

MARCH 8th, 2021 - Town Board Meeting-Zoom

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

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

Audience: 5

MINUTES: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the January minutes and the February, 2021 minutes as amended.

BILLS:

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve the payment of the February bills: General Fund: #45 - #67 in the amount of \$8,373.71. Highway Fund bills: #08-#15 in the amount of \$11,572.30. 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	\$	260.25
Highway Fund	\$	497,983.87
Highway Fund Capital	\$	42,925.52
Lighting Districts	\$	5,166.40
Fire Districts	\$	300.00
Building Inspector	\$	-0-
Planning Board	%	-0-
Recreation	\$	3,497.5<
General Fund Balance	\$	626,392.95
Court Revenues	\$	001,937.00(Dec-2020)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$	10.00
Tax Collector	\$	-0-

Resolution #49 - Establish the Town of Canaan Climate Smart Task Force.

Members: Marion Bolognesi; Dylan Cipkowski; Sarah Crowell; Wendy Dwyer; Becky Meier; Terese Platten, Coordinator; and Craig Westcott, Chairperson.

Motion: Supervisor Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny

Nightingale, to approve resolution #49. 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. **Resolution #49 adopted.**

Resolution #33 of the organizational meeting resolutions approving insurance vendor/proposal' final price subject to written request for changes to policy.

Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve **Resolution #33 of the organizational meeting resolutions.** 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.

Resolution #33 adopted.

Resolution #29 Approving the CEO shared services expenses, Copake has decided not to renew the agreement. A total of \$2183.00; for Canaan, Philmont, and Hillsdale \$728.00 a year; and \$61.00 per month for each town.

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve Resolution #29. 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.

Resolution #29 adopted.

Motion: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve the Highway Bids which are presented and approved by Highway Superintendent Bernhard Meyer. 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 Supervisor:

1. **COVID infection rate and vendors:** Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the case load has decreased. Columbia Greene Community College allocate there will be more vaccines available since Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been approved.
2. **Public Employer Working Plan:** A draft plan will be available by the end of the week. We will have a "Special" meeting to approve the plan before April 1st, 2021.
3. **Community Task Force for Police Reform:** Supervisor Brenda Adams was on the public hearing for the community task force for police reform. There were 39 people spoke to

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. **Broadband:** Councilperson Terese Platten said that Schillings Crossing Road and Route 22 are being addressed.
 2. **Climate Smart Committee:** Councilperson Terese Platten said that we have points from our energy community program, grant program. We have about 50 points so far. We must gather all the paper work and submit it. We need a page on the town website.
 3. **Website:** Supervisor Brenda Adams asked Terese Platten to speak. Councilperson Terese Platten said the committee met with Jeanne Viellete Bowerman and they now have the website up and running. Heather, deputy town clerk, has access to editing the back side of the website.
 4. **Cemetery bid update:** Councilperson David Patzwahl said that bids are due this coming Thursday at the Town Hall at 11:00 a.m.
 5. **NYMIR Insurance review update:** Supervisor Brenda Adams said the insurance will reduce the replacement cost for the deductibles.
 6. **Town building wireless update:** Councilperson Terese Platten said that there is no Wi-Fi router in the town hall. We get the Wi-Fi from the library. There was once a router at the town hall but it was miss used by an employee so the previous supervisor unplugged it. The back-up battery is installed incorrectly.
 7. **Health Insurance renewal on the horizon:** Supervisor Brenda Adams said that we need to hold, a special meeting to approve the health emergency plan.
- Supervisor Brenda Adams asked Councilperson Terese Platten to speak about the recreation program for the summer of 2021. Councilperson Terese Platten said the committee met with Jean Velette Bowerman, head of the Adams point beach association, Kristen VanNote is our recreation committee. We are trying to decide if we can have a swim program this summer, if not have a field program. The last time we had a written rec plan was in 2011. Last time we had the swim program there were about 50 children. We shall ask the department of health if we can hold the swim program, if approved the swim program will be held. If the health department is silent or disapproves swim lessons what could we provide. Councilperson Ginny Nightingale reported that a survey of parents responded that they really wanted the swim program back, not so much about having the park program.
- Supervisor Brenda Adams asked for the board to think about holding our next board meeting in person at the town hall or continue with zoom meetings.

ASSESSOR Report:

Exemptions -

- Deadline of March 1 has passed. No problems
- There are more proposed changes to the STAR program but nothing has passed yet.

2021 Roll-

- 2019 Values are almost completed at the time of writing this report. I will be working on the finishing touches. There are still a few permits and mapping changes to be completed.
- Canaan will be able to hold this year's Level of Assessment and Equalization rate at 100% even with the upward market trends. Overall, changes will be in order for the 2022 Roll to stay at 100%.
- A yearly legal notice that "inventory" was completed and available to view has been published.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

ACTIVITIES:

Snow, rain and cold temps are the perfect formula for ice. We used lots of sand several days in a row and at this point in time, we are three quarters of the way through our sand & salt pile which was 4000 ton. There has been lots of wear and tear on the sander bed chains and replacements are imminent.

As usual a few mail boxes and some marking posts were tweaked as we were pushing back snow banks for the impending rain.

We've had a taste of mud season already. We're trying to keep ahead of logging operations, garbage trucks and fuel trucks to keep them off the soft roads. Bristol Road was closed for 24 hours due to the heavy truck traffic ruining the hill with 18" deep ruts.

I have been notified by NYSDOT Region 8 Railroad Coordinator that CSX has been given permission to start work in NYS and one of the first sites will be Flints Crossing. I am pleased that this project is going forward as this area has been a safety concern for many years due to the truck traffic of doubles crossing the tracks. What this project entails is widening the road areas approaching the crossing, changing the angle of the gates and lengthening the gate arms. We are currently reviewing the plans to see what our obligations are. This may affect the 284 agreement in terms of proposed work.

MICE - MICE -MICE everywhere all the sitting machinery are inundated. With the chewed wires and stink we are going to have lots of repair costs coming up.

REQUESTS:

Bid results

Supervisor Brenda Adams said that she has a declaration emergency plan prepared and ready to be executed and she knows how to file it when needed.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Wendy Dwyer wanted to thank Councilperson David Patzwahl for sending her the information about the cemetery bidding and that she cannot pursue the mowing of a cemetery. County doing the shots for eligible populations, according to age based.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Supervisor Brenda Adams asked to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter at 8:07 p.m.

Motion: Councilperson Terese Platten made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter. 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 Brenda Adams asked to returned to the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. There were no motions or decisions made.

Adjournment: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 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, Town Clerk