

## **PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Supervisor Keaveney read the Public Notice: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a PUBLIC HEARING on the Preliminary Budget of 2016 will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Canaan, Columbia county, State of New York, on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2105 at 6:45 p.m. at the Canaan Tow Hall, 1647 county Route 5 South, Canaan, New York 12029 followed by the regular monthly meeting. By Order of the Canaan Town Board

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney  
Councilperson Alan Miller  
Councilperson Brenda Adams

**ABSENT:** Councilperson David Patzwahl

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that there is a 1.50% salary increase. The CEO contribution is about a 5% increase from each of the three towns. The Assessor revaluation on her own with a stipend is included.

Supervisor Keaveney closed the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m.  
The Preliminary Budget will be adopted at the November 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

## **MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 12, 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  
Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer- arrived at 7:12 p.m.  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Charlotte Cowan

**ABSENT:** Councilperson David Patzwahl

**AUDIENCE:** 10

### **MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion with second by Councilperson Alan Miller, to accept the minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes. 3-ayes

Roll call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;

Motion carried.

### **BILLS:**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the General Fund Bills: #299-#340 in the amount of \$13,460.06 and the Highway Fund, #102-#111 in the amount of \$20,043.39.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney abstained from bill #329. 3-ayes

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

Motion carried.

### Supervisor's Monthly Finance Report

Town Clerk	\$ 592.30
Highway Fund:	\$393,626.08
Highway Fund – Capital:	\$233,564.32
Lighting Districts:	\$ 2,005.87
Ambulance Districts	
And Fire District:	\$ .59
Building Inspector:	\$ 2,267.00
Planning Board:	\$ 100.00
Recreation:	\$ 2,526.63
General Fund Balance:	\$323,742.08
Court Revenues:	\$ 8,485.00 (July 2015)
Zoning Board of Appeals:	\$ 0
Tax Collector:	\$ 10.00

### **RESOLUTION #69 – Authorization for Real Property to enter into an Agreement with the Town of Canaan to provide Data Collection/Verification Assistance.** 3-ayes

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion with second by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt Resolution #69. 3-ayes

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

Resolution #69 adopted.

Supervisor Keaveney said that the data files should be completed by the end of this year.

### **Board Discussion**

- 1. Stoddard Field trees and Flatbrook Cemetery Signs Installed** - Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that three shade trees have been installed at Stoddard Field. The Flatbrook cemetery signs have been installed by the Canaan Highway Department.
- 2. Berkshire Farm Correspondence** – Supervisor Keaveney said that the Town Board sent a letter to the Farm and to Child & Family Services stating the Town's concerns. A meeting with the Farm and Family Services took place last week. There will be a Community meeting November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Farm to respond to questions.
- 3. Website Review:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney asked if the Board had reviewed the proposed website and if there was any input. The Town Board is still reviewing the site.
- 4. Truck Permissive Referendum** – the permissive referendum notice has been published and will be valid on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, for purchase.
- 5. Petition** – Supervisor Keaveney said that the Town has received a Petition with about fifty-five (55) signatures with concerns about the Backwater Grill. Supervisor Keaveney said that the petitioners should talk with the Town Board and that issues concerning the docks should be addressed to DEC. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that he will write a letter to Region 4 (DEC) asking for an official response. Other jurisdictions with petition complaints have been addressed by Columbia County Health about the waters being tested and they say there is no issue. There are no road violation tickets being written.

### **ASSESSOR'S Monthly Report:**

#### **Verifications-**

- Queechy Lake parcel inspections are 99% completed. However, there are many outstanding mapping, waterfront, and R.O.W issues that are being, either corrected, investigated or verified prior to being fully completed. I had the benefit of meeting several people during the inspection time period and feel we will have a good handle on all needed information that pertains to value prior to any reassessment in the future.
- County will be working on a contract with Canaan to supply Data verification and data entry services to complete the project. We will need to pass a resolution to enter into contract. Shared services seem to be the most economical and efficient way to approach these projects at this time. Many towns are beginning to enter into contracts with the County for various services.

### **Around the office-**

- Continued work on Cleaning files. .
  - Normal routine office work and field review of permits and other inventory changes has resumed and is in full swing before the weather turns and exemption season starts.
  - Exemptions are being printed for mailing the first week in December.
- **Other news**
    - More Assessors continuing Ed completed-
      1. September 24<sup>th</sup> - Special training day put together by Co. County Real Property to include ORPTS Valuation- editing and analysis, standard and custom reports, time trends, COD analysis, etc. systematic analysis. RPTL 520 - assessment of exempt property on transfer and RPTL 551 - omitted taxes on the current roll.

**HIGHWAY Monthly Report** – Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer read the Highway Report.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

We are back on our winter schedule Mon - Fri 7:00 to 3:30. Fall is definitely in the air.

As requested the signs were installed at the Flatbrook Cemetery.

As requested we removed the old basketball hoop and installed a new footing.

This month we concentrated on resolving long pending issues. On Tunnel Hill at the Rte. 22 end the road base was soft creating rutting in the spring. As a quick fix we added stone products to stiffen up the traveling surface which over the years has built up. Eventually the road was higher than the adjacent house elevations which caused water to flow towards the homes. We removed 2' - 3' of road bed, placed a 1' layer of shale topped with 6" of screen fill. All works well and everyone is happy. Farther up the road we reset a driveway culvert which wasn't working to eliminate ice flows from the backed up water. Both projects required "Call Before You Dig 811" which created a time sensitive work schedule.

Both mowing tractors are back in full swing. We did some engine work on the JD and replaced the drive belts on the Alamo boom mower.

The fall conference was exceptional this year.

I attended the Association of Towns Resolution Committee meeting in Albany.

At the Columbia County Traffic Safety Board meeting I brought up the damaged guide rails on Rte. 22 & Shaver Rd. and asked that a letter be sent to DOT.

### **NATURAL OCCURANCES:**

The heavy rain everyone experienced on September 30 was kind to Canaan. There were a few tree calls but the roads held reasonably well.

### **DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:**

Received board approval for the new truck and will put trucks #1 & #10 on Auctions International. Both are in rough shape consequently I don't expect a lot of money from the sale.

Councilperson Alan Miller asked if the ventilation in the salt shed had been addressed and if removing one/two panels on the Route 295 side with louvers would help.

### **Public Discussion:**

1. Ms. Sue Pemrick expressed her concern with the speed limit on Frisbee Street. The posted speed limit is 45MPH. Supervisor Richard Keaveney suggested that Ms. Pemrick get a petition signed by residents, on said road, to lower the speed limit, to be presented to the County.
2. Ms. Wendy Dwyer said that a traffic study would be needed for Frisbee Street. Mrs. Ann Pearce said that there is an enforcement shortage in the Sheriff Department.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. 3-ayes

Roll call: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes  
Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes

.Motion carried.

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

*\*items are amended and correction is highlighted*