

**Town Board Meeting
Monday August 10, 2026, 7:00pm**

7:00 pm – 8:47 pm

Hybrid/ in person & via zoom

Present

Supervisor Brenda Adams

Councilperson Victoria Mills

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale

Councilperson Frank Wood

Also in attendance

Town Clerk Sandy Bevens

Highway Superintendent Harry McMann

Audience: 3 in person 2 online

Absent

Councilperson Brian Lifsec

Call to Order

Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Adams called for a moment of silence and asked everyone to rise for the pledge of allegiance

Approvals

Minutes

Supervisor Adams asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes for July 13th and July 27th, and if there were any questions or comments; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the 13th. Councilperson Mills made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Nightingale. 4 AYES, motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve the July 27th minutes. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Wood. 4 AYES, motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Bills

Supervisor Adams asked if everyone had a chance to review the bills and if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve the bills. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Mills. 4 Ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Financials

Supervisor Adams asked if everyone had a chance to review the financials, and if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams noted that the Valley Paving expense would be fully CHIPS reimbursable; the grant check had been received for the Stoddard Pond weed removal and the second quarter Sales Tax check had come in higher than projected. She asked if there was a motion to approve the financials. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Wood. 4 Ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Highway Report

Superintendent McMann asked if everyone had a chance to read his report and if there were any questions. Superintendent McMann noted they had been down to two employees but had hired a new employee who had started and done well on his first day. Supervisor Adams stated that there was one employee who was currently 100% temporarily disabled for 6 weeks.

Councilperson Nightingale asked if we could temporarily hire someone to fill that position, Supervisor Adams stated that was not in the budget.

Public Safety Report

Supervisor Adams asked if there had been a Public Safety Meeting, and if there was anything noteworthy. Superintendent McMann stated there had been a meeting and that they had been advised of the Town's Speed petitions and line painting on SR 295. Supervisor Adams asked if FLOCK cameras had been discussed; Superintendent McMann stated the representative for the FLOCK had not been present so it was not discussed.

Resolutions & Motions

Resolution 107 Appreciation for Canaan Fire Company member Frank Lill

Supervisor Adams read the resolution and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion to approve; seconded by Councilperson Mills. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Resolution 108 to adopt administrative documents for the Ethics Law

Supervisor Adams went through the documents one by one, asking if there were any questions or changes to be made. Small typos were pointed out and noted. Supervisor Adams then read the resolution and asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Wood. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Resolution 109 to request Speed Reduction on SR 22

Supervisor Adams read the resolution and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Supervisor Adams asked if there was a motion to approve. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion to approve. Councilperson Mills asked who this request goes to; who would be the decision maker. Supervisor Adams stated that ultimately the state would have the final decision. Supervisor Adams asked if there was a second for the motion. Councilperson Mills seconded the motion. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Resolution 110 to request Speed Reduction on SR 295

Supervisor Adams read the resolution and explained the reasons for it. Councilperson Wood stated he felt the length of the road the request was being made for was a little long and that is why he did not sign the petition. He noted he would not hinder the process moving forward. Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to approve. Councilperson Mills made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Nightingale. 4 AYES-motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Motion to adopt a Housing Committee Scope of Work

Supervisor Adams if everyone had a chance to review and if there were any suggestions or amendments. Councilperson Nightingale asked if there would be reports available or if the committee would have to do their own research. Supervisor Adams said there should be reports available from the county by the end of the year. Councilperson Mills made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilperson Wood. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Other Business

Broadband Grant Update

Supervisor Adams noted that the last remaining homes would be done by the end of the summer.

Website Update

Councilperson Mills stated the website was being reviewed by all department heads, and final revisions were being submitted. Councilperson Mills noted a possible soft launch for October, with traffic being directed to the new site automatically from the old site, and if that goes well then a public launch could be done.

Vacancies

Supervisor Adams noted that there were still vacancies on the Ethics, Climate Smart Task Force, and in September, for the Board of Assessment Review. Supervisor Adams stated that anyone interested should send a letter of interest.

Stoddard Park Master Plan

Supervisor Adams stated we have the comments from the survey and Community Day, and there should be updated drawings by the September meeting for the Board to review.

Update on Beach Donation

Supervisor Adams stated that we are still waiting for an agreement from the attorneys.

Zoning Revision Committee Appointments/pending Comp Plan approval

Supervisor Adams stated this is old language and the committee would be renamed to be the Zoning Advisory Committee. A condition of the grant is to form the committee after the grant is awarded. Supervisor Adams stated this would not happen until the end of the year or early next year.

Speed Reductions

Supervisor Adams noted we had already discussed the resolutions for the petitions.

Current Code Digitization

Supervisor Adams stated some issues had come up regarding terms that were not defined and some outdated laws. Supervisor Adams stated she had consulted with the town's attorney, and the recommendation was to leave the code "as is" for now and move forward with publishing. Fixing the items in question would then be a housekeeping issue to clean up by the end of the year.

MEGA Agreement

Supervisor Adams stated there would be an update for this by the September meeting.

County Fuel Bid Comparison

Supervisor Adams stated there would be an update for this by the September meeting.

Board Discussion/ Committee Reports

Planning Board

Councilperson Nightingale stated that board had met and reviewed a site plan, but no decisions were made.

ZBA

Councilperson Wood stated there had been no meeting.

Climate Smart Task Force

Councilperson Mills stated the main topic had been discussion of the movie night event on climate change that will be held on the 24th. She noted the next meeting would be on Sept 15th and would include a representative from Hudson River Estuary program to discuss implementing the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan. Councilperson Mills also stated that she was disappointed to learn the grant for the charging stations had been denied. She noted she would be following up on this because she had been assured the EV charging models we have were eligible.

Recreation

Councilperson Nightingale had nothing new to report and that everything was going smoothly.

Transfer Station

Supervisor Adams stated that the Town was up 4% for the month and that two of the last three months had been up. She noted this appeared to be in C&D permits. Supervisor Adams stated we were still down 5% year over year.

Labor Negotiations

Supervisor Adams stated this would be discussed later in Executive Session

NYMIR workplan

Supervisor Adams stated that two of the issues noted in the report had been taken care of, and a 3rd item is still pending. Supervisor Adams noted we are waiting on an estimate to repair the structure for the third item.

Cemeteries

Supervisor Adams stated that we had several recent experiences with residents reaching out to the Town for assistance in locating their plots in the cemetery; they had a deed, but no map to show them where their plot is. Supervisor Adams noted that the search for records had been exhausted, and this was now an urgent matter. Supervisor Adams stated she had written to the State office that has jurisdiction on the cemeteries but had not heard back yet.

Grant Application for Zoning Revisions

Councilperson Mills stated the grant had been submitted on July 30th, and the request was for just under \$117,00, with the town being responsible for 15%. She noted we would not hear about the results of this until December. Supervisor Adams thanked Councilperson Mills for all her hard work in getting this together and submitting, and Councilperson Lifsec for assisting.

Budget Forms submitted to Dept Heads

Supervisor Adams stated the request had been distributed and were starting to trickle in.

Request to increase Credit Card limits

Supervisor Adams stated there had been a request from the Highway Superintendent to increase his credit card limit to purchase a toolbox. Supervisor Adams noted that there were 3 parts to the credit limits; the bank's recommendation, the procurement policy, and then the Town's resolutions. Supervisor Adams stated that after discussing this with the Clerks, it was agreed that raising the limits to \$3000 was a better option than having separate house accounts at other places. Supervisor Adams stated she had reached out to the bank and that they said it was certainly a possibility. Supervisor Adams noted she had asked them not to send any paperwork until she had input from the board first. In the interim it was agreed that the Board would approve a check for the purchase of the toolbox.

FLOCK Cameras

Supervisor Adams stated she had received probably a dozen calls regarding cameras in various locations around town. Supervisor Adams noted some of the cameras had been on State Route 295 so she had called the State, and they had said they were doing traffic counts. Supervisor Adams also stated she then was getting calls about the cameras being on Town roads so she called back again and was told they were not on Town roads. Supervisor Adams noted some of these cameras were identified as belonging to the NY State Department of Transportation. Supervisor Adams stated the concern with FLOCK cameras is that some of them can do facial recognition, track your travel, and record your cell phone. Supervisor Adams stated that, with the board's permission, she would like to write the state a letter for clarification on the cameras.

Assessors Report

Supervisor Adams asked if everyone had read the Assessor's Report and if there were any questions; there were none.

Public Discussion

Supervisor Adams asked if there were any questions or comments.

Peter Flierl commented about FLOCK cameras being managed by FLOCK and that there was no guarantee that the data they were collecting was being used according to the law.

Peter also commented on the impressive coordination for a helicopter landing at Stoddard Park.

Lisa Schoeller commended the actions being taken to reduce the speed limits.

Richard Schoeller asked how the state answers the speed requests; is it a yes or no or a specified distance? Supervisor Adams said it depends on the individual situation.

Supervisor Adams asked if there were any other questions; there were none. She asked if there were any online questions; there were none.

Executive Session (8:19)

Supervisor Adams asked for a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Mills. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

(8:45)

Supervisor Adams declared no decisions had been made and asked for a motion to close Executive Session. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Mills. 4 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec- Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Motion to Adjourn (8:47)

Supervisor Adams asked if there were any other questions, comments or additional business, there were none. Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Nightingale made a motion; seconded by Councilperson Mills. 5 AYES- motion carried.

Supervisor Brenda Adams- Aye

Councilperson Brian Lifsec-Absent

Councilperson Ginny Nightingale- Aye

Councilperson Victoria Mills- Aye

Councilperson Frank Wood- Aye

Next Town Board Meeting is on September 14th at 7:00 pm