

PUBLIC NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 09TH, 2020

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

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

Supervisor Adams read the Public Notice: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, on the preliminary budget of 2021 will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Canaan, Columbia County, State of New York, On Monday, November 09th, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Canaan town Hall, 1647 County Route 5 South, Canaan, New York 12029, the regular monthly meeting will follow.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 6:43 p.m.

MOTION: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to close the hearing at 6:45 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.

November 09th, 2020

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: 1

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 Alan Miller, to approve the October 20^h, 2020 town board minutes, as amended. 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 Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve the General bills: #254-#273 in the amount of \$11,203.33; Highway bills: #75-#83 in the amount of \$16,268.74. 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	\$ 381.99
Highway Fund	\$ 43,975.86
Highway Fund-Capital	\$ 42,924.12
Lighting Districts	\$ 1,518.42
Fire Districts	\$ 300.00
Building Inspector	\$ 2,160.00
Planning Board	\$ 250.00-
Recreation	\$ 3,496.19
General Fund Balance	\$356,191.23
Court Revenues	\$ 1,426.00-(September-2020)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ -0-.
Tax Collector	\$ 21.58
Revenues for the month of October – 2020	

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to move the Tentative budget to the Preliminary budget, as amended to include an additional \$30,000.00 to the Highway Capital Fund. 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 #55 – Rescind Items from the Town Hall Inventory

Motion: Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion to decommission the two voting machines, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale. 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 #56 – Climate Smart Communities

Motion – Supervisor Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adopt the “Smart Communities Pledge”. 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 Terese Platten, to appoint Adienne Fletcher to act as Zoning Board of Appeals clerk. 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 Alan Miller made a motion to re-appoint Paul Deres to the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term. 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.

Report from County Board of Supervisors:

1. Supervisor Brenda Adams reported that the County Offices were further along being fully opened but those offices are slimming down and more people are working remotely as COVID cases increase. Supervisor Brenda Adams urges anyone who needs County assistance to call to make sure the office is open.
2. **COVID:** Supervisor Brenda Adams said she had a call from David Harrison and the County Emergency Center is open. It will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We have 26 new cases in the last two days, 103 active cases, 368 mandatory quarantined and 25 people hospitalized. We are now at 1.7% incident rate and Jack Nab at the County Health Department says that if cases continue, we will be at 2% incident rate.
3. **Community Task Force for Police Reform:** Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the board will meet tomorrow night and Supervisor Brenda Adams will give a report at the December town board meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSION

1. Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the Red Rock Fire Company will hold a Public Hearing on November 24th, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. regarding their multi-year contract status.
2. CNHN update: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale reported on the status of the organization. They have assisted six families to date.
3. Planning Board: Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the Planning Board is in need of a clerk.
4. Charging Station: Councilperson Terese Platten said that we need to install different technology. Currently, without cellular service to the ChargePoint, it will dispense 10 fills and then it will shut down. We are waiting for the new technology to arrive at the town hall and it will be installed by a PlugIn Stations Online (the third-party supplier to ChargePoint. Discussed both a new cell tower or cell repeaters and board is interested in researching repeaters with Verizon.
5. Transfer Station meeting and contract discussion: Councilperson David Patzwahl said Supervisor Brenda Adams have met the County Waste personnel to discuss a new contract. Councilperson David Patzwahl said that the new rules for the C&D permits seem to be working well. They will meet again in December.
6. November Election: Supervisor Brenda Adams said that 746 people voted in person, 131 people early voted, and there were 374 absentee ballots, of which 144 have not been returned. We had a total of 1,100 voters; 74% of the Town voted. We want to “Thank” and extend our

gratitude to Mr. Craig Dillion for all his preparation, to clean, set-up and work for and at this election.

7. Sexual Harassment training: Town Clerk, Charlotte Cowan, sent all employees the link for the sexual harassment training. Supervisor Brenda Adams would like all to take the training by the end of the month. If someone has taken the training in another context it is acceptable. The certificates of those who take the test will be sent to the Supervisor.
8. Veteran's Day/ November 11 at 2:00 p.m.: Supervisor Brenda Adams said that Gary Flaherty will hold a very small ceremony at the monument. He will lay a wreath at the monument and one Iraqi war veteran will be present.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Exemptions-

All Exemption renewals will go out the first week in December and are not due until March 1, 2020.

I will be including instructions how to renew in the mailings. I will be encouraging them to be mailed in instead of coming in person.

Other-

- I am working on reviewing permits and sales in the field as usual when time permits.
- We have been working on scanning data from the physical files for a couple years when time permits.
- Assessment Data Files were turned in to the County on the 4th so the Town and County Rates can be figured in time for the printing of the Tax bills.
- I had 2 SCAR filings. One has withdrawn. The other one is still not scheduled. I am trying to find out from the courts what is going on. They were all assigned but I have not heard from the hearing officer. I do not even know who the hearing officer is.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

ACTIVITIES:

The weather once again makes front headlines. Temperature fluctuations from 60° to 16° in October produced strong winds which took down several trees and gave us some plowable snow as well.

We paved the culvert on Frisbee Street with help from the Town of Chatham. The paver, roller and knowhow were invaluable getting the job done quickly. The only thing left to do is install the guiderail to complete the project.

Sand & salt has been delivered steadily - we should be done soon. Project is finished.

Trucks were set up "winter mode" in a matter of hours but unfortunately some will have to be converted back to "repair mode". We are still working on potholes which need to be filled and

leaves out of the ditches before winter sets in.

As it turns out were unable to find a used tailgate for Truck #12. We have submitted the estimate to the insurance company which came to \$1,195.00. While we were at it, Daryl did a comprehensive review of equipment on the policy, deleting items that we no longer have and adding items that were not listed.

David gave me Mike Ryan's name & number for the roof repairs on the highway garage. Mike called and that was the last of it as of yet. –

REQUESTS:

Please confirm that the Top of Dean seasonal portion is still in fact seasonal and gets no winter maintenance. Wishing one & all a safe & happy thanksgiving!

Public Discussion: Wendy Dwyer would like to mow the cemetery on Route 295. She would like to present a quote for her service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Supervisor Brenda Adams asked to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and an unrelated issue of a possible litigation.

Motion: Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, at 7:43 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.

Motion: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to return to the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. Supervisor Brenda Adams said there were no decisions nor motions made in executive session. 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.

Adjournment: Supervisor Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan
Canaan Town Clerk

November 18th, 2020 – Special Zoom meeting –
Supervisor Brenda Adams opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the Preliminary Budget for 2021 to the Final budget with the amendment of adding \$30,000.00 to the Capital Fund.

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to adopt the Preliminary Budget as the Final 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.

ADJOURN: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, at 11:04 a.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