

APRIL 09th, 2018 – 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

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE: 7

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the March 19th, 2018 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 Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve the payment of the April bills: General bills: #87–#108 in the amount of \$5,268.05; Highway bills: #18–#33 in the amount of \$30,030.92. Councilperson Terese Platten abstained from bill #103 (Meals on Wheels). 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.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 112.10
Highway Fund	\$519,882.93
Highway Fund Capital	\$112,592.53
Lighting Districts	\$ 3,567.43
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ 325.78
Building Inspector	\$ 70.00 (Feb. 2018)
Planning Board	\$ –0–
Recreation	\$ 7,626.63
General Fund Balance	\$381,231.85
Court Revenues	\$ 5,018.00 (Feb.-2018)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ –0–
Tax Collector	\$ 54,765.41

RESOLUTION #53 – Renewing MVP (June 1st), Delta Dental (June 1st), and Empire BC/BS Vision (July 1st,) Healthcare Plans

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten,

to adopt resolution #53. 5-ayes

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

RESOLUTION #54 – Allowing the Highway Department to Accept “Piggyback” Bids from Other Municipalities for Equipment and Materials

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to adopt resolution #54. 5-ayes

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

RESOLUTION #55 – Authorizing the Town of Canaan to take part in the Undertaking for the Benefit of the New York State Department of Transportation.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt resolution #55. 5-ayes

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

RESOLUTION #56 – Passing of Mark Newton

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt resolution #56. 5-ayes

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

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. Bank Account Transition: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the accountant, Nelson Furlano, will meet with representatives from the Bank of Greene County on April 19th, 2018. The Bank of Greene County will offer free services of checks, a check scanning machine, fewer service charges, and a higher interest rate.
2. Broadband: Councilperson Terese Platten explained that Charter Spectrum and Consolidated (who bought Fairpoint) Communications have been busy running fiber optics along the existing utility poles in our area. Spectrum plans to provide broadband service to their customers via coaxial cable from the home to the nearest utility pole (which carries the fiber); that way they can offer triple play service (TV, internet, telephony). Consolidated plans to provide broadband service with fiber running directly to the home and plans to offer internet and telephony. Both companies are now talking about 2019 as the date of service beginning. Bill Mulrein at

Consolidated (bmulrein@fairpoint.net) suggested that all community members contact him to find out if their address is on the map for broadband service from Consolidated Communications.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Reassessment:

I have held 4 days in informal meetings. This is a total of around 45 parcels out of 1,440 residential sites, which is about 3%. I will now be reviewing all the information collected. Some property owners were not looking for a reduction but simply wanted to understand the new assessment process. Commercial notices were sent out last week. I asked those property owners to contact me directly if they had any questions. Second notices will go out to those who attended the informal meetings in May. The Tentative Roll will be published and available by May 1. Dates and times of Grievance, etc., will be published along with the roll.

HIGHWAY REPORT – Highway Superintendent Meyers read the report.

Activities:

This has been another month of cold, snow, and just not nice weather conditions. Strong winds brought down trees, limbs, and power lines, keeping us busy. In between, we had sand brought in to start replenishing our inventory.

Bids were awarded at the March meeting and as of April 1st, we are using the new numbers.

The skylights in the highway garage are leaking to the point where it is raining inside the shop. They really need to be replaced!

On a down note, it is very difficult for me to let you know we lost a highway employee who would have been with the Highway Department 25 years in 2019. Mark Newton, our senior MEO, passed away on Sunday. Not only was he a coworker but a friend as well. He was one of my “kids” at the highway. At times they all misbehaved, other times they would fight and argue, but they always watched each other’s backs. They would get the most difficult tasks accomplished without batting an eye. There is a huge void within the highway department as Mark will be truly missed.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

1. Wendy Dwyer asked that notices of canceled meetings be posted and more accessible.

Adjournment: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. 5-ayes

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

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte L. Cowan, MMC/RMC