

**TOWN OF CANTON BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING**

March 26, 2018

6:00 pm

Minutes

Present: Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Council Member's James Smith, Phil LaMarche and Tim Danehy

Absent: Deputy Supervisor Bob Washo

Also in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Jeff Murray, Sue Mende, John Pinckney and Carol Pynchon

A. Call meeting to Order:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley called the meeting to order 6:00 pm

B. Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law #1-2018

6:02 pm Supervisor Ashley opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from the public.

Carol Pynchon stated that she thinks there are a lot of compelling reasons for the Code Enforcement Officer to not need to leave in the Town or Village, but close enough within the County and that this will be a good change.

6:05 pm Council Member Jim Smith made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Phil LaMarche seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

C. Consider and take action on proposed Local Law:

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to approve LL#1-2018 as written to change residency requirement for the Office of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Council Member Phil LaMarche seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council Member Tim Danehy stated that he would like to extend the Town's appreciation for the assistance from Village Attorney Gerald Ducharme in this process in the absence of a Town Attorney.

D. Code Enforcement Officer Appointment:

Council Member Tim Danehy stated that the search committee consisted of himself, Supervisor Ashley, Mayor Dalton, Planning board chairs Mike Morgan and Barry Welsh, Planning board member Klaus Proem.

Council Member Tim Danehy made a motion to hire Jeffrey Murray as Town Code Enforcement Officer effective April 2, 2018 Council Member Jim Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley welcomed Jeff Murray to the Town of Canton and added that the salary will be \$40,000 and a probationary period of 2-12 months, with option for insurance and retirement. Murray added that he is thankful for the opportunity and that this will be a new adventure for him.

E. Discuss Attorney Position:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated that interviews have been conducted. Three people applied for the position. Council Member's agreed that it was a really good process with good candidates. Council Member Phil LaMarche added that the board decided to go with contract for services instead of hiring as a Town employee. LaMarche noted that this will save the Town health care and retirement costs. Council Member Tim Danehy added that the Town has the option to terminate agreement on a short notice.

Council Member Tim Danehy made a motion to authorize Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to pursue an agreement for fees for legal services with Pease and Gustafson from Massena. Council Member Phil LaMarche seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

F. Executive Session:

Council Member Tim Danehy made the motion to go into executive session at 6:12 pm under Public Officers Law 5 (1)(e)(f) Council Member Phil LaMarche seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council Member Tim Danehy made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:16 pm. Council Member Phil LaMarche seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

G. Adjourn:

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Council Member Tim Danehy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond Canton Town Clerk