

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday October 30th 2017

7:00 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 Tim Danehy, Village Trustee Carol Pynchon, Village Mayor Mike Dalton, Village Attorney Gerald Ducharme, Lex & Ken Hebb, John Collins, Ronnie Olesker, Sara Schaff, Marianne DiMarco-Temkin, Michael McQuade and Rosemary Philips

Absent: Assessor Steve Teele

7:00 PM Supervisor Button opened the Meeting

- a. Discussion of Town of Canton's financial support for Village of Cantons remediation of MR Bell's:

Mayor Mike Dalton gave a brief overview of bids and made a recommendation of using ACC Contracting at \$53,695.00. Mayor Mike Dalton went over information about the property at 30 Riverside Dr. and stated that the focus is protecting the Village and the Town of Canton and to be sure the municipalities are held harmless.

After discussion was held a motion was made that the Town of Canton will contribute \$23,695.00 toward the project for demolition at the former MR Bell Station.

Both Attorneys for the Town and Village will draft a memorandum of understanding detailing the cost obligations between the two.

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Bob Washo

Vote: unanimous

- b. Executive Session – Code Enforcement Personnel

7:25 p.m. went into executive session

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

7:52 p.m. came out of executive session

Motion: Phil LaMarche

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

Motion to hire Mike McQuade as interim Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$50.00 an hour for eight hours a week

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

Members of the public were present and commented on a face book post page of David T. Button for Supervisor. John Collins a resident of the Town of Canton spoke first and asked that this be entered into the record. Collins read the post from the page that was in response to an interview of North Country Public Radio about the political climate on the St. Lawrence University. Collins read the content of the post which had a caption of "is this what our community is coming to?" the post also contained the following statements. "This is happening on the SLU Campus and in our local newspapers. Reject the agenda of these intolerant, hate filled people". "Vote Republican and Conservative Candidates, Keep our community kind and tolerate".

Collins stated the post has been deleted from face book.

Supervisor David Button stated that he feels this is a political matter and is not subject to discussion at a government meeting. Button stated he is open to a private discussion on the matter.

8:07 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Bob Washo

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