

**MAY 14th, 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 Alan Miller, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the April bills: General bills: #109-#138 in the amount of \$9,209.35; Highway bills: #34-#44 in the amount of \$32,128.19. 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	\$ 149.37
Highway Fund	\$574,897.30
Highway Fund Capital	\$112,594.39
Lighting Districts	\$ 3,163.59
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ 600.15
Building Inspector	\$ 1,309.00
Planning Board	\$ 50.00
Recreation	\$ 7,626.63
General Fund Balance	\$311,928.23
Court Revenues	\$ 4,045.00 (March 2018)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$-0-
Tax Collector	\$ 34,794.47

**RESOLUTION #57 – 2018 Budget Adjustment—Increasing CHIPS Revenue and Expense in the Highway Fund.**

**MOTION:** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt resolution #57. 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 #58 – Appointing Jennifer Carmon as Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt resolution #58. 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 #59 – Appointing Heather O’Grady as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a remaining five-year term ending December 31, 2022.**

**MOTION:** Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to adopt resolution #59. 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. FEMA – Supervisor Richard Keaveney that the Town is waiting for a check of \$1,500.00 from FEMA for the March 2017 snow storm, “Stella.”
2. Bank Account Transition – Supervisor Keaveney said that the Town is transitioning to Greene County Commercial Bank taking place by June 1<sup>st</sup>/July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
3. NY Rural Water Association Groundwater Resources Study – Supervisor Keaveney said that Steve Winkley has been to the Town Hall working on his water report and will make a presentation soon.
4. New Concord Road Speed Limit – Supervisor Keaveney said that Columbia County will not consider anything during the winter.
5. State Route 22 road conditions – The Town has written letters to the Governor and Representatives. Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, has also addressed the poor road conditions. Councilperson Brenda Adams said that a new power plant will be built in Dutchess County and the materials will be transported over Route 22, further deteriorating the condition of the road.
6. Town Letter – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that Judy Stelling asked if information concerning phone numbers and agencies that is available to seniors. Supervisor Keaveney said that the information will be posted on the Town website and included in the annual town newsletter. The information will also be posted at the Town Clerk office and on the town bulletin boards.

7. Broadband – Councilperson Terese Platten spoke concerning high-speed internet service. Both Charter Spectrum and Consolidated (who bought Fairpoint) Communications have been busy running fiberoptics along the existing utility poles in our area. They appear to be all the way to the county border in New Lebanon. 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. Terese Platten spoke (as a Canaan homeowner and Consolidated/Fairpoint customer) with Bill Mulrein ([bmulrein@fairpoint.net](mailto:bmulrein@fairpoint.net)) at Consolidated Communications. Mulrein suggested that all Canaan community members contact him to find out if their address is on the map for broadband service from Consolidated Communications. So, for example, Terese Platten was told that yes, her house is going to be offered broadband service once it is up and running. However, Mulrein told Terese that not all the households in Canaan are on his map because of the census block award process. Regarding Charter Spectrum, Terese Platten accessed the provided link, found out that her house is also on their map for broadband service. So it appears that there is an overlap at the Platten household between the two companies. How this will play out can only be speculated on. Also both companies are now talking about 2019 as beginning broadband service, Councilperson Brenda Adams said she heard that Canaan will be offered broadband service via Spectrum by the end of summer 2018. Furthermore, Spectrum has sent letters to their existing cable TV customers in the towns of Ghent, Hillsdale, New Lebanon, and Austerlitz that they will be offered broadband service on June 5.

## **ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:**

### *Office—*

1. Tentative Roll is available for review in Town Clerk's office and Assessor's office.
2. Legal notices have been posted. Assessment changes letters have all been sent.
3. Grievance day is May 22<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m. More information can be found on the website.

### *Reval—*

1. Summary of percentage changes is attached.
2. Informal review was steady. In the end, between visits, phone conversations, and emails, I looked over about 70 parcels.
3. The process went smoothly with very few issues.
4. I am sitting with the rolls at various times, which were published but have not been overwhelmed with complaints.
5. FYI: One home was added to the roll that had not been assessed for a number of years (8).

### *Exemptions—*

1. To be reported on more next month. DTF is taking over STAR with help from the assessors. As the information regarding this starts to go out, we believe the assessors will be inundated with frantic and displeased taxpayers. I do not have specifics yet, but we were told we will be helping people to register with the DTF. AGAIN, there is going to be a lot of confusion.

Because we are in between the tentative roll and the final roll, and we have not yet gone to next-year processing, I am not able to enter sales. I will provide sales as soon as I begin enter them again.

**HIGHWAY REPORT** – Highway Superintendent Meyers read the report.

**Activities:**

April was a fickle month. Not only did we get April showers, but we got snow, cold, lots of wind, and 70-degree temps within a 24-hour period. We had just finished sweeping the roads just in time to have to sand them again.

We continue cleaning up downed trees, chipping limbs and brush. The grader has been out reshaping the road profile for the summer rains as well as getting rid of the serious potholes. Another 750 ton of material was put out during the grading process. Please keep an eye out for the men and equipment working on the roads.

The Bristol bridge project is foremost on the table: There are a number of things that need to be addressed prior to the actual installation. We are working on rental equipment quotes, a place for staging equipment and materials, and drafting letters to the residents of the road to keep them informed of the process. Signs need to be made up to let motorists and pedestrians know of the imminent road closure. We are communicating with NYSEG because power lines will have to be moved, and materials, such as concrete beams, rebar, and bearing plates, will need to be bid.

Our annual bridge and large culvert inspection is underway. So far there are three large and long culverts that indicate rusted-out bottoms that will need to be addressed in the next 2 years.

We are vigilantly working on purifying our diesel fuel tank; currently we are removing any water and will then test for cetane ratings.

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>, I received a phone call for an auto vs. pole on Frisbee Street with wires and pole in the roadway. I was able to assist with traffic control prior to the arrival of the Canaan Fire Company and the State Police.

The men attended a Foundation Brake System Training Clinic, which was held at the Ghent Highway Department.

We have more missing signs; the posts are gone as well.

**Requests:**

- I would like to request to purchase 10 signposts and hardware as well as a New Concord Road sign.
- Approve rental rates for equipment needed to the Bristol bridge job:
  - Crane = \$2,500 day
  - Concrete saw = \$250
  - Excavator with demolition hammer = \$500 day/\$1,400 week

**MOTION:** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the purchase of 10 (ten) signposts at \$60.00 per post (\$600.00). New signs for New Concord at \$75.00 per; two Flints Crossing signs for \$150.00; and two signs for Old Queechy for \$150.00.

5-ayes

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Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;  
Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;  
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes;  
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.  
Motion carried

**MOTION:** Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the rental rates for equipment needed to the Bristol bridge job: Crane, \$2,500 day; Concrete saw, \$250 per day, for two days; and the Excavator w/demolition hammer, \$500 per day/\$1,400 week. 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.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 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