

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #1 OF THE YEAR 2020

Present: Supervisor Brenda Adams; Councilperson Alan Miller; Councilperson Ginny Nightingale; Councilperson Terese Platten; Councilperson David Patzwahl.

Supervisor Brenda Adams opened the hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Supervisor Adams 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 6:45 p.m. on July 13th, 2020 regarding Local Law No. 1 of the year 2020 -Regulating the licensing of dogs and running of dogs at large. The Local Law No. 1 is available for review at the Town Clerk office during normal office hours.

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting will follow the hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of the Local Law:

The following persons spoke against the Local Law:

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 6:55 p.m.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – July 13th, 2020 DRAFT

Supervisor Brenda Adams opened the Town Board meeting with the Pledge allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence at 7:00 p.m.

Audience:

Present: Supervisor Brenda Adams
Councilperson Alan Miller
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

BILLS: Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve the General bills: #154-#185 in the amount of \$20,701.63; Highway bills: #41-#51 in the amount of \$65,016.31. 5-ayes.

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

MINUTES:

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the June 8th, 2020 town board minutes. 5-ayes.

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes;

Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 213.03
Highway Fund	\$328,868.56
Highway Fund-Capital	\$ 42,907.72
Lighting Districts	\$ 3,109.87
Fire Districts	\$ 300.00
Building Inspector	\$ -0-
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 3,496.19
General Fund Balance	\$428,103.60
Court Revenues	\$ -0-
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 50,081.81

Revenues for the month of June – 2020

RESOLUTION #51 – Appointing Michelle Bienes, clerk for the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

Town Park issues: Supervisor Brenda Adams said that she observed activity at the town park. The town park needs to have a full-time person to monitor all activities. New York State has passed an executive order that parks must be monitored in New York Forward Phase 4 (reopening during the coronavirus pandemic). The town board discussed different options concerning the park and risk management. The basketball hoops could be taken down the basketball court would be closed: but the tennis court would remain open for individuals from the same household to play tennis. The playground equipment would be closed. 5-ayes

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to ask town attorney, Andy Howard, about the town board suggestions concerning the park. 5-ayes

Roll-call showed:

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

Supervisor Adams said that she and Dodie Gearing met with Gary Flaherty. They discussed having a purple heart ceremony to honor veterans. Supervisor Brenda Adams said she learned that if a spear is at

the top of a flag pole it represents the country is at war; if an eagle is at the top of a flag pole it represents the country is at peace. Plans are to follow concerning the ceremony in the future.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. Opening the town offices –offices are open with regulations of “No Mask, No Service”.
2. Transfer Station – Supervisor Brenda Adams said that on July 4th, the transfer station was closed for the holiday. Residents left 50 bags of garbage at the station and 4 tons of C&D, while the station was closed for the holiday. The following Wednesday, to get into the transfer station residents waited in line for an hour.
3. Councilperson David Patzwahl said that the new rules for the C&D permits seem to be working well.
4. Berkshire Farm – Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the farm has hired 23 of 25 new staff. The Federal government has approved the farm for immigrant children to be sent to the farm. They are waiting for the New York State government to say that it is okay.
5. Heather Lloyd has been working with Supervisor Adams on computer issues that BAS said they couldn't do. Heather got the Supervisor's computer up and running.
6. CHCN: The committee has fire company members, and a verity of other area town members. They are having a postcard made to mail and have created a Facebook page.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT

Exemptions -

- STAR- The Assessors are continuing to work with the State to administer the STAR changes. The State is periodically sending us reports to review and make changes to the Roll. Timing of these reports have been an issue as they have not been in time for the printing of the rolls. There is also a lot of duplication of work using this process.
- Seniors that receive any mailings requesting information from the Department of Taxation and Finance should respond to DTF without delay.

Final Roll-

- The final Roll was filed by July 1st.
- A legal notice was posted in the paper.
- Final Roll and Assessment Data is available on our website.

Around the office -

- Assessor will be out in the field periodically verifying inventory and taking new photos.
This keeps us in compliance for STATE aid for the next reassessment and keeps our files current. By doing this in-house, we are saving even more tax dollars!

HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT

ACTIVITIES:

Heat & humidity were the key words for this month. Due to the austerity budget the highway is on ordering a truck load of calcium for dust control is out of the question. We had to improvise with buying bags of flake calcium to put down near some intersections. Most people were grateful for our efforts but alas not all!

The 10 town roads that intersect with Route 22 were paved in conjunction with the work that DOT was doing. Callanan Industries did a fabulous job and it was a pleasure working with them on this project. This will be part of our next CHIPS reimbursement.

We applied for the Extreme Winter Recovery reimbursement but due to the impacts from COVID 19 we may only see 80% of our requests.

We continue to do ditching and have also started our road side mowing.

There have been a few legitimate calls about some good size trees that have come down. Most of them have been on the weekends which I have handled. I was able to clear the roads for traffic to get through and leave the actual clean-up for the work week.

Due to the cancellation of our annual safety training day in order to stay compliant with OSHA we will be holding "tail gate" training sessions. Daryl has been in contact with the Department of Labor and if we show "good faith efforts" to train we will be compliant.

Truck #7 had the windshield replaced and 4 rear tires put on. We also had to replace a tire on the road side mower. The front tires for truck #11 were installed as well.

Superintendent Bernhard Meyer requested permission to pave Shaker Ridge at a cost of \$60,000.00. Supervisor Brenda Adams said that she would like to see what revenue amount the town receives from sales tax before we spend requested funds.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, giving the Highway Superintendent Meyer, to purchase four thirty-five mile per hour signs to be placed on the New Concord road. 5-ayes
Roll-call showed:

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer said the highway crew will be placing concrete three steel pipes to extend the life and stabilize the drain pipe under Frisbee Street, just west of Maple drive.

Adjourn: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to close the meeting at 8:57 p.m. 5-ayes
Roll-call showed:

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Canaan Town Clerk