

**TOWN OF CANTON BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

March 14, 2018

6:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Council Member's Bob Washo, Jim Smith, Phil LaMarche and Tim Danehy.

Also in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Recreation Director Caitlin Boreyko, , Economic Development Director Leigh Rodriguez , Historian Linda Casserly, Angela Gray, Village Trustee Carol Pynchon, Paul Backus, Adam Atkinson, Klaus Proem, Derek Hetu, County Legislator Dan Fay, Lynn Soulia and Toby Irven

Absent: Interim Code Officer Mike McQuade, Assessor Steve Teele and Highway Superintendent Terry Billings

A. Call Meeting to Order: Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley called the meeting to order

B. Public Comment: None

C. Approval of minutes: (s): January 23, 2018 Regular Meeting- February 14, 2018 Regular Meeting – February 19, 2018 Special Meeting and March 7, 2018 Special Meeting

Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to approve minutes from above, second by Council Member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

D. Supervisor Report: Angel Gray, Gray & Gray CPA, gave a verbal financial report. Gray stated all accounts have been reconciled. Supervisor Ashley added that the audit committee is reviewing the reconciled statements each month as an additional internal control. All deposits are also being reviewed by the audit committees. Councilmember Jim Smith asked about the fund balance in the Special Fire Account of \$42,000 and why there was one. Supervisor Ashley stated that all tax warrants were satisfied and she will investigate the matter. Ashley has asked the Canton Fire Chief to meet and provide the Town with history of payments on individual items. Ashley informed the board members that she was informed by Canton Fire Department Treasurer Michal Morgan that a 2017 payment was not received on one of the vehicles. Ashley added that the payment came out of the 2018 budget.

Supervisor Ashley reminded the board members of the upcoming joint meeting with the Village of Canton on March 19, 2018 at 5:30 pm and read over the items on the agenda.

E. Audit Committee:

1. Approval of Expenditures

The following bills for Abstract #3-2018 were approved for payment:

General "A"	\$24,950.61
Town Outside "B"	\$5,338.81
Special Lighting "SL"	\$339.52
Joint Activity "SM"	\$3,960.57
Highway "DA"	\$59,359.09
Highway "DB"	\$6,919.34

Council Member Jim Smith stated that the majority of M DA payment was a final payment on the pay loader that was purchased in 2016.

After discussion was held on termination of the Towns IPADS it was decided to cancel the service

Council Member Bob Washo made a motion to cancel Verizon IPADS services, seconded by Council Member Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to accept bills as approved, seconded by Council Member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

F. Approval of Department Reports

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to accept department reports, seconded by Council Member Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

G. Committee Reports:

Committee member Bob Washo reported that the Sustainability Committee met and stated that the Village of Canton passed a resolution for the climate community. Washo will forward a copy of said resolution to the Town members and would like the Town to consider passing a similar resolution at the April meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Committee member Jim Smith reported that there is an upcoming meeting with the consultants at the St. Lawrence County Building on March 22, 2018 at 9:30 am.

Committee member Phil LaMarche reported that the Grass River Blue Way Project Committee met twice and continues to work on a logo and work on signage components for the grant. Supervisor Ashley stated that the Blue Way is a multiple municipal grant for signage and marketing. Supervisor Ashley is working on support from other municipalities as far as funding.

Committee member Phil LaMarche reported that the Water Front Advisory Committee should have an updated version of the Water Front Revitalization Plan ready for the Town and Village meeting on March 19, 2018.

H. Old Business

1. Pyrites Boat Launch:

Council Member Phil LaMarche stated that he had met with Town Highway Superintendent Billings and other members of the Highway Department along with Aaron from Tisdel's. A review of the revised plan was discussed as was crunching the dollar figure attached. The revised plan from Tisdel's for a new design to correct the Pyrites boat launch issue of drainage. LaMarche stated that it will be roughly \$10,000 to repair the launch. After discussion it was decided to put this matter on the April agenda for possible approval.

2. ABS Copier Contract:

Discussion was held on the pros and cons of leasing or owning the municipal copier located in the Town Clerks Office. Supervisor Ashley and Clerk Hammond will get more information from Advance Business System and report back to the board. This matter will be revisited.

I. County Legislature Update(s)

County Legislature Dan Fay was present and gave a brief update on the County business. Fay stated that he is not in favor a juvenile facility in Canton. At first he was excited about 50 new jobs until he found out that St. Lawrence County would be responsible for the bonding. Fay stated that the budget at the County level is under more control than it was three years ago. Fay added that he is in full support of the Bass Masters held in Waddington and noted that it brings many people to the County and ESPN gives us national coverage.

J. New Business

1. Set Public Hearing for Local Law waiving Code Enforcement Officer Residency:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley went over the draft of Public Hearing notice

Councilmember Jim Smith made a motion to set Public Hearing date of March 26, 2018 @ 6:00 pm on proposed LL #1, seconded by Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Councilmember Bob Washo stated that he will be out of Town but is in full support of proposed LL#1.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley thanked Village Attorney Gerald Ducharme for assisting in the process.

2. Town of Canton NYMIR/ Mac Fadden Dier Insurance Renewal:

Derek Hetu from Mac Fadden Dier was present to talk about insurance renewal process. Discussion was held on coverage for the Little River and Pyrites Boat Launches. Easement Agreement for the Pyrites Boat Launch will be provided by Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez. Former Land fill in Pyrites will now be coverage by insurance. \$34,598.00 is the policy cost annually.

3. School Resource Officer Position:

Canton Police Chief James Santimaw was present for discussion of a proposed School Resource Officer position at Canton Central School. Questions and answers were received. Santimaw gave a brief overview of matters that have happened at the school this year some of which are mental health issues. Santimaw stated that in the early 2000 a Resource Officer was at the school and it was very successful. If this was approved the Officer would be a sworn member of the Canton Police Department. Future discussion will be held in the hopes of funding. The board members thanked Santimaw for his efforts.

4. Hold Harmless County Resolution:

Matter tabled for Attorney review

5. RBEG Agreements:

A brief discussion was held on the current agreements and it was decided to move the matter to executive session.

6. Process for changing town road speed limits:

Discussion was held on reducing the speed limit on State Street from 55 mph past the school going toward the sport fields and other facilities. Discussion was held on the cost for the Town to have a study done by an engineer and then the chance of not getting approval. This matter will be placed on the March 19, 2018 Joint meeting with the Village.

7. Fee approval for second notice on taxes:

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to charge a \$2.00 fee on all 2nd notices mailed to taxpayers for unpaid tax bills, seconded by Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

8. ZBA Appointment:

Klaus Proem was present and made a recommendation Matthew Scafidi-McGuire to the ZBA board to fill one of the three available seats.

Council Member Tim Danehy made a motion to appoint Matthew Scafidi-McGuire to a five year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Klaus Proem encourages training for all members of the ZBA and Planning boards. Council Member Bob Washo recommended that the ZBA board members receive any and all Planning board meeting minutes to become informed of what's going on. Washo added that maybe the ZBA should meet quarterly to keep the board from becoming stale.

K. Public Comment: none

- L. **Executive Session:** Councilmember Bob Washo made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose as identified in Public Officers Law 105 (1)(e)(f). Negotiations at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Councilmember Phil LaMarche made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:24 pm. Councilmember Tim Danehy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Councilmember Jim Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Councilmember Bob Washo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond
Canton Town Clerk