

MAY 10TM, 2021 - Town Board Meeting- In person

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: 3

MINUTES: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve the April 12th, 2021, as amended.

4-eyes

Roll-call showed: Supervisor Brenda Adams - yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller - abstained
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale - yes;
Councilperson Terese Platten - yes; and
Councilperson David Patzwahl - yes.
Motion Carried.

BILLS:

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded Alan Miller, to approve the payment of the April bills: General Fund: #93- #114 in the amount of \$7,073.98. Highway Fund bills: #30-#43 in the amount of \$21,174.87. 5-eyes

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	\$ 168.82
Highway Fund	\$541,619.14
Highway Fund Capital	\$ 42,926.23
General Fund	\$ 564,278.15
Lighting Districts	\$ 4,262.23
Fire Districts	\$ 300.00
Building Inspector	\$ 998.00 -April
Planning Board	\$ -0-
Recreation	\$ 3,497.71
Court Revenues	\$ 4,665.00(March-2021)
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 25.00
Tax Collector	

Resolution #56 – Vision Plan:

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller to approve the renewal of the Vision Plan. 5-eyes

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

Resolution #56 approved.

Resolution #57 – Appointing Jillian Kasov as Planning Board Clerk

Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Terese Platten, to approve resolution #57. 5-eyes

Roll-call: Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller -yes

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

Resolution #57 approved.

Resolution #58 – Amend the 284 Account

Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl, to approve resolution #58. 5-ayes

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

Resolution #58 approved.

Resolution #59 – Replenish the HRA account

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve resolution #59. 5-ayes

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

Resolution #59 approved.

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to approve the Highway Department to purchase signs and posts needed.

5-ayes

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

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Councilperson Alan Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale, to move forward with the Summer Swim Program, subject to an approved health/safety plan at the June meeting. 5-ayes

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

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve Danimarie Jones to conduct a Summer Art Program at Stoddard Park, subject to approved health/safety plan and park availability. 5-ayes

Roll-call: Supervisor Brenda Adams– yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller -yes
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes; and
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes:

Motion Carried.

Motion: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the AA group to resume their weekly meetings at the Town Hall; subject to maximum occupancy of 21 persons, no food service, facility clean-up and requirement to follow mask, social distance and contract tracing protocols. 5-ayes

Roll-call: Supervisor – Brenda Adams-yes;
Councilperson Alan Miller -yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes;

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes; and
Councilperson Terese Platten – yes:

Motion Carried.

Report from County Board of Supervisors: Report given by Supervisor Brenda Adams.

1. Covid infection rate and vaccination access: Town of Canaan has one of the highest rated vaccinations. Younger people will now need to be vaccinated. Gary Flaherty, director of veterans in Hudson has agreed to trade billboards to encourage vaccines. We need at least 20 people to hold a local pod for vaccines. Sign-up at the clerk's office.
2. Police Reform Implementation Committee appointed and meeting monthly.
3. Budget and federal stimulus dollar conversation: Supervisor Brenda Adams said that the broad band grant was short listed.
4. Senior Lunch program starting soon: The County Health department will let us know when they will start serving. Stephanie Guelpa is working on guidelines for the program.
We cannot require people to be vaccinated.

Board Discussion:

1. Broadband grant shortlisted: Maps are needed to show areas of town that need broadband connections.
2. Future Meetings in person or Zoom: The town board will hold the next meeting in person.
3. Opening of the Town Park and the Town Hall to outside events: Need guidelines for operation.
4. Boat launch coordination with Berkshire Farm and DEC: Supervisor Brenda Adams and Councilperson David Patzwahl will meet with Brian Parchesky to address the solution for the boat launch and people swimming.
5. Berkshire Farm update: Councilperson David Patzwahl said there are 30/35 children there and they are in need of staff to increase their capacity.
6. Transfer station report Councilperson David Patzwahl said that tonnage is 26 tons less than last year and 33 and one-half tons less on the C&D than last year.
7. Councilperson Ginny Nightingale reported on the Planning Board meeting working on the Sunoco Station and their plans.
8. Councilperson Nightingale said that the Canaan Neighbors Helping Neighbors have filed for their 501-C3. Applications will be received again in July.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

1. Tentative Roll is available for review in Town Clerks office and Assessor's office.
2. The assessor is available by appointment to discuss questions.
3. Legal notices have been posted. Assessment changes letters have all been sent
4. Grievance day is May 25th from 4-8. It will be a virtual meeting. More information can be found on the website.
5. I am advising that we conduct an update to the assessments for the 2022 roll year due to the Market changes over the past year and a half. This would mean a small increase to most properties and would most likely be fairly uniform depending on analysis. I will report more on this at a later date.

CANAAN HIGHWAY REPORT ACTIVITIES;

We made 100 ton of cold patch in cooperation with New Lebanon Highway

At the bottom of Tunnel Hill Road, we reconstructed roughly 150 feet by removing several trees, reshaping the embankment and stabilizing the road.

We also reconstructed a section of Warners Crossing which has been subject to frequent blacktop failure. This is where buried phone cable became an expensive proposition. It took 2 days of hand digging to find the cable even though it was marked out by Dig Safe. When we did the other half of the road the same

distance, we were done in less than a day. Buried cables are very expensive in time!!

The 6640-skid steer required a new battery - next will be a set of tires which are about \$1,500.

For those of you that don't know our beloved Dean Knox the county engineer passed away. His service was Wed the 28th and to see the church full of county & town highway employees was such a tribute.

I facilitated a meeting between two volatile neighbors and took on the role of being a mediator yielding good results. At the end of the meeting everyone was OK with the outcome and the highway even benefited by getting permission to remove some trees and realign a ditch. There is more to being a highway superintendent than just being a dirt mover.

We are now in full swing with summer hours. Monday - Thursday with hours of 6:00 to 4:30.

With the heavy rains and intense winds that we have been experiencing there have been the usual downed tree calls, washouts and potholes.

On a good note, we are fortunate that the state has released additional funds for CHIPS this year. In order to take advantage of the windfall we would like to amend the 284 agreements to reflect some additional projects. Of course, we need to consider cash flow - timing is everything. Because the construction season is so short, I have already secured a spot on the schedule in early June. Not wanting to lose that time slot I would like to request a special meeting to review, discuss and finalize the additional expenditures. It is my understanding that the funds should be used ASAP as there is no guarantee these funds will be available next year if we do a roll over.

REQUESTS:

In April I had requested permission to buy the required speed limit signs, posts and hardware for Flints Crossing as well as 12 posts to replace ones we had to borrow from the county highway department - was this ever approved?

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

1. Peter Flierl thanked the board for letting the AA group back to the Town Hall for the weekly meetings.
2. Wendy Dwyer is asking about audio for the meetings. Supervisor Brenda Adams said she will look into options.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny

Nightingale, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. 5-eyes

Roll-call: Supervisor – yes;

Councilperson Alan Miller -yes

Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes;

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes; and

Councilperson Terese Platten – yes:

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte L Cowan, Town Clerk