeting scheduled for March 16,2015. Mr. Braun will be available to be interviewed at that meeting.

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes !
Councilperson Carrie Bither - yes
Councilperson Brenda Adams -yes
- Councilperson Alan Miller - yes
Motion carried. ✓ 1

RESOLUTION #48 - Amending 2015 Organizational Resolution #1

MOTION: by Councilperson Brenda Adams to make a simple amendment to Organizational Resolution #1 to set the Standard Work Day for General Fund employees at six hours for NYS Retirement System Reporting purposes, with second by Councilperson Alan Miller.

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes
Councilperson Carrie Bither-yes
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes
Councilperson Alan Miller-yes

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #49 - Tobacco-Free Stoddard Field

Discussion by Board whether they want to pass a resolution provided by the Tobacco-Free Coalition prohibiting smoking in Stoddard Park with signage also provided by the Coalition, or whether the Board wants to develop its own resolution and signage that would discourage smoking in Stoddard Park. Alan Miller will create an outline of such a resolution and Brenda would be happy to help as needed.

MOTION: by Councilperson Brenda Adams with second by Alan Miller to table this resolution pending the Board's development of its own resolution and signage.

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney-yes
Councilperson Carrie Bither - yes
Councilperson Brenda Adams-yes
Councilperson Alan Miller-yes

Motion carried.

Board Discussion

State Road Conditions-^Supervisor Keaveney reported that Canaan Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer has been in communication with New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) trying to remedy the poor condition of Routes 22 and 295. Councilperson Brenda Adams urged citizens to raise their objections **to** the State. We are now in NYS DOT Region 8 in Poughkeepsie, and Columbia County tends to be last on the agenda. The County is trying to get back to the Albany Capital Region.

Audit Response - NYS Pension Integrity Unit- 95% of what they wanted was accomplished while they were here. The audit has been an educational process for Canaan. The formal response to their report has been filed. -

Recreation Commission Recommendation -Summer Park-The Recreation Commission is recommending we discontinue the park afternoon program because it has not been well attended, and also because the program is now considered a summer camp and as such is subject to increased bureaucratic requirements. The Recreation Director has to prepare a lot of paper work for a return of only two or three hundred dollars. It is not worth the effort. The morning swim program remains well attended and will be continued. The savings of \$3,000-\$4,000 will be used to purchase new playground equipment and generally beautify the park. The boat will be removed. The Towns of New Lebanon and Chatham provide full-day camps but at a cost to out-of-town residents.

Supervisor- needs a new computer. The one he is using now was purchased at his own expense in 2008 but is out of date. A new desk top tower, key board, mouse and monitor can be purchased for \$1100. He doesn't want a lap top because it would be too mobile and could be lost, stolen or damaged.

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams with second by Alan Miller to purchase the computer for Supervisor.

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes
Councilperson Carrie Bither-yes
Councilperson Brenda Adams -yes
Councilperson Alan Miller-yes

Motion carried.

Assessor's Report - Supervisor Keaveney read the Assessor's Report; which includes sales information. Some people who didn't get their requests for exemptions in by the March 1st deadline may have had a spouse or other person who handled the paperwork for them and who is no longer available to do so, resulting in an extra-large school tax bill. If that happens, taxpayers might be "hardshipped" by contacting the assessor for assistance.

Councilperson Alan Miller mentioned that Bruce Baldwin of New Lebanon passed away while on vacation overseas. Supervisor Keaveney expressed the Town's condolences.

Councilperson Alan Miller followed up on some of the cost data .we had on file regarding Leggett Electricians' maintenance of lamps from 21012 to the present. The fixtures are the same but we got 16 bulbs and 7 ballasts replaced. We replace bulbs ourselves because a blown bulb creates a fire hazard but we call Leggett if ballasts need to be replaced. Mr. Miller will investigate whether incentive programs are still available.

Highway Report - Highway Superintendent Bernard Meyer read the Highway Report.

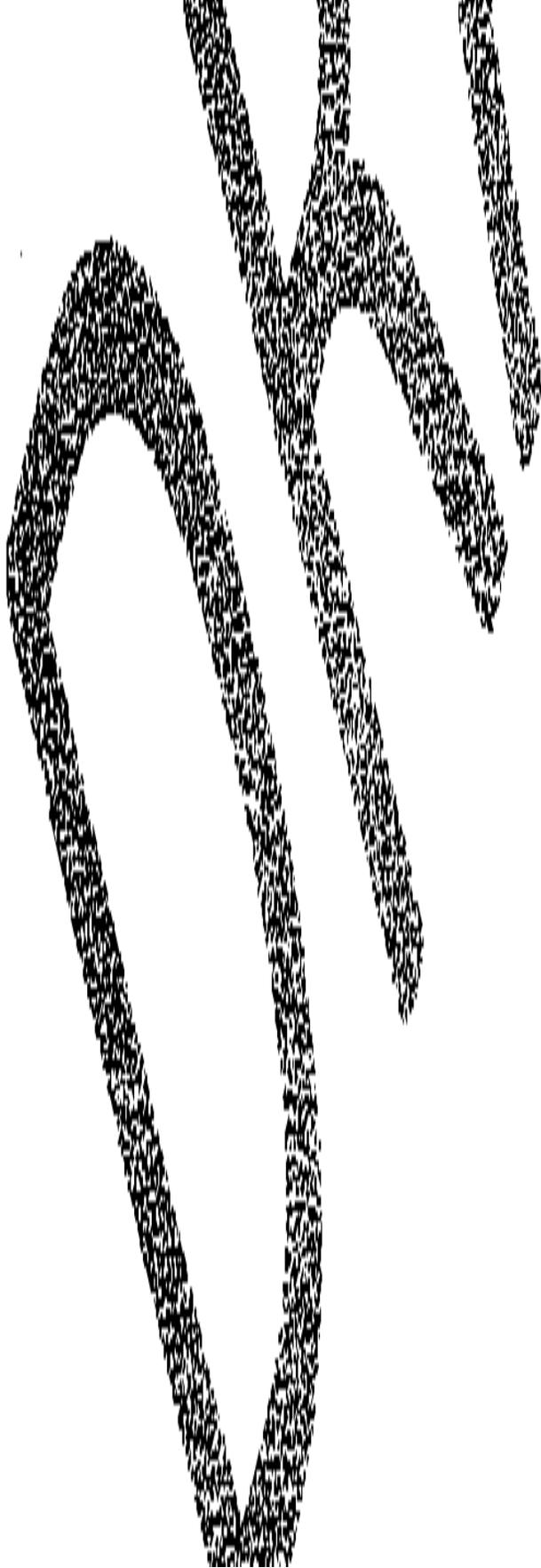
Bid Analysis: Senter Sand & Gravel's insurance expires 3/16/15 so we cannot use him unless a new Certificate of Insurance is provided. Bernie recommends we accept all the FOB prices of material which enables us to go to any plant anytime to pick up what we need. Gorman is the winner on dust suppression. Complete bid reports attached. Recommend on 2015 Delivered Prices we go by the lowest price per product. None of the bids has an escalation clause so these prices will be good for a year.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Rick Keaveney with second by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the 20115: hghway bids with the exception of the Davis Contracting additional excavator for which no price w3s given and the qualification that Senter provide a new Certificate of Insurance by 3/16/15. %

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes
Councilperson Carrie Bither-yes
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes
Councilperson Alan Miller-yes

Motion carried.

Bernie distributed materials brought back from Albany after CHIPS Advocacy Day. Bernie described frustration with trying to communicate with NYS DOT. Discussion followed about the very poor condition of highways as a result of this very tough winter we have had. Bernie would like to remove the boat from Stoddard Park while the ground is still frozen. Supervisor Keaveney advised Bernie that a group of bicyclists will be coming through Canaan in May, he will give Bernie the information.



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