

PUBLIC HEARING – APRIL 08TH, 2019 --

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m. Supervisor Richard Keaveney read the public notice: Please take notice that the Canaan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Canaan Town Hall, 1647 County Route 5, Canaan, New York 12029, at 6:55 p.m. on April 08th, 2019 regarding the Consolidated Communications/Berkshire Cable franchise application for a Cable TV franchise with the Town of Canaan. The regularly scheduled monthly meeting will follow the hearing.

Supervisor Keaveney said that the Town would like to keep a 5% franchise agreement with both companies.

Councilperson Brenda Adams suggested that we have Bill Mulrein, head of Consolidated Communications operations in our area, attend a Town Board meeting to explain the current state of Consolidated' s broadband upgrade in our town.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that we need answers. The Town Board is not responsible for completion of the project.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

APRIL 8TH, 2019 – Town Board Monthly Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:22 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence.

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

ABSENT:

Audience: 6

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Brenda Adams, to approve the March 11th, 2019 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 Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David

Patzwahl, to approve the payment of the April 8th bills: General Fund: #76 - #106 in the amount of \$7,518.65. Highway Fund bills: #30-#43 in the amount of \$60,844.61. 5-ayes
 Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney - yes;
 Councilperson Alan Miller - yes;
 Councilperson Brenda Adams - yes;
 Councilperson Terese Platten – abstained from bill #97 General Fund; and
 Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
 Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 228.78
Highway Fund	\$475,179.70
Highway Fund Capital	\$153,170.79
Lighting Districts	\$004,235.87
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ - 0 -
Building Inspector	\$ 492.00 (03/22/19)
Planning Board	\$ 50.00
Recreation	\$ 3,369.18
General Fund Balance	\$ 346,623.71
Court Revenues	\$ 2,775.00 (February-2019)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$135,215.03
Revenues for the month of MARCH-2019	

Resolution #87 – Approving an Application for a Cable TV Franchise in Canaan for Consolidated Communications/Berkshire Cable.

Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #87. 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 #87 adopted.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Zoning Law:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the cell tower update to the town zoning law would be too costly if done by the Albany attorneys. The Town attorney, Andrew Howard, and Pierre Gontier will work on amending the present cell tower law.
- Route 22 Update:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney and Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer, Councilperson Brenda Adams, and New Lebanon Town Supervisor Collene Teal, met with NYSDOT. DOT agreed to repave two miles south and two miles north of the intersection at the light of Route 295 and Route 22.
- Bank of Greene County Interest Rate:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that he met with the Bank of Greene County and they agreed to increase the interest rate to 0.8% on all of the

Town accounts.

4. **AIM Funding:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that our Town and many Columbia County's have lost the AIM ([Aid and Incentives to Municipalities](#)) funding.
5. **NYSERTA:** Councilperson Terese Platten said that we have filed all the paperwork to NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research Development Authority) waiting for approval, which could take up to a month. When we are awarded the designation, we will be eligible for a grant from NYSERDA.
6. **Transfer Station Sale:** Supervisor Keaveney said that the transfer station, Covanta, has been sold to Waste Connections/County Waste. They have an easement to use [WeCare](#) Transportation road and have filled some of the potholes. The new company will honor our present agreement until it expires in 2020.
7. **Broadband Update:** Both Charter Spectrum and Consolidated (formerly Fairpoint) Communications have nearly finished their installation of fiber-optics to carry broadband internet service throughout Canaan. The Town website has information of the carrier's websites for information.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Richard Keaveney, read the Assessor's report.

All the work to produce the tentative roll has been completed. The file has been turned into the county for production.

The Tentative Roll will be published and available by May 1. Dates and times of Grievance etc. will be published along with the roll.

We were able to keep a level of Assessment at 100% this year.

More Changes to Star coming as a result of the NYS Budget. More info to come.

HIGHWAY REPORT

ACTIVITIES:

WOW sums it up in one word! The State of Emergency that was put in effect March 16th allowed me to call in multiple resources to put the town roads back to passable conditions in a short amount of time. We had to close just about every dirt road due to mud which in some places was in excess of 2 feet deep. Mother Nature really let us have it -the intense cold temperatures with no snow cover drove the frost into the ground. The massive amounts of rain and warm temps caused the roads to invert.

I am grateful to everyone who stepped up to the plate. First off, I want to acknowledge the crew: They put in incredibly long hours over the weekend making as many roads as possible at least passable. Our biggest fear was an ambulance or fire call. (There was one!)

The Columbia County Highway Department opened their door for us at 6:30 Saturday morning so that we could borrow barrels and road-closed signs. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, they provided trucks to haul material and the only question asked was "What else do you need?" Of all times our loader popped a leak in one of the main lines consequently the Town of Chatham arrived not only with trucks but with a loader as well. The Town of Ghent provided a

second grader and trucks, so we were able to address multiple sites simultaneously. George Hoover hauled material from the yard to the roads, Jim Bemiss hauled material from Colarusso and at one point we asked Colarusso to haul as well. We were putting material on the roads quicker than we could have it delivered. Roughly 140 ton of stone and 4,000 ton of screenful and item 4 was hauled in and applied. We even recruited someone to drive to Clifton Park to pick up the hose for the loader.

The response to this event went beyond shared services. The response I received exuded friendships and I am grateful. "We are Highway Professionals - First to respond, Last to leave" and I can't thank everyone enough.

I also want to thank Supervisor Rick for the emergency declaration and for the timely thank you letters we sent to those individuals who helped. Everyone who received them commented on how much it meant to them to be acknowledged.

On Wednesday Daryl and I attended an *Applicant Public Assistance Training* which was put on by the NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services in conjunction with Columbia County Emergency Management. The focus was on understanding how to apply for assistance and the new changes that are in place. We now have to prove the original condition of whatever needs to be restored.

We have scheduled 3 trucks to be undercoated by a company that comes on site. We will be having them done at the Austerlitz highway garage because they have blacktop and the company uses creepers to get under the trucks.

I have gathered lots of info and pricing on loaders. I will have final numbers and make a decision on brand based on quality, resale value, tech support, feedback from others who already use them and past dealer performance. I also have preliminary costs on a new truck. The prices have risen 15-20K since last year. I see a lot of work that needs to be done - the final numbers are staggering.

Superintendent Bernhard Meyer has a meeting with Shaker Ridge residents concerning their roads.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Jennifer Schroder presented the 2019 Recreation budget and proposal. The program will start on Monday, July 1 and run through Friday, August 16 at Adams Point Beach, Queechy Lake.
The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.
The program includes American Red Cross certified swim instruction for ages two through adult, free swim, and beach activities.

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, for the Recreation Beach program to run for seven weeks. 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.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk