

APRIL 12th, 2021 - Town Board Meeting-Zoom

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

PRESENT: Supervisor Brenda Adams
Councilperson Alan Miller - absent
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale
Councilperson Terese Platten
Councilperson David Patzwahl

Audience: 5

MINUTES: Not completed as of this date.

BILLS:

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve the payment of the February bills: General Fund: #68 - #91 in the amount of \$27,534.57. Highway Fund bills: #16-#29 in the amount of \$20,727.83. 5-ayes Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Revenues	\$	353.00	
Highway Fund	\$	491,159.67	
Highway Fund Capital	\$	42,925.88	
Lighting Districts	\$	4,714.57	
Fire Districts	\$	300.00	
Building Inspector	\$	3,656.00	(January-2021)
		1,073.00	(01 -22 to 03-12-2021)
Planning Board	\$	-0-	
Recreation	\$	3,497.68	
Court Revenues			\$2,540.00(February-2021)
	\$	812.00	(April-2021)
Zoning Board of Appeals			\$
Tax Collector			\$ 14,859.21

Resolution #51 - IN MEMORY OF CLAYTON WALTER LAVALLE Motion:

Supervisor Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve resolution #41. 4-ayes Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes: and

Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Resolution #51 adopted.

Resolution #41 APPROVE THE CEMETERY BIDS FOR 2021

Councilperson David Patzwahl recommends the bids be awarded to Old Chatham Caretaking, Inc.; the Canaan Cemetery, Flat Brook Cemetery, and the Methodist Cemetery on Route 295; Lagerwall Lawn Care is awarded: Cemetery of the Maples, the Red Rock Cemetery, and the Town Highway Garage.

Motion: Supervisor Brenda Adams made a motion to accept Councilperson Patzwahl's recommendation, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve Resolution #41. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Resolution #41 adopted.

**Resolution #52 Standard Workdays for NYS and Local Employees Retirement System
Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to
approve Resolution #52.4-eyes**

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Resolution #52 adopted.

Resolution #54 2021 Budget Amendment

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve Resolution #54.4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Resolution #54 adopted.

**Resolution #55 Appointment of Christine (Spee) Braun to the Town of Canaan Zoning
Board of Appeals acting as an alternate.**

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve Resolution #55.4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Resolution #55 adopted.

Motion: Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve the Supervisor to co-apply for a Broad Band grant to leverage anticipated federal stimulus dollars. 4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Motion Carried.

Motion: Inter-fund transfer of \$777.54 from General Fund account A6772.4 to Highway account A2801.4, for park cleanup/beaver remediation.

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve the Inner-fund transfer of \$777.54 from General Fund account A6772.4 to Highway account A2801.4, for park cleanup/beaver remediation. 4-eyes.

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Annual Health Care Renewal: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to renew the health care policies with MVP and Delta Dental. 4-eyes Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale-yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Motion Carried.

Report from County Board of Supervisor:

- 1. COVID infection rate and vendors:** Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the Covid vaccines has opened up to anyone ages 18 years and older. About 37% of the County have been vaccinated. We have more vaccines than we have appointments. We are extending the state of emergency for 30 days. County offices are now at 100% working operation (either at the office of working from home).
- 2. Community Task Force for Police Reform/plan submitted:** Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the County plan was approved by the board of Supervisors. The Sheriff's department wanted to move ahead and put the body cameras on the street. The Sheriff's department came up with a draft policy, which is used by the State department of criminal justice. This is an interim policy to be reviewed.
- 3. Public Employer Health Emergency Plan mandate:** The Plan was approved and submitted to the State.
- 4. Budget & Federal stimulus dollar conversations:** Discussions on how the stimulus dollars will affect County operations and how best to allocate the funds.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- 1. Technology/Communications update:** Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the Supervisor's office now has a new computer to replace the archaic one with updated features.
- 2. Cemetery bid update:** Approval of resolution #41. (See above)

3. **Town Board meetings:** Supervisor asked the town board how they felt about holding in person meetings, as long as we all have been vaccinated. If we open meetings it would have to be subject to what is going on in the County. Tentatively hold a in person meeting in May for the Town Board. The other boards will be offered the choice of holding in person meetings.
4. **Opening of the Town Park/Town Hall to outside events:** Supervisor Brenda Adams asked how the town board feels about opening the town hall to the Office of the Aging and the AA meetings. The AA meetings would have to have specific guidelines and the Office of the Aging group would have guidelines for operation from the County Office of the Aging. Supervisor Brenda Adams will send an outline of what the criteria for holding a meeting would be. Subject to approval to that memo we could consider reopening the town hall. The board will support these activities as soon as possible.
5. **Summer Recreation/swim lessons/program in the park:** People may want to hold different events at the park. Councilperson Terese Platten asked if the State offers guidelines.

Climate Smart Task Force: Councilperson Terese Platten said that they are in partnership with the town of Bethlehem, to sell composting bins and rain barrels. Also, in partnership with the Tendai Buddhist Center for people to pick up their composting bins and rain barrels. The committee will get points would like a page on the town website. A flyer has been sent to the town board members. We also sent press releases to the Columbia paper, the Register Star, and posted it on IMBY. People will be educated on the use of the rain barrels and the composters.

ASSESSOR Report: Supervisor Brenda Adams read the Assessor report.

All the work to produce the tentative roll has been completed. The File has been turned into the County for Production.

The Tentative Roll will be published and available by May 1. Dates and times of Grievance etc. will be published along with the roll.

Grievance will be held by virtual meeting again this year.

We were able to keep a level of Assessment at 100% this year even with the Market increases. Next year we will need to make some changes.

New Clerk is working out very well. He is working on the Scanning project and I am teaching him other things when time allows. We are still working on town wide Data verification for the next Reassessment/update. My plan is to teach him this as well and have him out there doing some on his own before the end of summer. He picks up on things very quickly.

HIGHWAY REPORT

ACTIVITIES:

We have the usual spring soft road conditions but they are far better than last year. One car got stuck on Tunnel Hill which needed to be towed out. The intense winds we experienced caused some down trees but overall, we did all right.

Now that covid restrictions have lessened we will be resuming our safety training in person this year. At this point in time highway school has been cancelled.

Equipment repairs have been the nuisance type. Truck #8 the 2006 International lost its brakes and the hydraulic pump shaft sheared the splines on the mowing tractor. We are in pursuit of parts now.

The grader is making its way around town and the hard roads have been swept

The scrap metal we sold brought in \$ 1,504.68. Hopefully we can get another load or two out

NYS DOT is starting to release CHIPS money that was withheld, we should be eligible to roll over 64K into this year's CHIPS allocation.

We were finally notified that DOT did in fact approve the 45 MPH speed limit on Flint's Crossing. That was a long process, the county sent the request to DOT on Feb. 18,2020 and the approval was sent 3/11/2021.

REQUESTS:

Request approval to purchase the required speed limit signs, post and hardware to post Flints Crossing Rd. We also need to purchase 12 sign posts to replace ones we borrowed from the Columbia County Highway.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

1. Wendy Dwyer us asking to have a "swop shop" at the Highway garage in a shed in front. Wendy picked up vans filled with household items at garage sales, help furnish a woman, who has three children, apartment. The shed space would be 20x20.
2. Lauree Hickok wanted to "thank" Brenda wrote a fabulous letter of support for a grant for the historical society. They are starting a capital support campaign.
3. A neighbor on Schilling Crossing road asked where we are in getting broad band on underserved roads. Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the grant, their working on, with four other towns, are unable to get information from the service providers and they will not provide any maps and who they serve, nor will they tell us what their plans are for future buildout.

Adjournment: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. 4-ayes Roll-call showed:

Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L. Cowan, Town Clerk