

Town of Canaan, New York

Public Hearing on Local Laws 1-5 of 2023

July 10, 2023: 6:50-7:10 PM

Present

Supervisor Brenda Adams
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale
Councilperson David Patzwahl
Councilperson William Powers

Absent/Excused

Councilperson: Alan Miller

Also in Attendance:

Town Clerk Joshua Weisbuch
Town Highway Department Superintendent Stephen Van Tassel

Audience: 14

Local Law No.1 of year 2023- regarding the separation of Town Clerk & Tax Collector duties (requires mandatory referendum)

Supervisor Brenda Adams explained the basics of Local Law #1. She opened the floor for comments and questions. She clarified that the tax collector position will be either elected or appointed, decided by the town board after the election. The Town Clerk will remain an elected position. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to adjourn the first public hearing. Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl to adjourn the first hearing. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

Local Law No. 2 of year 2023- regarding the revision of Town Clerk Salary (requires mandatory referendum)

Supervisor Brenda Adams gave a brief summary of the law then she opened the floor for comments and questions. Councilperson Patzwahl added information. Supervisor Brenda Adams explained that the town is realigning the salary commensurate with the reduced duties / job description of the Town Clerk. There will not be a reduction of the 30 hours or office hours, nor a reduction of benefits. Supervisor Brenda Adams asked for a motion to adjourn the second public hearing. Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Will Powers to adjourn the second public hearing. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

Local Law No. 3 of year 2023- regarding firefighters' property tax exemption

Supervisor Brenda Adams explained the reasons for the property tax exemption, financial benefits for the volunteers and the effects on the town. Concerns are for recruitment and retention. She opened the floor for comments and questions. Supervisor Brenda Adams asked for a motion to adjourn the third public hearing. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale to adjourn the third public hearing. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

Local Law No. 4 of year 2023- regarding seniors' property tax exemption

Supervisor Brenda Adams explained that we have 25 seniors in the town currently enrolled. She opened the floor for comments and questions. Supervisor Brenda Adams asked for a motion to adjourn the fourth public hearing. Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Will Powers to adjourn the fourth public hearing. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

Local Law No. 5 of year 2023- regarding low-income and disabled property tax exemption

Supervisor Brenda Adams explained the reasons for the law. She opened the floor for comments and questions. Supervisor Brenda Adams asked for a motion to adjourn the fifth public hearing. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale to adjourn the fifth public hearing.
4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Brenda Adams advised that if the above exemptions were enacted, a home with an assessed value of \$300,000 would pay approximately \$18-20 per year in additional town taxes.

Supervisor Brenda Adams wrapped up the hearings with a few remarks about the timing of the exemption updates should they be approved and thanked everyone for coming.

Town of Canaan, New York

Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes:

July 10, 2023: 7:10 pm to 8:15 pm

Hybrid Meeting: In Person at Town Hall and via ZOOM

Present

Supervisor Brenda Adams

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale

Councilperson David Patzwahl

Councilperson William Powers

Absent/Excused

Councilperson: Alan Miller

Also in Attendance:

Town Clerk Joshua Weisbuch

Town Highway Department Superintendent Stephen Van Tassel

Audience: 14 (12 in audience, 5 online)

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVALS

MOTION: Approve March & June (all minutes are now current)

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Will Powers to approve the minutes from March and June Town Board Meetings. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

MOTION: June Bills

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl to approve the June 2023 bills. 4 AYES - Motion carried.

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

MOTION: YTD Financials

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Will Powers to accept the financials as presented. 4 AYES - Motion carried.

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

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT / read by Town Clerk Josh Weisbuch

TOWN CLERK REVENUES	\$ 429.04
HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 554,752.70
HIGHWAY FUND CAPITAL	\$ \$32,332.81
LIGHTING DISTRICTS	\$ 1,303.29
AMBULANCE AND FIRE DISTRICTS	\$ 300.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR	\$
PLANNING BOARD	\$ 300.00
RECREATION	\$ 3,498.49
COURT REVENUES	\$ 6,412.00 *
* Court June Payments: Judges	
Ambrosio \$1656 + Judge	
Schaefer \$4756	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$
TAX COLLECTOR	\$

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

RESOLUTION 76 of 2023: LL #1 Separation of Town Clerk & Tax Collector duties (requires mandatory referendum)

The proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan would repeal Resolution #39 of 2007 that abolished the office of Town Tax Collector and so re-establish said office independent of the Town Clerk’s Office. A public hearing was held by the Town Board on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the matter of the proposed local law. Notice of such public hearing was made, and all persons appearing the public hearing desiring to be heard, were heard. Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Canaan, on the 10th day of July, 2023, does hereby enact and adopt Local Law 1 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan. Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Brenda Adams to approve Resolution 76 of 2023 and the mandatory referendum. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 77 of 2023: LL #2 Revision of Town Clerk salary (requires mandatory referendum)

The proposed Local Law #2 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan reduces the annual salary of the Town Clerk. A public hearing was held by the Town Board on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the matter of the proposed local law. Notice of the public hearing was made, and all persons appearing at the public hearing who desired to be heard, were heard. Be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of

Canaan, on the 10th day of July, 2023, does hereby enact and adopt Local Law #2 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Will Powers to approve Resolution 77 of 2023 and the mandatory referendum. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 78 of 2023: LL #3 Firefighters property tax exemption

The proposed Local Law #3 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan was presented to the Town Board for its consideration. The law would provide Real Property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. A public hearing was held by the Town Board on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the matter of the proposed local law, and notice of such public hearing was made, and all persons appearing at the public hearing desiring to be heard were heard. Be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Canaan, on the 10th day of July, 2023, does hereby enact and adopt Local Law #3 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan. Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl to approve Resolution 78 of 2023. 3 AYES: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 79 of 2023: LL #4 Seniors property tax exemption

The proposed Local Law #4 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan has been presented to the Town Board for its consideration. It provides Real Property tax exemptions for seniors. A public hearing was held by the Town Board on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the matter of the proposed local law, and notice of such public hearing was made, and all persons appearing at the public hearing desiring to be heard were heard. Be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Canaan, on the 10th day of July, 2023, does hereby enact and adopt Local Law #4 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Will Powers to approve Resolution 79 of 2023. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 80 of 2023: LL #5 Disabled / low-income property tax exemption

The Local Law #5 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan has been presented to the Town Board for its consideration. It provides Real Property tax exemptions for disabled and low-income citizens. A public hearing was held by the Town Board on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the matter of the proposed local law, and notice of such public hearing was made, and all persons appearing at the public hearing desiring to be heard were heard. Be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Canaan, on the 10th day of July, 2023, does hereby enact and adopt Local Law #5 of 2023 of the Town of Canaan.

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl to approve Resolution 80 of 2023. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 83 of 2023: Annual contract with Chatham Library

The boundaries of the chartered public library of the Chatham School District encompass the Town of Canaan. The Chatham School District operates a branch of its library system in the Town of Canaan Library building. The Town of Canaan Library building is owned and maintained by the Town. The Town wishes to continue the provision of library services by the Chatham School District Library, on a two (2) day a week basis. Be it resolved, the attached 2023-2024 agreement, a one-year contract to provide library services, be approved. Supervisor Brenda Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl to approve Resolution 83 of 2023. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 84 of 2023: To approve a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the towns of Ghent, Austerlitz, and New Lebanon for federal grant funds to build out “last mile” broadband in Ghent, Austerlitz, Canaan and New Lebanon

The towns of Ghent, Austerlitz, Canaan and New Lebanon have joined together in a coordinated effort to provide broadband where it does not currently exist. Grant funding in the amount of \$829,524.00 was approved as part of the FY 2022 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The Town Board has determined that it is in the public interest to enter into a memorandum of understanding on behalf of the parties to clarify the rights and obligations of each town regarding the funding. Be it resolved, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the revised memorandum of understanding dated July 10, 2023 to move forward with the application, contract, project coordination and management of said grant. Councilperson Will Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale to approve Resolution 84 of 2023. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 85 of 2023: Inter-fund transfer for beach preparation for swim lessons

The town Swim Program takes place at the Adams Point Beach, and the beach requires annual maintenance in the form of spreading new sand to repair winter damage/erosion. The Highway Department provided labor and equipment for the replacement sand to be spread. Per NYS regulations, the Highway Department must be reimbursed for providing labor and equipment outside of their regular duties. Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to make the inter-

fund transfer of funds from the General Fund account #7310.4 in the amount of \$296.08 to Highway account #2801. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale to approve Resolution 85 of 2023. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

Voting on Resolutions 85 and 86 was combined. See below Resolution 86 of 2023

RESOLUTION 86 of 2023: Inter-fund transfer for dead tree removal @ Town Hall

A dead tree on Town Hall property was a danger to traffic and pedestrians. The Town requested proposals to remove the tree. The Town Highway Department proposal was the lowest and thus was awarded the work, providing labor and equipment for the removal of the tree. Per NYS regulations, the Highway Department must be reimbursed for providing labor and equipment outside of their regular duties. Be it resolved that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to make the attached inter-fund transfer of \$195.66 from General Fund account 1620.4 to Highway account 2801. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale to approve Resolution 86 of 2023. 4 AYES: Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION 87 of 2023: To accept auction bid of \$2,635 for the 1974 John Deere tractor

The Town Highway Department has a regular policy of upgrading and/or replacing equipment as needed. The Town Highway Department has a 1974 John Deere tractor no longer in use and ready to be removed from inventory and has been sent to auction. Be it resolved, the Town of Canaan authorizes the Highway Superintendent to accept the bid of \$2,635 and proceed with the sale of the 1974 John Deere tractor. Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Will Powers to approve Resolution 87 of 2023. 4 AYES: Motion carried

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

OLD BUSINESS

Status of Town Clerk audit / material incomplete / review delayed until July for August meeting report

Town Clerk Joshua Weisbuch said he's on track to meet with Supervisor Adams and Councilperson David Patzwahl to review materials in late July for an August report to the board.

Review ongoing virtual or hybrid meeting considerations and mask policy

Board agreed no changes to mask or meeting policy. A new supply of free covid tests are available at the Town Hall.

284 agreement update / process

Supervisor Brenda Adams explained the highway paving project cost is under projection due to lower

trucking costs associated with the use of inter-municipal agreements with neighboring towns. Of the CHIPS \$287,000 line item, expenses came in about \$15,000 under budget because of the reduced trucking costs. The Highway Superintendent would like to use the remaining funds for long needed guard rail repair on Frisbee Street. Highway Supervisor Stephen Van Tassel reported he has spoken with NYS and the guard rail project qualifies for funding. The board agreed this is an appropriate use of the balance of the funds and gave the Highway Superintendent the go ahead for the guard rail replacement. Supervisor Brenda Adams will figure out the paperwork process and update the record on the repair. The paving project was done early in the paving season, weather cooperated, and the project was completed in less time than expected reducing the delays and inconvenience associated with road repairs.

Community Day update / August 5 from 3 to 6

Supervisor Brenda Adams gave updated information on plans for the Community Day that has been rescheduled for Saturday – Aug 5th. The Bindlestiff Family Circus from Hudson will provide a circus work camp for children, make up, props, juggling. Musician Catherine Schane Lydon will perform the new town song she composed on a ukulele – singable. Vendors are being contacted and participation updated.

CLC grant / letter of support

A draft letter was included in the board packet for the town to support a Columbia Land Conservancy grant application. Supervisor Brenda Adams explained that CLC has given the Town of Canaan two grants for the ecological restoration of the town park. This grant, if awarded to CLC, would be of additional benefit the town and county, and, be a small way to support the continued work of CLC in the community. She requested permission to send the letter of support for the grant application. Councilperson Will Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale to approve the letter. 4 AYES: Motion carried.

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

Smoking / Vaping / Cannabis in Town Park & Municipal Buildings update

Smoking is prohibited by NYS law in public parks, in municipal buildings and on municipal grounds. The town has not posted this prohibition and there have been issues at Stoddard Park and outside the Town Hall. The attorney for the town advised there is no financial burden on the town to enforce the regulation since there is no town police department; the sheriff or state police would have enforcement responsibility. Discussion as to the pros and cons of putting up a sign ensued and the need for a local law if the state has already regulated the issue. Further discussion will involve speaking to smokers and non-smokers, and clarifying law and regulations regarding “no smoking” signs. Perhaps re-doing the current sign at the park and adding a part about smoking would be a solution. Supervisor Brenda Adams will bring a proposal to the board next month as a next step.

APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Brenda Adams appointed Ginny Nightingale, Town Board member, and Dodie Gearing, Town Historian, to a newly designated Canaan / Columbia County 250 celebration committee, and, Ginny Nightingale, as the Chairperson of the Canaan / Columbia County 250 celebration committee. The committee has been appointed to develop ideas for the town board to consider as part of its

participation in the Columbia County 250 celebration. The Supervisor will meet with Ginny & Dodie to further staff the committee in preparation for the 2026 event year.

BOARD DISCUSSION

NYS Grub Chuk Rd land donation (information gathering underway)

Broadband grant update / MOUs being finalized

Supervisor Brenda Adams explained the town is going to the next phase of the grant, getting signatures for the revised MOU, etc., which is intended to help the roughly 75 to 100 Canaan households underserved or unserved by broadband. There will be no cost to town tax payers to build out these last miles of service as these are federal grant funds.

Private land donation / Red Rock monument / agreement signed & submitted to attorney for town

Supervisor Brenda Adams explained this was signed and submitted last month per the board's instruction. Councilpersons Ginny Nightingale and David Patzwahl clarified two issues: due diligence was done ensuring the town will not have liability for the maintenance of the monument, the Supervisor reported there will be a maintenance agreement, separate from the sales agreement; and the sales agreement included both the land and the rock together. The attorney confirmed it will include both.

Request for private road (Fern Hill Road) donation to Town (information gathering underway)

Planning / ZBA report / Ginny

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale explained Planning Board is working with Sunoco and Onvo on lighting issues. There appear to be a number of issues to sort out as new and /or additional lighting was installed on both sites without approvals. The ZBA approved a variance for a garage on Route 295.

Climate Smart Task Force / Will

The application for the ecological restoration of the park grant was approved and work is underway with first of community gardening days on June 10. Supervisor Adams added that the Bronze award money will help pay for LED street lights.

Public Safety / David

There was no meeting in June. Councilperson David Patzwahl thanked Supervisor Brenda Adams for the resolution for the study of the speed limit reduction review at 295 / 22 intersection.

Recreation / Alan not present.

Supervisor Brenda Adams reported she had spoken with the Rec Committee members; guards were hired and the town swim program has begun. She hopes to have a number of enrolled students for next month.

Transfer Station / David

Councilperson David Patzwahl and Supervisor Brenda Adams discussed reports and random sticker checking. The manager of the Transfer Station assured that monthly reports will be forthcoming. Tonnage is on track.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No report this month / sales distributed

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: read by Highway Supervisor Stephen Van Tassel

We did need rain but not this much, thankfully we completed most of our paving projects but unfortunately, we have been pushed off a couple weeks with the paving of the aprons off County Route 5, which was scheduled for week of the 26th. I have been in contact with the County and the contractor paving, they believe paving will begin the second to third week in July. This also pushes us off into a later reimbursement bracket.

The paving contractor we used this year Valley Paving & Construction informed me their bill will be lower than estimated; this is because we took advantage of our shared services agreement and used neighboring towns to help haul in material from the plant to the job. Which we return the favor with our trucks when they pave as well. The bill is approximately \$15,000 less than estimated, which is good and bad because it leaves money in the pot that must be used. While I received estimates for the paving this year, I also received estimates for a guiderail job on Frisbee Street which has been falling apart for many many years. I contacted DOT In Poughkeepsie. They informed me this job does qualify under the CHIPS program and I also have contacted the Super at B2 Thruway Department and he agrees with the replacement of the guiderail, as they have noticed it falling apart as well. This stretch of guiderail is about 1200 ft. long and runs along the large embankment along the thruway and will cost \$15,441.20, slightly over what we saved with Valley paving, but with the remaining CHIPS funding we will have enough to cover the additional cost. Both the paving with the County and Guiderail job will fall into the November 3rd/December 14th payment bracket, which means when proof of payment is received before November 3rd, reimbursement checks will be received by December 14th. With these two projects underway, I believe we will be able to use up the rest of the CHIPS funding.

The tree out front has been removed, we have submitted bill for the labor and equipment rental, along with the bill for spreading the sand at the Adams Point Beach.

We have been out mowing the grass along various roads. We are still waiting on the part for the brush head but with help of the Town of Chatham we have cut back multiple densely grown spots around town with one of their mowing tractors.

Columbia County has not yet set up the speed box on County 24, but after talking to Ray Jurkowski he believes we will have the results ready for the August 14th meeting.

The crew and I have visited the Town of Schodack to see how they shoulder their roads after paving. They have a machine call a Hydraulic truck conveyor that we are familiar with because of the town buying one a few years prior. This machine hooks up to a back of a truck and while the truck lifts the dump body upwards it conveys the machine into a pile that is then spread to create a shoulder. Something like this would be a great investment for the Highway Department as we currently to do not have a way to unload material on the edge of the roads after paving. See picture of machine below provided.

The Town of Ghent Highway Department assisted in removing a large beaver dam on Beebe Pond Road, we are looking to block both sides with some sort of grate like wall so we can stop the beavers from entering the pipe and blocking it.

We have date scheduled for a boiler inspection that NYMIR requested an inspection done by Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection Insurance Company for July 18th.

Talking to the Town of Austerlitz Highway Superintendent Peter Fitzpatrick, he mentioned a Road material usage calculation at our last association meeting and I am looking to receive a calculated

result to see we stand per this formula.

I have attached a copy of the Replacement schedule I have been working on so you can see where we stand when it comes to replacement cost, life expectancy and condition of our fleet.

Requests:

The 1974 John Deere has been up on Auctions International, the winning auction amount is and I am seeking approval to finalize the sale.

Additional 284 Agreement revision.

Supervisor Brenda Adams suggested the inter municipal agreement was helpful. Stephen Van Tassel agreed. Some other discussions ensued.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Town Historian Dodie Gearing announced the annual Purple Heart ceremony will take place August 7th at 11AM at Flatbrook Cemetery to honor Canaan Purple Heart recipients.

Laurie Hickok, President of the Canaan Historical Society, thanked the town for allowing the Canaan Historical Society Declaration Day event banner to be hung over the front door of the Town Hall, saying it is the best advertisement for town events.

Mr. Alexander, a former state trooper and former code enforcement officer, spoke in favor of having no smoking signage. A sign helps keep everyone educated about smoking legislation. If the state has regulations, the public needs to take it seriously.

Congratulations were expressed to Stephen Van Tassel for getting a bid for a 1974 tractor.

MOTION to Adjourn at 8:15 pm

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl to adjourn the meeting. 4 AYES- Motion carried.

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

Next meeting: August 14, 2023

Hydraulic Truck Conveyor Images from Stephen Van Tassel

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Nebesar
Deputy Clerk II