

JULY 09th, 2018 – Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Keaveney
Councilperson Alan Miller
Councilperson Brenda Adams
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

AUDIENCE: 18

Supervisor Richard Keaveney introduced Hon. Dr. Carrie O’Hare, President of the Columbia County Courts Magistrate’s Association. Dr. O’Hare gave a brief summary of the Columbia County Courts and the research done from 1786 to present of acting judges. Dr. O’Hare “thanked” our Town Historian, Dodie Gearing, for the research she did pertaining to the serving Canaan Judges.

O’Hare presented those attending: Hon. Lewis A. Hatch, Jr.; Lewis’s sister, Judy Hanson; Hon. Douglas Hatch’s wife and daughter; Hon. Winthrop H. Foss’s granddaughter, Darsi Frederick; Hon. William B. Nocker’s granddaughter, Dorothy Meppen; Hon. Delena M. Schaefer; and Hon. Katherine E. Ambrosio; a plaque stating, “The Peoples’ Judges! Town Court of Canaan Presented to all current and past Judges of Canaan by the Columbia County Magistrates Association (CCMA) to honor their sacrifices and dedication in serving the people of Canaan since 1786 (46 appointed Justices of the Peace between 1786 and 1829; 63 elected Justices of the Peace between 1839 and 1878). Thank you for your Service! Dated: July 9th, 2018. By: Hon. Dr. Carrie A. O’Hare, President, CCMA.”

Beth Hanson complimented the Highway Superintendent, Bernhard Meyer, for his excellent work.

The monthly Town Board Meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Keaveney
Councilperson Alan Miller
Councilperson Brenda Adams
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE: 6

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the March 19th, 2018 minutes. Councilperson Brenda Adams abstained. 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: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the June bills: General bills: #171–#200 in the amount of \$22,204.02, Councilperson Terese Platten abstained from bill #191; Highway bills: #55–#604 in the amount of \$4,343.25. 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	\$ 254.21
Highway Fund	\$495,809.49
Highway Fund Capital	\$112,668.26
Lighting Districts	\$ 2,365.01
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ 328.08
Building Inspector	\$ 3,827.00 (June-July 2018)
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 7,631.64
General Fund Balance	\$294,993.07
Court Revenues	\$ 5,569.00 (May-2018)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$-0-
Tax Collector	\$ 58,729.15

RESOLUTION #62 – Adopting the Columbia County, NY Hazard Mitigation Plan

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams, made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt resolution #62. 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 MVP made a \$1,000.00 deposit into Key Bank, which will be transferred to the Bank of Greene. All other accounts have been transferred.
2. New Concord Road Speed Limit DOT Denial: Supervisor Keaveney said that in 2004, the speed limit was marked for 35 mph to Sayer Hill (paved roadway), now DOT says it is 35 mph to Cemetery Road. DOT states that from Cemetery Road to CR 5, revealed conditions do not support a lower maximum speed limit.
3. New State Police Captain – Kathrine Rohde: The Town of Chatham has donated 3 acres for a new barracks. Supervisor Richard Keaveney spoke with Captain Rohde and said the lake road needs supervision of speeders.
4. Red Rock Monument: Supervisor Keaveney said that the monument was placed in the Hamlet of Red Rock in 1850. The Town cannot insure the monument because it is on private property. If the owners sell the monument to the Town for \$1, then we would be able to insure it.
5. Copake wants to join us with sharing the CEO (code enforcement officer).
6. Supervisor asked the Town Board if they approved the serving of snacks at the after-swim craft program. Supervisor Keaveney said that the State approves such servings. The Town Board agreed to allow such practice.
7. Broadband: Councilperson Terese Platten said that Spectrum has mailed letters notifying customers that they must obtain new boxes in order to connect with them. No date as to when the new system will be implemented.

8. Councilperson Alan Miller said that the Town Hall Handicap ramp needs attention to lose boards.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT:

Final roll was filed with Town Clerk on June 28th. Listed on the website and on the Town Bulletin board.

SCAR Hearings

At the time of writing this report, there were no SCAR hearings filed.

Reassessment

- Complete
- Have paperwork ready to send in for state aid. We are entitled to something because the reassessment was conducted within certain state guidelines. Unsure as to what the final amount will be.

HIGHWAY REPORT – Highway Superintendent Meyers read the report.

ACTIVITIES:

We had our annual safety trainings

We secured more millings off rte. 22 which again saved us money that we would have spent on gravel products.

We have been repairing the shop floor with grout. Some of the cracks were 2"–3" deep.

We have been ditching on Sayre Hill, Cemetery, and Schoolhouse. There was much debris from the winter storms.

We've erected new road signs on New Concord, Flints, and Upper Queechy.

We replaced the turbo on truck #9. It was a major job. The cost of the turbo is \$3,000.00.

We've worked on the roadside mowers - they are tired but ready for townwide mowing. The brakes on the boom mower don't work properly when the tractor gets hot.

We've been working on PR with the neighbors effected by the Bristol Bridge project. There is an issue about the placement of a utility pole in their ROW. I'm hoping to get it resolved because the alternative will be very expensive. The precast beams have gone out to bid; not only will we be looking at the lowest bid but also the time frame with which they can be delivered.

Due to the speed limit change on New Concord, I am requesting permission to order signs for this section of road. Roughly \$400.00 There are several existing 35 mph signs on New Concord that need to be replaced — the reflectivity is gone on them.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams, made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, To approve the moving of funds for the purchase of signs, roughly \$400.00. 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.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Pierre Gontier asked if something could be done about the speed on county roads, especially the passing in the East Chatham speed area. A written request would have to be made to the

Columbia County Traffic Safety Board.

2. Marion Lathrop praised the Chatham Central School system for going above and beyond helping a homeless boy the Lathrop's had taken in. The teachers worked many extra hours to help this boy graduate.

Adjournment: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, 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