

# Town of Canaan, New York

Meeting Minutes

Town Board Public Hearing to discuss Preliminary Budget of the Town of Canaan and

Town Board Special Board Meeting

Public Meeting to discuss Preliminary Budget of Town of Canaan

November 07, 2022: 6:35 pm to 7:23 pm

Hybrid Meeting: In Person at Town Hall and via ZOOM

## Present

Supervisor Brenda Adams

Councilperson Alan Miller

Councilperson David Patzwahl

## Absent/Excused

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale

Councilperson: William Powers

## Also in Attendance:

Highway Department Superintendent Stephen Van Tassel

Town Clerk Joshua S. Weisbuch

**Audience: 1**

**Attendees via Zoom: 0**

Supervisor called Public Hearing to order to discuss Preliminary Budget of Town of Canaan

Town clerk, Josh Weisbuch, read the public notice:

NOTICE is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Canaan for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk- It is available for inspection during normal office hours and posted on the Town's website.

Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Canaan will meet at 6:30p.m. to hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget, at the Canaan Town Hall, 1647 County Route 5, at 6:30 p.m. on the 7th day of November, 2022, and that at such hearing any person may be heard for or against any item or items contained therein.

Pursuant to Town Law the proposed salaries of the following offices are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$10,000.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$35,255.00
Councilpersons, (4)	\$7,600.00
Town Justices, (2)	\$26,622.00
Highway Supervisor	\$53,596.00

A special Town Board meeting will immediately follow the hearing to adopt the Budget for the year 2023.

By order of the Town Board  
Joshua S. Weisbuch  
Canaan Town Clerk

**Supervisor asked if any members of Town board had any questions before she opened the budget to the public.**

**Supervisor asked if the public had any questions.**

**Supervisor stated that since there were no questions from the public, she would accept a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.**

**Motion to Adjourn special public hearing at 6:42 pm.** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the October Bills. 3 AYES: Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – absent/excused  
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes; and  
Councilperson William Powers – absent/excused.

**Supervisor opened special Town board meeting and asked all in the room to rise for the pledge of allegiance.**

### **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Supervisor opened the meeting by discussing the necessity to increase the Highway Crew pay increase from 3 to 4% in order to stay competitive and increase retention. She announced that benefits of working for Town of Canaan are competitive considering how most towns require employees to contribute 20% where Canaan asks only 10% of new employees and covers copays and deductibles. Insurance deductibles and copays are currently around \$18,000 per year.

Supervisor asked for any other questions and, finding none, stated board can move to a final budget.

**Motion to Move to a Final Budget.** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to move budget to a final budget. 3 AYES: Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – absent/excused  
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes; and  
Councilperson William Powers – absent/excused.

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:23 pm.** Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Alan Miller, to approve the October Bills. 5 AYES: Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;  
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes;  
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – absent/excused  
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes; and  
Councilperson William Powers – absent/excused.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua S. Weisbuch, Town Clerk