

February 11th, 2019 - Town Board Special Audit Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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

AUDIENCE: 4

Supervisor Richard Keaveney read the Public Notice: Please take notice that the Canaan Town Board will hold a Special Meeting at the Canaan Town Hall, 1647 County Route 5, Canaan, New York 12029, at 6:30 p.m. on February 11th, 2019. The purpose of the meeting is to audit the town books. Following the audit, the February monthly Town board meeting will be held.

Councilperson David Patzwahl, and Councilperson Terese Platten, audited the Supervisor records; Councilperson Alan Miller, audited the Town Court records; Councilperson Brenda Adams audited the Tax records, Town Clerk records and the DECALS (hunting licenses).

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to close the audit meeting at 6:55 p.m. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan

February 11th, 2019 – Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:05 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 Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

Audience: 6

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the January 14th, 2019 Public Hearing minutes, the Organizational meeting

minutes, and the Regular Town Board 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 David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the payment of the February bills: General Fund: #23 - #46 in the amount of \$8,297.27; Encumbered Highway bills: #173 - #174 in the amount of \$4,022.52. Highway Fund bills: #11-#13 in the amount of \$7604.97. 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	\$ 563.56
	\$482,720.55
Highway Fund	\$153,047.35
Highway Fund Capital	\$005,158.32
Lighting Districts	\$ - 0 -
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	
Building Inspector	\$ 512.00 (12/22/2018 to 2/8/2019)
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 3,366.46
General Fund Balance	\$ 416,736.85
Court Revenues	\$003,111.00(Dec-2018)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$608,009.34

Revenues for the month of JANUARY -2019

Resolution #84 – Town Board Audit

Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the financials for the year 2018 of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Supervisor, and the Judges' financials for the year 2018. 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.

Resolution #84 adopted.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. **NYSEG/Lime light Replacement:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that all of the Town Hall lights have been replaced. Councilperson Terese Platten said that the Library lights cannot be changed because of the ceiling layout.
2. **Consolidated Communications – Cable Franchise Application:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that Consolidated Communications has bought Berkshire. A 5% franchise fee has been requested by the Town.
3. **Sanservo Property:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that this property was offered to the Town but the owner thinks she has a buyer. She wants to talk to her family members and get back to us in March.

4. Columbia County Clerk, Holly Tanner: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that Holly will speak at the May meeting with information about the enhanced driver licenses.
5. Supervisor Keaveney spoke about Home Health Aid and the need of such assistance in Town.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that things have been relatively quiet in the assessor's office.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Superintendent of Highways, Bernhard Meyer, read his monthly report.

ACTIVITIES:

During the first brutal cold snap I monitored the highway garage over the long weekend. I'm glad I did because the heat was off! Mark Meppen & I spent the evening getting things up & running and I want to publicly thank him for all that he has done for the highway department.

During the second brutal cold snap the furnace ran well it never shut off for 48 hours but I can't say the same for truck #6. We had sander issues and I ended up following behind him to put down sand. The truck went to Zwack's to be repaired.

What a yo-yo for temperatures the last few weeks. In some areas the roads are thawing & creating massive ruts in other areas there are ice flows. We just ordered another 500 ton of screened fill. Many culverts are frozen shut which aggravates the spring thaw conditions.

Saturday we were out in full force all day with the grader & 3 trucks attempting to smooth out the frozen badly rutted roads. The trucks hauled 18 loads each during the day!

Stephen acquired his CDL and moved up from a laborer to an MEO I.

We resurrected the old bathroom by painting and are in the process of installing kitchen cabinets, a counter top and a sink. We will soon have an area that the crew can use and is easy to clean.

We went to look at a CAT 938 loader in the Town of Durham which is the same model we are considering. A very nice capable piece of equipment. I am waiting on a final price quote since we tweaked a few items such as a 24 to 12-volt converter for our two-way radio installation. Looks like we will get about \$47,000.00 trade in allowance.

I attended a state meeting which gave insight to this year's financial woes. It does not look like the governor is eager to work with upstate NY. CHIPS numbers are flat unless the legislature stands its ground there will be tough times ahead.

This new 811 training law which went into effect in January is a nightmare and costly. All operators must be certified with a 4-hour course, an on-line test and \$25 fee. I'm not quite sure on how all this will happen. The penalties are \$2,500 for the first offence and \$15,000 for the second. What aggravates me is the communications companies bury their stuff where ever & whenever and the town bears the burden to work around it for the next 50 years.

REQUESTS: Bid openings will be March 4th for materials & services.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. 5-eyes

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk