

SEPTEMBER 09TH, 2019 – PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED EAST CHATHAM FIRE COMPANY, INC., CONTRACT FOR 2020

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Supervisor Keaveney read the Public Notice: Please take notice that the Canaan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 9th, 2019, at 6:45 p.m. on the proposed East Chatham Fire Company, Inc. three-year contract with the Town of Canaan and the Town of Chatham. The September monthly meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearing.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that he met with President, Wayne Gearing, because there is an issue with the allocation of funds between the town of Canaan and the town of Chatham for the East Chatham Fire Company. They decided to let the County determine the rate each town should share for the fire company's service.

The following persons spoke in favor of the contract:

The following persons spoke against the formation of the contract:

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Richard Keaveney said the Hearing was terminated at 7:52 P.M.

TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2019.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the monthly meeting at 7:52 PM 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: 5

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson Terese Platten, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the August 12th, 2019 minutes as amended. 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 General bills: #238 - #259 in the amount of \$10,364.50: Highway bills: #93-#100 in the amount of \$177,937.64. 5-ayes,
 Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
 Councilperson Alan Miller – yes; and
 Councilperson Brenda Adams – yes;
 Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
 Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
 Motion Carried.

Safe at Home Presentation – Joyce Thompson works on a subcommittee for the Columbia County Office for the Aging advisory council. Joyce gave a presentation concerning the needs to be considered for senior citizens. Many seniors need transportation, and need to develop a personal network of family, friends, neighbors and services. Joyce advised that a plan for end of life with medical, legal and financial documents should be in place. Joyce said that Town government should be aware of services available. She gave the board a packet of information which is available at the Town Clerk’s office for the public to review.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	<u>\$ 465.87</u>
Highway Fund	<u>\$ 296,088.04</u>
Highway Fund-Capital	<u>\$ 142,649.23</u>
Lighting Districts	<u>\$ 2,269.21</u>
Ambulance Districts and Fire District	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Building Inspector	<u>\$ 392.00 (August-2019)</u>
Planning Board	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Recreation	<u>\$ 7,055.56</u>
General Fund Balance	<u>\$ 246,313.83</u>
Court Revenues	<u>\$ 5,724.00 (July-2019)</u>
Zoning Board of Appeals	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Tax Collector	<u>\$ 4.43</u>

Revenues for the month of AUGUST-2019

Resolution #104-Approving the East Chatham Fire Company contract. It was decided that the County should determine the percentage rate that should be paid as the County does for the Red Rock Fire Company. Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #104. 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 #104 adopted.

Resolution #105 – Approving the Chatham Rescue Squad Funding Request of \$173,136.00 for the year

2020. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #105. 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 #105 adopted.

Resolution #106 – request for Speed Limit Reduction on Flints Crossing road to 35 mph on a Town Road. Councilperson Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the request for a speed reduction on Flints Crossing Road. 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 #106 adopted.

Resolution #107 – 2019 Budget adjustment – increasing both CHIPS revenue and the Expense accounts. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the CHIPS Highway fund revenue (DA3501) and the Expense (DA5112.2) accounts by \$22,000.00 for the State's approval of winter recovery funds. 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 #107 adopted.

Resolution #108 - Approving a Longevity Payment of \$4,500.00 to Doug Wadsworth (46 years) and subsequent 2019 budget amendment – General Fund – increasing Sales Tax Revenue account A1120 by \$4,500.00 – Highway Fund – increasing inter-fund revenue account DA2801 by \$4,500.00 and increasing General Repairs Payroll account DA5110.1 by \$4,500.00. 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 #108 adopted.

MOTION: Upgrade the Town Hall for Broadband service through Consolidated Communications. A motion was made by Councilperson Terese Platten, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to upgrade from DSL to broadband services for the Town Hall to 100Mbps service and the Highway 50Mbps service 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.

BOARD DISCUSSION

1. **Route 22 Update** - Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that two miles of State Route 22 north and north and south of State Route 295 were milled paved: additional mileage was patched. In the spring DOT will mill and repave Route 22 north to County Route 30.

2. **NYSERDA Grant update** - Councilperson Terese Platten said she heard from Tara Donadio, our Clean Energy Community contact that all submissions received in June are reviewed in July. Usually there is a four-month parameter, and we probably will not hear until the end of September. Councilperson Platten explained to them that it is the Town's budget time and the new 2020 vehicles are arriving and the prices are higher. The Town needs the paperwork to know if we are getting the grant.

3. **Property Revaluation Rebate** – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Town has received the revaluation rebate.

4. **Sexual Harassment Training** – all Town officials, and various volunteers are required to receive training on an annual basis. A certificate shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

5. **Canaan Rifle Club Hour Change** – Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that residents living on Old Hudson Turnpike have been complaining about the guns being used and the time frame that people are practicing at the rifle club. The Canaan Rifle Club has agreed to set the hours for using the range to: starting at 10:00 a.m. and stopping at 6:00 p.m.

6. **October Budget Workshop and Board Meeting** – Supervisor Keaveney said that October 7th, 2019, is the date for the budget workshop starting at 6:30 p.m., and the October monthly meeting will immediately follow the workshop meeting.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that in 2021 the transfer station stickers will be available to residents who own a home and those who own just land. Now only home owners are able to obtain stickers to use at the transfer station.

Councilperson Terese Platten said that she received a Town of Canaan Swim Program 2019 report: **Town of Canaan Swim Program 2019 Report [09-09-2019]**

—compiled by Olivia Bullock, head instructor

Number of children served: Nearly 80 children in lessons at one time or another throughout the summer; about 12 new children and about 5 new families this year. Parents appeared to be very happy with how the program was run and their children's advancement. Several of the parents had grown up working at the program years ago and now have their own kids learning to swim. I received positive feedback from the newer families as well. They often complimented the instructors' hard work and dedication to the program and were impressed with the encouraging and fun atmosphere.

Ages of children served: 2 to 15

Swim instructors: cohesive and talented

Extended time (1 week longer than previous years): It is always a struggle to have enough time with each child since they take so many vacations over the summer. The extra week gave us

a few more days to make up for the day's kids skip lessons.

Snack time: Interfered with prompt lesson start times. Solution is either discontinue snack time or budget to extend the program to 2.5 hours per day rather than 2 hours per day.

Scheduled free-swim time: There was a lack of scheduled free swim time. Solution is to allot time during which there are no lessons for free swim for everyone to reduce the distraction and reduce the strain on the guard in the chair.

Administration:

- **Communication:** Program coordinators were unclear as to their specific roles and often certain things would get lost in communication. Solution is a scheduled pre-season meeting.
- **Attendance and sign-up:** Instructors are scheduled to be teaching lessons and are not allotted time to take attendance or sign up new kids. Parents often do not sign up online beforehand or during the first day. It has become increasingly difficult for guards to keep track of who has registered and who has not, especially with large lesson groups. Solution: A member of the administration present who is in charge of keeping track of new arrivals and making sure they are properly registered, allowing the teachers to focus on teaching.
- **Keep records of the levels from year to year.** Some parents misled the instructors about what level their kids were so they could get in to the "better" lessons. All children were tested and put them in the proper levels, but it caused some discontent among the parents. It would be good to have a record so kids don't skip levels.
- **Reimbursement:** Need more prompt reimbursement for snacks and supplies and more prompt wages paid to instructors. The first set of snacks took more than 5 weeks for reimbursement. There was some discontent among the lifeguards about this in past years as well.

ASSESSOR REPORT

General-

- I have started the field review of open permits
- We have been working on the information the state will use for 2020 Equalization rates.
- I am analyzing the assessments and sales to ensure we remain at the targeted 100% equalization rate
- No SCAR Hearings and 1 Article 7
- Assessors page of the website has been completed and updated with links to most of the information the public is looking for including access to tax bills and public records
- I am still in need of a clerk about 3-5 hours a week

Exemptions-

- Assessors are working weekly with ORPTS on STAR changes. Taxpayers should be aware that if they receive something from the Department of Taxation, they must reply to them not the Assessors.
- The website has been updated with Exemption information

- Agriculture exemption audit is almost complete. This was more time consuming than expected

HIGHWAY

ACTIVITIES:

We finished shoulder work on Flint's Crossing. Over all we are pleased with the hot mix that was put down. We've shimmed New Concord in preparation of chip sealing. We canceled the chip sealing on Warners Crossing because we ran into a lot of problems and are currently resolving the issue.

We borrowed "BUMP" signs from Austerlitz for the Flints Crossing paving project and low sign behold one of them was run over by trucks over the weekend. The sign was new when we borrowed it.

Consequently, I've ordered a replacement for them and ordered two for us.

The grader tire fell flat again - come to find out the rim was slightly bent. Ended up welding a groove for the CD-ring, ground it smooth and it seems to be holding air now. A new rim would likely cost in the ball park of \$1300.00-\$1500.00.

Pot Hole patrol in ongoing with lots more left to do. Shaker Ridge is rough and plagued - we just haven't gotten there yet.

The boom mowing tractor is out of commission for now subsequently mowing is falling behind. The key switch burned up so not only do we need to replace the switch and connector, but part of the harness as well.

We have aggressively been ditching Schillings, Bradleys Crossing, Haddock, Bear Paw and Black Bridge. Our efforts have paid off there were no wash outs during the rain events.

Fair time and Labor Day mark the end of summer and we are eyeing what needs to be accomplished before snow flies. The price of salt has stayed the same at \$62.71 a ton.

Public Discussion – Wendy Dwyer asked if anyone had heard the loud boom – answer was “yes”, its training flights from Westover Air Force base. Wendy also asked about “jumping worms from Japan” and if anyone had seen them. Councilperson Terese Platten said that she has seen them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Supervisor Richard Keaveney asked to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to enter into executive session at 8:50 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.

MOTION: A motion made by Councilperson Alan Miller, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platter, to return to the regular meeting at 9:27 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.

Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that there were no motion or decisions made in executive session.

Adjourn

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 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, MMC/RMC
Canaan Town Clerk
Municipal Seal*