

**TOWN OF CANTON BOARD
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

September 13th, 2017

5:30 pm

Minutes

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

Also in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Village Mayor Mike Dalton, and Village Trustees Dwight Stevenson, Carol Pynchon, Beth Larrabee, Shawn O'Brien Klaus Proem, Toby Irven, Charles Nash Attorney for the Town of Canton, Jake Newman, Historian Linda Casserly, St Lawrence County Legislators Joe Lightfoot and Kevin Aces, Charles Rouse, John & Sally Hill, John & Cody Casserly

Village Attorney Gerald Dusharme arrived at 6:05 p.m.

5:30 P.M. Supervisor David Button opened the Joint Special meeting held with the Village of Canton

Additions to the agenda: Pavilion Floor and Chamber of Commerce

1. Justice Court Funding:

Discussion was held on the Village of Cantons contribution to the Town of Canton for Justice Court shared service. Councilman Paul Backus suggested that one solution would be to take the amount of cases and divide them by the money and have that be the Villages contribution.

Both Mayor Michael Dalton and Supervisor David Button suggested sending this matter to the shared services committee for more discussion.

2. Update on Joint Committees:

Discussion was held on the Shared Highway Facility previously discussed at the last joint meeting and the fact that it would cost around \$10,000,000.00. Supervisor Button added that perhaps cleaning up the MR Bell property on Riverside Drive as a Brownfield cleanup would trigger additional opportunities such as a Highway Facility. It was decided that two members from the Town, Village and County will start a committee and hold more discussions.

3. Acquisition & Remediation of MR Bell's Inc:

Discussion was held on hiring Atlantic Testing to conduct an asbestos assessment of the property located on Riverside Drive not to accessed \$5,000.00. Mayor Mike Dalton stated that Village received estimates for demolition in the amounts between \$15,800 up

to 28,000. These estimates do not include the remedy for disposal of asbestos or other contaminants. The Village agreed to cap the spending at \$30,000.00 for demolition. John and Sally Hill were present and expressed their concerns the demolition of the building. John Hill asked that both boards to follow code rule 56 before the building is taken down and to hire a State certified contractor. Village Trustee Carol Pynchon stated she would be committed to that, as she wants to protect the neighbors and the river.

6:15 p.m. went into executive session for the purpose of negotiations related to the MR Bell property

Motion: Paul Backus
Beth Larrabee

Seconded: Jim Smith
Carol Pynchon

Vote: unanimous

6:16 p.m. came out of executive session

6:17 special meeting opened back up

Village Attorney Gerald Ducharme went over communications between the State, St. Lawrence County and the Village. The State has agreed to dispose of all good contamination. The State has also agreed to reimburse the County and the municipality from any obligation. After discussion it was decided that the Village will have the asbestos test done and then come back to the Town with updates. Motion was made to have Mayor Mike Dalton hire Atlantic testing to test MR Bells not to exceed \$5,000.00

Motion: Beth Larrabee

Seconded: Carol Pynchon

Vote: unanimous

4. Pavilion Floor:

Discussion was held on an invoice that the Village gave the Town back in May of 2015 for payment toward the pavilion floor bond payment for the 2005 project. Mayor Dalton asked the recreation committee to take a look at it. Supervisor Button stated that this matter is not a shared service decision. Button added that he will send Town board members a mechanism whereby they may be able to develop an answer to this ongoing question of money owed or not to the Village

5. Chamber of Commerce:

The July 19th and August 10th request letters for additional funds of \$33,315.00 by the Canton Chamber was discussed briefly. Trustee O'Brien stated he feels the Village, Town and Economic Development need to have representation on the hiring committee before the boards entertain additional funding. Trustee Larrabee and Councilman Smith stated they feel the Village and Town should have representation on the Chamber Board, not just on the hiring committee. Supervisor Button added that he feels the business community should up their contributions. After discussion it was decided that Trustee

Pynchon will work with Councilman LaMarche and Washo to write a letter to the Chamber stating that both the Village and Town appreciate the work of the Chamber. At this time both boards are in agreement to wait to see the needs and goals under new direction of the Chamber before making a decision.

7:09 P.M. meeting adjourned

Motion: Carol Pynchon

Seconded: Beth Larrabee

Vote: unanimous

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT COME BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD

6:50 P.M. Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel – Supervisor

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

8:25 P.M. came out of executive session

Motion: Paul Backus

Seconded: Phil LaMarche

Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond, Canton Town Clerk