

August 12th, 2019 – Town Board Monthly Meeting

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the meeting at 7:00 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 David Patzwahl
Councilperson Terese Platten

ABSENT:

Audience: 4

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Brenda Adams, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the July 8th, 2019 Town Board minutes as amended. Councilperson David Patzwahl abstained. 4-ayes

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

BILLS:

MOTION: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the payment of the July bills: General Fund: #201 - #237 in the amount of \$19,320.56. Highway Fund bills: #83-#92 in the amount of \$11,597.59. 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	\$ 204.88
Highway Fund	\$333,542.00
Highway Fund Capital	\$142,552.73
Lighting Districts	\$002,665.87
Ambulance Districts & Fire Districts	\$ - 0 -
Building Inspector	\$ 931.00-
Planning Board	\$ 75.00
Recreation	\$ 3,478.06
General Fund Balance	\$ 292,649.72

Court Revenues	\$ 4,598.00 (June-2019)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 4.43

Revenues for the month of JULY -2019

Resolution #102 – Revising the Canaan Public Policy Against Discrimination and Sexual Harassment to include the Justices in the Training Section.

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve resolution #102. 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 #102 adopted.

Resolution #103 – 2019 Budget Amendment – General Fund – Transferring \$10.00 from Central Data A1680.4 to Insurance A1910.4. Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve resolution #103 as amended. 4- 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 #103 adopted

BOARD DISCUSSION

- 1. Route 22 Update:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that only two miles will be done this year, costing \$500,000.
- 2. NYSERDA Grant Update:** Councilperson Terese Platten said that the Town’s grant application should be approved sometime in August.
- 3. Property Revaluation Rebate:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Office of Real Property (ORPS) said that the rebate should arrive in August.
- 4. East Chatham Fire Company Budget Public Hearing:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the contract asks for a 1% increase each year over the next three years. Supervisor Keaveney said a Public Hearing will be held before the September Town Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.
- 5. Chatham Rescue Squad Funding Request - \$173,136.00:** Supervisor Richard Keaveney said following the proposed transition of funds, our share is down from \$187,000.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the transfer station C&D tonnage is down from last year. Councilperson Brenda Adams is concerned about people swimming off the DEC boat launch.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Equalization rate - Final equalization rate is

100% legal -

- We have NO hearings.

Around the office-

- I have been working on an AG Exemption Audit within the office to ensure we are compliant with State regulations. Quite a few parcels were asked to refile their applications due to changes over the years.
- I plan on getting out in the field to start the Data review for the 2022 reassessment.

HIGHWAY REPORT

ACTIVITIES:

It's been a busy month for the highway department. A tremendous amount of prep work went into paving Flints' Crossing and Smith Road but in the end, it was well worth it. We milled on the 2nd in anticipation of paving on the 3rd but that got canceled due to rain. We were able to pave Smith on the 9th & Flint's Crossing on the 10th. I know people were inconvenienced and some had gotten testy but overall things went smoothly. The paving was done by A. Colarusso & Son and I will say they did a fabulous job and that their employees were wonderful to work with.

There were some good size trees that came down during the last storm.

Daryl & I attended a meeting at the Columbia County Highway Dept to speak with a PESH consultant. It has been brought to our attention that the town needs a Hazardous Material Emergency Response Plan and that the highway crew needs to be trained at *the first responder awareness level*. At this point in time the county is in the process of creating a plan and if it's appropriate for the town level we can adopt it.

Truck #7 had a much-needed overhaul of the front end.

The fire trucks are now housed at the highway garage.

The new truck has been ordered.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Bruce Jackson from County Route 5, North, asked if anything could be done about the speeding vehicles on County 5, due to trucks and cars using County 5 as a by-pass to avoid State Route 22. Supervisor Richard Keaveney said he would talk to the State Police. Mr. Jackson also asked if there is any zoning concerning the volume of vehicles at the Red Line auto business on Post Road. Councilperson Alan Miller said that he is the proprietor of the business. Councilperson Miller said that he is working on the process of removing cars.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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