

Town of Canaan, New York

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting to establish a four (4) year term for the office of Town Highway Superintendent
May 31, 2023, 7:00 pm to 7:14 pm

Present

Councilperson: Alan Miller
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale
Councilperson David Patzwahl
Councilperson William Powers

Absent/Excused

Supervisor Brenda Adams

Also in Attendance:

Highway Department Superintendent Stephen Van Tassel
Deputy Town Clerk Heather O'Grady

Audience: 0

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Clerk Heather O'Grady read the Public Notice regarding Resolution #71
Councilperson Patzwahl, in Supervisor Adams absence, led the proceeding and read the resolution:

Resolution #71 of 2023 Establishing a four (4) year term for the office of Town Highway Superintendent

Town Law §24-a provides that the Town Board has the authority, via a resolution adopted at least one hundred and fifty days prior to any biennial town election, to provide that the term of office of any elective town official shall be four years; and the Town Board believes that establishing a four (4) year term for the office of Town Highway Superintendent will promote the efficient management and operation of the Town Highway Department and is in the best interest of Town residents.

Discussion followed. Councilperson Patzwahl asked for any questions.
When asked if this Resolution would apply to all elected officials or only to the Highway Superintendent, Councilperson Patzwahl clarified that the four-year term would only apply to the Highway Superintendent's term.

Councilperson Patzwahl called for a motion to approve Resolution #71 and to proceed to a referendum in the fall to establish a four-year term for office of Town of Canaan Highway Superintendent.

Councilperson Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Nightingale. 4 AYES: Motion carried.
Supervisor Brenda Adams – absent/excused
Councilperson Alan Miller – yes
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes; and
Councilperson William Powers – yes.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:14 pm. Councilperson Patzwahl called for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Miller to adjourn the meeting. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams – absent/excused

Councilperson Alan Miller – yes

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes

Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes; and

Councilperson William Powers – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Nebesar,
Deputy Town Clerk 2

