

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday September 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, Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez, Historian Linda Casserly, Code Officer Russell Lawrence, Sue Mende, Klaus Proem, Toby Irvén and Recreation Director Caitlin Boreyko, Mary Ann Ashley, Cody John Casserly, John Sally Hill, County Legislators Joe Lightfoot & Kevin Acres, Charles Rouse, Dan Dominie and Adam Atkinson

Absent: Assessor Steve Teele, Highway Superintendant Terry Billings and Leigh Rodriguez

4:30 PM Supervisor Button opened the Town Board Meeting

Additions to the Agenda:

Authorization to sign contract for professional services

Attendance at Local Government Conference

Code of Ethics discussion

1. **Approval of minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** The minutes of July 24th, July 28 Special Meetings and August 9th 2017 Regular board meeting were approved:

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Bob Washo

Vote: unanimous

2. **Audit Committee:** The following bills for Abstract #9-2017 were approved for payment:

General "A"	\$3,794.49
Town Outside "B"	\$8,664.35
Special Lighting "SL"	\$2,087.07
Joint Activity "SM"	\$590.85
Highway "DA"	\$921.28
Highway "DB"	\$60,859.90

Committee approval

Councilman Paul Backus requested that Mike Shaw's invoice for Beaver removal be more specific – Supervisor Button will ask Shaw for that item

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

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

5. Historian: Linda Casserly's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

Historian Casserly stated that she wanted to thank Roger Bailey for securing the 1923 Sanborn Map

Casserly's part time employee, Rachel Towne's status and compensation will be discussed during the budget process

6. Code Enforcement Officer: Russell Lawrence's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

Officer Lawrence added that Bill's Auto is working on moving autos off his property

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

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

Director Boreyko added that she was interviewing for the Ice Season for part time positions

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:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

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

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

11. Tax Collector: None

12. Legislators: Joe Lightfoot and Kevin Acre were present and gave a report on current activities at the County level. Acres stated that St. Lawrence County is currently looking for a Public Health Director. A 30% tax on phone phones was defeated at the County level. St. Lawrence County has a new Human Resource Director and also a new Director of Community Services, Joe Lightfoot gave a brief description of both directors.

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

Judge Rosemary Philips \$7,981.00 Judge Christopher Curley \$9,789.00

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

14. Committee Reports: none

5:30 p.m. adjourned regular meeting to go into Special meeting with the Village of Canton

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

See special meeting minutes dated 9-13-2017

7:09 p.m. opened regular meeting back up

Motion: Paul Backus Motion: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

15. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Receive and Review proposals for Pump House RFPRFP's for Pump House RFP's

No bids were received - this matter was tabled

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

b. Season Ending Highway Projects – Tabled

c. Pyrites Kayak Launch repairs:

Discussion was held on contacting Clarkson for guidance in the ongoing launch repairs. Discussion also was held on clarifying things with Aaron of Tisdell and Assoc. through Supervisor Button

d. Approve Community Bank Collateral Agreement

Approval to sign Collateral Agreement with Community Bank was granted

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

e. Approve School Tax Collection Appointment:

Approval for the Town of Canton to collect school taxes for Canton Central for the 2017-2018 School Year

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

f. Town Support for County Cemetery Monument:

Discussion was held a tentative dollar amount to contribute to a monument at the County Cemetery. The matter was tabled as the Town board had no objections to a monument, the feeling was that the County should be the purchaser

g. Town Contribution to Chamber of Commerce: This moved to 5:30 p.m. special meeting agenda for 9-13-17

h. Approval to allow Supervisor David Button, Town Clerk Lisa Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer Russell Lawrence and Assessor Steve Teele to attend local government conference in Potsdam on October 10th

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Phil LaMarche Vote: unanimous

i. A resolution by the Town of Canton giving authorization to sign a professional services agreement relating to the development of a Comprehensive Plan was reviewed and approved

See attached resolution

j. Discussion was held at length on a nepotism clause being added to the Town of Canton Code of Ethics going forward. Councilman Bob Washo expressed his concerns about the lack of language in the current code regarding nepotism. Washo shared a handout from the Comptroller's Office with language and asked the Board members to review it and consider making a change going forward.

Washo stated that the Comptroller stated that the County has a code of ethics that addresses nepotism and that he thinks it would be good to add it to the Town of Cantons.

Supervisor Button stated that he did not disagree with Washo but stated he had a problem with the assessment of it and stated he felt Washo was doing this for political reasons. Washo rebutted this and stated this is about going forward and said it is not to dig up anything.

7:30 p.m. meeting adjourned

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Paul Backus Vote: unanimous

Lisa Hammond, Town Clerk