

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday December 13th 2017
4:30 pm
Minutes

Present: Supervisor David T. Button, Council members Paul Backus, James Smith, Bob Washo and Phil LaMarche

Also in Attendance: Attorney Charles Nash, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Recreation Director Caitlin Boreyko, Highway Superintendant Terry Billings, Interim Code Enforcement Office Mike McQuade, Community Developer Leigh Rodriguez, Mary Ann Ashley, Tim Danehy, Tom Jenison, Adam Atkinson, Susan Kramer and John Gray

Absent: Assessor Steve Teele and Historian Linda Casserly

4:00 PM Supervisor Button opened the Town Board Meeting

Upon request of Councilman Bob Washo, Supervisor David Button added the following items to the agenda

- a. Stray Dogs
- b. John Gray of Gray and Gray CPA's

1. **Approval of minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** The minutes of Special Meeting October 30th and November 29th 2017 meetings were approved. November 8th Regular Meeting Minutes were approved:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

2. **Audit Committee:** The following bills for Abstract #12-2017 were approved for payment:

General "A".....	\$16,105.13
Town Outside "B".....	\$7,457.04
Special Lighting "SL"	\$342.68
Joint Activity "SM".....	\$825.99
Highway "DA".....	\$90,701.99
Highway "DB".....	\$11,977.14

Committee approval

Motion was made to allow the Supervisor to pay the November bills that were approved by the audit committee

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

3. Director of Economic Development/Community Director: Leigh Rodriguez's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Bob Washo Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

Developer Rodriguez stated that she is finalizing Restore New York application for the Riverside Drive property, which is due Friday December 15, 2017. Rodriguez added that the Comprehensive Plan is moving along nicely. The last meeting held captured around 50 to 60 people in attendance. Consultant feedback was positive. Last item is the Master Trail Plan is in the final draft stages and processing nicely.

4. Assessor: Steve Teele's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Phil LaMarche Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

5. Historian: Linda Casserly's written report was not submitted:

Historian Casserly will report at the December year end meeting

6. Code Enforcement Officer: written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

Councilman Bob Washo asked Interim Code Enforcement Officer Mike McQuade if he would consider staying on with the Town after his agreement expires on December 31st, 2017. McQuade said yes and added that things are going smoothly in the Code office.

7. Recreation Director: Caitlin Boreyko's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Phil LaMarche Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

Director Boreyko added that transition from fall to winter programs is going smoothly. Boreyko stated she met with the community based learning coordinator from St. Lawrence and they want to use the pavilion as a placement for students. Boreyko feels this will be good to have extra hands to help out.

8. Highway Superintendent: Terry Billing's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

9. Town Supervisor: David Button's written report was submitted and approved:

Supervisor Button submitted the October financial report to the board for approval

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

Supervisor Button stated that he will report on November finances at the yearend meeting later in December

10. Town Clerk: Lisa Hammond's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

11. Tax Collector: None

12. Legislators: None

13. Justice Court: Justice Court written reports were submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

14. Committee Reports: Councilman Jim Smith stated that Highway negotiations will begin after the New Year.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Schedule Year End Meeting Date:

The 2017 year end meeting will be held on December 28, 2017 at 12 noon

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

b. Any other business that may come before the board:

Tom Jenison was present and thanked the board members for a well done job of keeping the taxes down in the Town of Canton. Jenison also thanked Supervisor David Button and Councilman Paul Backus for their years of service to Canton.

Supervisor Button spoke on bills that he received from the Village of Canton for payment. Button stated he need to get access at Gray and Gray to see what fund balances are. Button will report back with numbers

Susan Kramer was present and expressed concerns of stray dogs in the Township and how the current Dog control officer was handling the issues. Discussion was held on contracting with shelters and the effectiveness of having a control officer for the Town. The board stated that they will take Susan concerns into consideration.

John Gray was present to receive questions: Councilman Bob Washo asked Gray if he would consider continuing to work with Canton into the new year. Gray said yes under the right terms. Gray stated that things are going smoothly.

5:17 P.M. Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa A. Hammond".

Lisa A. Hammond
Canton Town Clerk