

June 11th, 2018 - Town Board Meeting -

Supervisor Richard Keaveney opened the monthly 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 Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

ABSENT: Councilperson Brenda Adams

AUDIENCE: 4

MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion made by Councilperson David Patzwahl, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the May 24th, 2018 minutes. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion carried.

BILLS: Supervisor Richard Keaveney made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the payment of the May bills: General bills: #139-#170 in the amount of \$19,751.68; Highway bills: #45-#54 in the amount of \$15,627.74. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$ 242.88
Highway Fund	\$530,473.67
Highway Fund Capital	\$112,622.08
Lighting Districts	\$ 2,732.43
Ambulance Districts and Fire District	\$ -0-
Building Inspector	\$ 685.00(April-May)
Planning Board	\$ 50.00
Recreation	\$ 7,628.51
General Fund Balance	\$ 329,752.48
Court Revenues	\$ 3,770.00 (April)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 25.00
Tax Collector	\$ 53,591.99

RESOLUTION #60 – Recreation Positions, Hourly Rate and the Standard Work Day

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt Resolution #60. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #61 – Appointing Jennifer Schroder to Serve on the Canaan Recreation Committee

Motion: Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to adopt Resolution #61. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.
Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. **Bank Transfer** - Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the Town is in the process of changing banks. This process should be completed by July 2018.
2. **Town letter** - Supervisor Richard Keaveney said that the annual Town newsletter should be out within a week.
3. **Convanta Discussion** - Supervisor Keaveney met with Tom Hickey, manager of the Canaan Transfer Station; they discussed the continuance of the contract after 2020. The Town will pay a 2% increase each year and the station will pay their employee to work the days the station is open to Canaan Residents.
4. **Chatham Rescue Squad** - Supervisor Keaveney said that the Rescue Squad has a new manager named Mary Gail. She has an extensive resume and understands that each town should pay according to its assessed value. The Squad already has three towns on board. She will continue to talk to the other towns.
5. **Broad Band** - Councilperson Terese Platten said Charter /Spectrum customer service performance and service is less than adequate. Spectrum is not meeting its deadlines quoted.

ASSESSOR’S MONTHLY REPORT

Grievance Day-

There were about 20 grievances that went before the BAR.
A couple of grievances were received late and could not be heard.
Any changes from this have been entered on the roll.
A statement of changes will be filed with the Town Clerk.

Final Roll-

- The final Roll will be filed on July 1st.
- A legal notice will be in the paper

Re-assessment

- Final. We are at 100% equalization rate.
- I will be doing the paperwork to apply for aide since we have met all the criteria
- Overall, the state, county. Taxpayers seem pleased with the results.

ENHANCEDSTAR-

- Stay tuned! STAR renewals will be different this year as we transition this over to the DTF. Assessors are basically doing the work to set the DTF up over the next year. After that is complete, they will be taking it over for the most part. Although, I am sure we will still be involved in many ways. I will explain more next month.

SALES- Sales have not been entered due to being in between the tentative roll and the final roll.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

ACTIVITIES:

May turned out to be a very busy month. Grading many of the 40 miles of gravel roads at times proved frustrating due to peoples foot on the accelerator causing washboards before the gravel had a chance to pack. Tunnel Hill had to be graded three times and it's still rough.

Flints Crossing required more effective drainage at the Gutches Lumberyard. Ponding of water at the entrance was softening the road bed. A ditch with shale and stone was the solution. While the machines were in the area, we cleaned the cross culvert at the transfer station and Clark property leading to the railroad. Four truckloads of sediment were removed.

At various turnaround locations, the base was built up to support the snow plows during soft conditions.

Patching potholes continues.

We are behind on the roadside mowing due to lack of staffing - please bear with us.

We are using Extreme Winter Recovery money to reconstruct the area at the intersection of Top of Dean and Cunningham. This year it became a quagmire.

Bristol bridge efforts continue. The residents of Bristol were notified via mail of the upcoming work. Because

we will be using a crane to set the deck I requested a meeting with the engineer from NYSEG. We met at the worksite to brainstorm placement of poles and wires in order to create a safe work zone.

I attended the 73rd Annual Highway School. Classes were well presented and I learned a lot. I see the trend is to minimize soil disturbance, reduce salt, and address speed issues.

We have our annual safety training in Chatham on Wednesday.

Street signs have been ordered.

Truck #9 was our problem child this month. The turbo let loose and it's going to be expensive!

REQUESTS:

More millings are available from the Route 22 mill & fill operation. I would like permission to work in the DOT right of way as per the shared service agreement. The Town Board approved.

Bristol road will be closed the first week in July.

DISCUSSIONS & REQUESTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. 4-ayes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Richard Keaveney – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk