

**TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

January 11, 2018

The Town Council met for the organizational meeting for 2018 and regular monthly meeting

Present: Supervisor Peter Vroman, Councilpersons: John Peruzzi, and Rodney Young, William Armitstead and John Toomey, Jr.; Bookkeeper Amy Kretser, Highway Superintendent Timothy Jones, Sole Assessor, Charlene Ruszkowski

The meeting was opened by the Supervisor at 7:30pm

Motion to adopt agenda by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor ayes, carried**

Motion to accept December 2017 meeting minutes by Councilman Toomey, **seconded** by Councilman Peruzzi, **all in favor ayes, carried**

7:30pm- Enter Organizational Meeting

Resolution #1 2018

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Sponsor: Supervisor Peter A. Vroman

Second: Councilman William Armitstead

Whereas, the Town of Canajoharie must make various appointments for town operation in the coming year,

Resolved, the following appointments are made effective immediately:

Town Attorney: Douglas Langdon, Esq.

Bookkeeper: Amy Kretser

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer: Les Hassan

Town Historian: Kathy Hanford

Planning Board Chairman: William Douglass

Animal Control Officer/Rabies Response Agent: Steven Fredenburg

Health Officer: Brian Hall, P.A.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair: David Shults

Zoning Board of Appeals: Michael Ehrenreich term to end Dec. 31, 2022

-open seat- 5 year term to Dec. 31, 2021

Planning Board Member: open seat-7 year term

Further resolved, the following miscellaneous assignments are made:

Official newspaper: The Amsterdam Recorder and the Courier –Standard-Enterprise

Official depository: NBT Bank

Mileage reimbursement rates: per IRS rules, as altered through the year

Utility bills, Insurance, postage, credit cards, and gas cards may be paid ahead of monthly council

meeting when they are received

Salaries of part-time employees set to \$10.50 per hour

Salaries for part-time Highway employees set to \$11.00 per hour

Voting:	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Peter A. Vroman	X		
Councilman William Armitstead	X		
Councilman John Toomey, Jr.	X		
Councilman Rodney Young	X		
Councilman John Peruzzi	X		

Dated: January 11, 2018

Laurie M. Vroman Town Clerk

7:34pm-Enter Regular Monthly meeting

-Supervisor Vroman presents the Snow and Ice Removal yearly contract between the Town and County; Board authorizes Supervisor to sign

-Supervisor presents the Ayres Animal Shelter yearly contract; Board authorizes Supervisor to sign

Public Comment-None, no public in attendance

-Supervisor discusses issue of disability exemptions per request of the Assessor

-Supervisor attended newly elected officials training in Albany

-Supervisor Vroman informs the Board that he and his family, which includes Town Clerk Laurie Vroman, are interested in the possibility of leasing their land as a part of the Article 10 Mohawk Solar project, as such, he formally recuses himself as Town Supervisor from any position or decision-making on behalf of the Town regarding any aspect of the Mohawk Solar project. Councilman Rodney Young will handle matters pertaining to the project forthwith

Highway Superintendent- Mack truck broke down, fuel rack is gone and in Utica getting repaired; Transmission in 2nd loader is gone and at Vantage; Notifies the Board that 600 tons of salt were approved, and at this point, 450 tons have been used this winter; 1967 grader has no brakes; Asks the Board direction as to acquiring a new dump truck and replacing 3-ton truck

-Councilman Armitstead explains about looking to trading in the pick-up truck; Councilman Young explains that the Town is trying to trade-in the pick-up trucks every couple years to keep equipment up-to-date and keep repair costs down

-Superintendent Jones has not decided upon a deputy at this time

Town Assessor- has concerns that the regulations pertaining to disability exemptions is very broad; The Town has no resolution or law on the books regarding disabled exemptions; She suggests that limits need to be put into place including specifics regarding the type of disability and income scale; The disability exemption pertains only to Town taxes; The Town can also either opt-in to grant this

exemption, or opt-out of granting the exemption altogether

Town Clerk- tax collection is going well; Anticipates to have the Town's warrant collected by next week

Bookkeeper-

TOWN OF CANAJOHARIE-1/11/18
CASH REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 40,678.52
Fire District	\$ 39.86
Consolidated Health	\$ 25.28
Highway Town Wide	\$ 81,014.41
Highway Part Town	\$ 195,120.73
Trust & Agency	\$ 454.45
Total	\$ 317,333.25

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	
General	\$ 79,201.67
Highway Town Wide	\$ 34,403.20
Highway Part Town	\$ 90,515.08
Total	\$ 204,119.95

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
Consolidated Health	\$ 1,494.33
Hghwy Cap Reser	\$ 34,685.25
Gen-Cap Res Garage	\$ 214,734.47
Gen-Sale of Land	\$ 53,847.72
Total	\$ 304,761.77

BUDGET TRANSFERS 2017

From	To	Amount
A9060.8 Emp Ben-HI	A1410.4 Town Clerk-Cont	\$ 99.80
A9060.8 Emp Ben-HI	A9030.8 Emp Ben-Soc Sec/Medicare	\$ 687.85
A9060.4 Emp Ben-HI	A9010.8 Emp Ben-State Retirement	\$ 229.00
DA9060.8 Emp Ben-HI	DA5140.1 Misc Brush/Weeds-Personal	\$ 309.30
DA9060.8 Emp Ben-HI	DA5140.4 Misc Brush/Weeds Contractual	\$ 610.23
DA9060.8 Emp Ben-HI	DA5142.4 Snow Removal-Contractual	\$ 531.56
DB5110.1 Gen Rprs-Pers	DA5110.4 Gen Rprs-Contractual	\$ 4849.87

BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2017

Increase Revenue	Increase Expenditures	Amount
DB3501 CHIPS	DB5112.2 Cap Outlay-CHIPS	\$ 55257.34

BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2018

From	To	Amount
A1990.4 Contingency	A1355.1 Assessor Personal	\$ 500.00
To increase salary for assessor.		

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Kretser, Bookkeeper

-Budget amendments for fiscal year 2017; Also one budget amendment for this year from the Contingency line to Assessor line to increase the Town Assessor's salary an additional \$500.00

-Councilman Young inquires what date should be used to pay out the bonuses to the highway personnel per agreement; There are two current highway employees currently entitled to the bonus

-Bookkeeper Kretser suggest using the date of hiring anniversary date; She will pay the bonuses to the two employees separately from the payroll and tax them separately from the payroll taxes

-Planning Board meeting this month; Community Mohawk Solar on agenda

BILLS

The clerk presented the following bill vouchers for approval:

General fund vouchers #1 through 25, totaling \$75,379.27;

Highway fund vouchers #1 through #26, totaling \$37,817.77

Motion to pay bills and for budget amendments by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Armitstead, **all in favor ayes, carried**

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Supervisor Vroman, **seconded** by Councilman Toomey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Vroman, Town Clerk