

Town of Canaan, New York

Town Board Special Meeting Minutes:

In person at Town Hall

March 22, 2024: 6:36 – 7:46 pm

Written notice was provided to town board members via email, notice was posted on the town website, and notice was posted on town notice boards at the Town Hall downstairs and upstairs.

Present

Supervisor Brenda Adams

Councilperson: Brian Lifsec (late)

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale

Councilperson David Patzwahl

Councilperson William Powers

Also in Attendance:

Town Clerk Joshua Weisbuch

Audience: 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion to enter into an executive session for a personnel matter, seconded by Councilperson William Powers. 5 AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Brian Lifsec – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale– yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes; and
Councilperson William Powers — yes.

The Town Board went into executive session at 6:46 pm.

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale made a motion to end the executive session at 7:44 noting that no decisions had been made in the meeting, seconded by councilperson William Powers. 5 AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Brian Lifsec – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale– yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes; and
Councilperson William Powers — yes.

Supervisor Brenda Adams called for a motion to reopen the Special Meeting at 7:45. Councilperson David Patzwahl made a motion to reopen the Special Meeting, seconded by Councilperson Brian Lifsec. 5 AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Brian Lifsec – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale– yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes; and
Councilperson William Powers — yes.

APPROVALS

RESOLUTION # 71 of 2024 regarding the Town of Canaan Highway Department decision to unionize

The Town of Canaan was notified by a certified letter from Teamsters Local 294 of the Town of Canaan Highway Department's unanimous decision to join Teamsters Local 294. Upon verification of the election cards, the Town of Canaan recognizes Teamsters Local 294 as the sole collective bargaining agent for the Town of Canaan Highway Department.

Supervisor Brenda Adams requested the board to approve that she be authorized to begin to negotiate a contract with Teamsters Local 294, including the appointment of a Labor Management Committee comprised of Supervisor Adams and Deputy Supervisor/ Highway Liaison David Patzwahl and the retention of legal services of Elena DeFio Kean, Esquire, of Hinman Straub, PC of Albany, New York, for the purposes of the negotiation. Councilperson William Powers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilperson Ginny Nightingale. 5 AYES – Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Brian Lifsec – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale– yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes; and
Councilperson William Powers — yes.

Public Discussion

Supervisor Brenda Adams asked if there was any other business before the board. There was none.

Motion to Adjourn

Supervisor Adams called for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Brian Lifsec made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilperson David Patzwahl. 5 AYES - Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams – yes;
Councilperson Ginny Nightingale – yes;
Councilperson David Patzwahl – yes;
Councilperson William Powers – yes; and
Councilperson– yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Nebesar
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