

CANAAN MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 09TH, 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 David Patzwahl
Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer- arrived at 7:12 p.m.
Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Charlotte Cowan

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE: 9

MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion with second by Councilperson Alan Miller, to accept the minutes of the October 5th. 3-ayes

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams; to accept the October 12th, 2015 minutes as amended (type errors). 4-ayes

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – abstain.

Motion carried.

BILLS:

MOTION: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the General Fund Bills: #341-#368 in the amount of \$9,057.77 and the Highway Fund, #112-#124 in the amount of \$10,993.20. 4-ayes

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes for all other bills;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion carried.

Supervisor’s Monthly Finance Report

Town Clerk \$ 549.42
Highway Fund: \$426,351.87

Highway Fund – Capital:	\$233,573.92
Lighting Districts:	\$ 1,636.06
Ambulance Districts	
And Fire District:	\$.59
Building Inspector:	\$ 2,526.63
Planning Board:	\$ 25.00
Recreation:	\$ 2,526.63
General Fund Balance:	\$294,356.11
Court Revenues:	\$ 7,278.00 (Sept-2015)
Zoning Board of Appeals:	\$ 25.00
Tax Collector:	\$ 10.00

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the only change to the Preliminary Budget is the cash flow analysis in the Assessor account will increase \$7,000.00, for the County Data person to complete the revaluation which they have not been able to do this year.

RESOLUTION #70 – Adopting the Fiscal Budget for the year 2016. 4-eyes

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion with second by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to adopt Resolution #70. 4-eyes

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes
 Councilperson Alan Miller - yes
 Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes; and
 Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Resolution #70 adopted.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the Ambulance Payment of a 2.5% increase. 4-eyes

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
 Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
 Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes; and
 Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to make the \$7,000.00 New York State Retirement payment and the Highway Capital contribution of \$25, 000.00. 4-eyes

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
 Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
 Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes; and
 Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion carried.

Board Discussion

- 1. DEC Correspondence** – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Town received a petition from lake residents about the docks at the Backwater restaurant. DEC – through aerial surveillance – said that there are three (3) docks that are not permitted. DEC will

send someone to speak with the manager of the Backwater. DEC is not committing to whether the docks have to be removed or whether the business can go through the permit process.

2. **WEBSITE** - Supervisor Keaveney said that the new Town Website is up and running. The site is user friendly. The board would like more pictures on the site.
3. **STODDARD FIELD POND** - Supervisor Richard Keaveney has spoken with DEC and they said to compete and submit the application process for the Army Core of Engineers to dredge the Stoddard Field Pond. An engineer plan is needed.
4. **BERKSHIRE FARM MEETING** – November 10th, at 6-8 p.m. is a community meeting to be held at the Berkshire Farm auditorium.
5. **WALKER LANE** – Supervisor Keaveney said that “Walker Lane” is a driveway not a Town road advised by the NYS Department of Transportation. Walker Lane will not be on the Town road inventory.
6. **RECREATION COMMISSION DEPARTURES** – Barbara Patzwahl, Natalie Hanson, Martha Paolucci, after serving for more than 15 years – are stepping down. We would like to “Thank” them for all the work they have dedicated to this program.
7. **TRANSFER STATION** – Supervisor Keaveney said that residents are being rude and entering without stickers. Supervisor Keaveney said that the Transfer Station wants the Town to “oversight” their responsibility.

ASSESSOR’S Monthly Report:

Data Verifications-

- Data verifications have been postponed temporarily. The contract with the County for the Data verifications has been signed but they are still in the process of hiring someone.

Around the office-

- A lot of the assessor's time this time of year is spent out in the field verifying permits and other inventory changes in order to make the needed assessment changes for the new roll.
- We are in the process of getting the exemption forms ready for mailing. They will be sent out after Thanksgiving.
- New Website has been reviewed and has most of the needed forms and information for taxpayers

HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer read the Highway Report.

ACTIVITIES:

We cut shoulders on Barnegat Road to direct the water to run off as opposed to following the road for several hundred feet

We seeded & hayed the disturbed areas which finishes the Tunnel Hill Road project.

With winter just around the corner we removed the beaver dam "water control culvert" from the park site. As soon as we did the beavers were watching via Google Maps and immediately sent their corps of engineers to plug the culvert effectively at that! We have been monitoring it and have removed debris several times.

The crew cut shoulders on Edwards Park South as well as graded the road in preparation for winter.

The grader has made its way around town to smooth out the chatter board areas.

Went to DMV for a replacement title for the truck we sold to Austerlitz.

As discussed we removed 2 sheets of siding from the salt shed to give increased ventilation during the salt & sand recharging process. I was able to obtain some of the crating lumber that the Love's Truck signs came in and built the louvers for the shed. I donated a gallon of Olympic oil stain leaving the town with an expense of \$66 for screws.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

Snow will be upon us soon - please give ALL plow trucks the courtesy of distance when traveling down the road.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Councilperson Benda Adams asked if the light for the sign at the Highway Garage could be moved and could the Public Box for sand be repaired..

Public Discussion:

1. Mrs. Marion Lathrop complimented on the new signs at the Flat Brook Cemetery. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that a date is needed for the establishment of the cemetery.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Supervisor Richard Keaveney, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. 4-eyes

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes, and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**items are amended and correction is highlighted*