

PUBLIC NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 12TH, 2020

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

Supervisor Brenda Adams opened the workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Adams read the Public Notice: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Canaan Town Board will hold a Budget Workshop on October 12th, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., at the Canaan Town Hall, 1647 County Route 5, Canaan, New York 12029. The regular monthly meeting will immediately follow the Budget Workshop meeting

Speaking in favor: Councilperson David Patzwahl and Superintendent of Highways, Bernard Meyer.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to close the hearing at 7:03 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.

TOWN BOARD MEETING – October 12th, 2020

Supervisor Brenda Adams opened the Town Board meeting with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence at 7:04 p.m.

Audience: 2

Present: Supervisor Brenda Adams
Councilperson Alan Miller
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl
Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer

MINUTES:

Motion: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the September 14th, 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.

BILLS: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the General bills: #232-#253 in the amount of \$10,070.12; Highway bills: #68-#74 in the amount of \$5,876.63. 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	\$ 495.39
Highway Fund	\$288,822.04
Highway Fund-Capital	\$ 42,923.76
Lighting Districts	\$ 1943.26
Fire Districts	\$ 300.00
Building Inspector	\$ 4,286.00(08/21-10/06/2020)
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 3,496.19
General Fund Balance	\$356,191.23
Court Revenues	\$ -0-
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-
Tax Collector	\$ 21.58
Revenues for the month of September – 2020	

Climate Smart Community presentation: Supervisor Brenda Adams introduced Tara Donadio from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission and Sarah Crowell, Town of Canaan Environmental Management Committee appointee. They presented information on the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) “Climate Smart Community” (CSC) program. Communities pledge to become CC through passing a resolution. Work/actions completed through the NYSERDA Clean Energy Community (CEC) program that can be counted toward CSC. Donadio also said that the Town of Canaan could apply for another NYSERDA CEC grant in 2021.

A Climate Smart Community Task Force will be created to assist Councilperson Terese Platten with future projects.

East Chatham Fire Company borrowing approval/subject to Public Hearing:

Town Clerk, Charlotte Cowan, read the Notice of Public Hearing:

Please take notice that a public hearing will be conducted by the Canaan Town Board on October 20, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall located at 1647 County Route 5, Canaan, New York 12029 in relation to the proposed borrowing by the East Chatham Fire Company (hereinafter the "Fire Company") from The Bank of Greene County in connection with renovations and improvements which the Fire Company wishes to make with respect to its firehouse located on Frisbee Street in the Town of Canaan, New York. The proposed borrowing by the Fire Company will be an obligation in the form of a promissory note to The Bank of Greene County. The Fire Company is seeking approval of the Town of Canaan in connection with this borrowing pursuant to the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code relating to borrowing by a private fire company through the issuance of tax-exempt obligations (Internal Revenue Code Section 147(f) and Internal Revenue Code Section 150(e)).

The public may attend and provide comment.

Attorney Ted Guterman represented the East Chatham Fire Company. Attorney Guterman explained the terms and assured that the Fire Company will pay the loan.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to table the signing of the contract, until the Public Hearing being held on October 20th, 2020. 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.

RESOLUTION #54 – Rescind Items from Highway Inventory

Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve resolution #54, with attached list of items. 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.

MOTION: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to move the budget to the Preliminary budget. 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

County Board of Supervisors:

1. Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the County Offices are reopening after the state of emergency thru October 15th, 2020.
2. Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the County is working on their budget.
3. Community Task Force for the Police Reform; public announcement coming this week; facilitator hired to help.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. Red Rock Fire Company contract status – Supervisor Brenda Adams said that she will contact them to find out if they have had a hearing for the renewal of their budget.
2. CNHN update – Councilperson Ginny Nightingale reported on the status of the organization. They have assisted six families to date.
3. Councilperson David Patzwahl said that the new rules for the C&D permits seem to be working well.

4. Canaan Historical Society: A meeting was held at the historical building grounds on October 10th, 2020. The gathering was well attended with about thirty-five people. The building has a major roof repair that is needed before heavy snows. Interim officers were appointed to serve until August 2021. The insurance is paid through June of 2021.
5. Bench for the Town Library has been installed. Bench was purchased by friends and family of Michael Fabiano.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. November election: -Supervisor Brenda Adams said that there were 974 voters last year. There will be an absentee ballot box at the Town Hall on November 3rd, for those who would like to drop their ballots off. There will be a separate room for those not wearing masks.

ASSESSOR MONTHLY REPORT

Around the Office

- Ongoing work in the field reviewing permits, new construction.
- Ongoing collaboration with DTF regarding STAR.
- Ongoing Sales entry and review.
- Small Claims assessment review hearings were postponed due to COVID but have recently started. Some of these hearings will be done virtually, depending on the hearing officer. The Assessor has 2 SCAR hearings and 1 Article 7.

Exemptions -

- As a reminder, primary home owners turning 65 prior to December 2021, that already have BASIC STAR can apply with the Assessor for ENHANCED STAR. Income limit for Enhanced STAR is \$90,550 (adjusted gross income less IRA)
- All exemption renewal applications will be sent out around the first week in December. Due to COVID restrictions I will be encouraging renewals to be mailed instead of dropping them off in person. Anyone wishing to come in person will be required to make an appointment.

HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT

ACTIVITIES:

We installed the 5-foot culvert on Frisbee Street which was a massive undertaking but with intermunicipal help we were able to open the road earlier than I anticipated. I want to extend a big thank you to the Austerlitz Highway Department for not only bringing their large excavator but for all their invaluable help. Thank you to the Chatham Highway Department for the loan of the roller and the Ghent Highway Department for the loan of the tamper and jumping jack. I am trying to secure used guide rails to install at the site.

We had the misfortune of having the tailgate stolen off of Truck 12. If we file an insurance claim our deductible is \$500. I've gotten a quote on a new one for \$695.00 so I am trying to locate a used one.

We are back to our winter hours of 7:00 to 3:30.

We had the opportunity to recoat a section of the interior wall of the salt shed. The area we worked on is where we store straight salt to use during ice storms and recoating it helps preserve the concrete. We will be starting to have salt & sand hauled in during the coming weeks.

The cold front that came through our area on Oct 7th wreaked havoc with multiple trees down and power outages. I got funny looks having the snow plow on truck #7 but it was an easy way to move a lot of debris to open the roads quickly. The men will be chipping limbs & brush for several days throughout town.

REQUESTS:

I am requesting you find someone to repair the highway garage roof it's a project I am not comfortable taking on. The materials are at the highway garage but we need a laborer to install the materials.

Executive Session: Supervisor Brenda Adams asked to enter into Executive session at 8:40 p.m. The purpose is to discuss a personnel issue and litigation. 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

The Town Board returned at 9:05 p.m. Supervisor Adams said there was no discussion or motion made while in executive session.

MOTION: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to close the session and return to the meeting. 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

Adjourn: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to close the meeting at 9:06 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

PUBLIC HEARING – October 20th, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - October 20th, 2020

East Chatham Fire Company borrowing funds.

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Brenda Adams; Councilperson Terese Platten; Councilperson Ginny Nightingale; Councilperson David Patzwahl; Councilperson Alan Miller; Attorney Theodore Guterman; Rob Rugen from the East Chatham Fire Company.

Attorney Theodore Guterman read the Public Notice.

The following persons spoke in favor of the East Chatham Fire Company borrowing from the Bank of Greene County: Supervisor Brenda Adams; Councilperson Terese Platten; Councilperson Ginny Nightingale; Councilperson David Patzwahl; Councilperson Alan Miller; Attorney Theodore Guterman; Rob Rugen from the East Chatham Fire Company.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION: Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale to **approve the project and for the Supervisor to sign the letter.** 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,
Town Clerk, MMC/RMC,

*Amended in bold letters