

**TOWN OF CANTON BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

October 10, 2018

6:00 PM

Minutes

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

Also, in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Historian Linda Casserly, Steven Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray, John Gray, Klaus Proemm, John Tenbusch, Adam Atkinson and Toby Irvén

Absent: Assessor Steve Teele, Highway Superintendent Terry Billings and Economic Development Leigh Rodriguez

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

B. Public Comment: None

C. County Legislature Representative (Updates): none

D. Approval of minutes: September 12, 2018 Regular Meeting and September 27, 2018 Special Meeting

Council Member Tim Danehy made a motion to approve minutes, second by Council Member Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

E. Supervisor Report: John Gray of Gray & Gray CPA gave a verbal financial report. Gray went over the fund balances with the board members.

Discussion was held on the DB fund reflecting the CHIPS, Pave NY and EWR. Council Members discussed having the fund showing the reimbursements as itemized separately. Gray stated he will show this on future reports. Council Member Tim Danehy requested a report showing cash position of previous years of payments of CHIPS, Pave NY and EWR.

Council Member Jim Smith suggested to put more money in the 2018 Budget for Special Lighting after reviewing the balances of the SL account.

F. Audit Committee:

1. Approval of Expenditures

The following bills for Abstract #10-2018 were approved for payment:

General "A".....	\$22,511.73
Town Outside "B".....	\$740.38

Special Lighting "SL"	\$2313.40
Joint Activity "SM".....	\$1237.10
Highway "DA".....	\$8735.63
Highway "DB".....	\$22254.59
Trust & Agency.....	\$18857.10

Council Member Washo suggested that SF and SL have separate abstracts. Gray will do this in the future.

Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to accept the bills as presented, seconded by Council Member Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

G. Approval of Department Reports

Council members asked Steven Smith of the Highway Department about fuel logs. Smith explained how the system works at the Highway, stating that each vehicle has a sheet that they keep as a log showing fuel, dates, etc. Washo suggested instead of having several separate logs in vehicles, maybe one log could be placed at the pump. Discussion was held on having a common log. Council member Phil LaMarche asked Smith about work being done on Miner St. Rd. Smith stated that the Town Highway was not involved in a project on Miner St Rd recently.

Clerk Hammond stated that September generated a lot of traffic in her office. Hammond and Deputy Heidi Smith were busy with hunting licenses and collecting school taxes.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray stated that he successfully completed his certification. Board members congratulated Murray on his success. A short discussion was held on the Morley Gristmill.

H. Committee Reports:

Committee Member Bob Washo reported that the Sustainability Committee met yesterday October 9th, 2018. Washo added that the Master Trail will continue to go forward now that the plan has been adopted by both the Town and the Village of Canton. A meeting is planned for Monday October 15, 2018

Committee member Tim Danehy reported that the Recreation Committee has met and held discussion where to go with the search of a new Recreation Director. Danehy add that hiring has been done of a full-time temporary person to get the Recreation Department through the winter.

I. Old Business

1. CENSUS 2020 - Keith Zimmerman and John Tenbusch SLC Planning Dept.

John Tenbusch gave a presentation to the Board members on the upcoming 2020 CENSUS along with a hand out. Tenbusch stated that a CENSUS is conducted every ten years and has been so since 1790. All Census data is confidential. The goal of a census is to count every person living in the dwelling as of April 1st. Tenbusch noted that in 2010 every person missed cost your local community \$2,000.00 per person. Questions and answers were exchanged. Board members thanked Tenbusch for his presentation.

2. Town wide Broadband Access:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported that she and Council Member Tim Danehy conducted a phone conference on September 17, 2018, at 1 p.m. with Jeff Nordhaus and Mark McNulty from the NYS Broadband Program Office and went over the Charter buildout plan. Danehy stated that Charter has the right to amend the plan. Nordhaus suggested that the Town get ahold of Charter. Council member Tim Danehy stated that the town has to sign a non-disclosure agreement, agreeing not to share addresses of the residents that are without service. Danehy wants Attorney Eric Gustafson to review such agreement before signing and sending back. Danehy noted that this is a real problem across New York State.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley was directed by the board to request the agreement from Charter for Attorney Eric Gustafson's review.

3. Solar Moratorium:

Council Member Bob Washo reported that a meeting was held on the Solar Moratorium and that Town Attorney Eric Gustafson provided some model language for it. Matilda Larson from the St. Lawrence Planning Office and Mike Morgan the Town of Canton Planning Board Chair were present at the meeting. Washo stated that Larson was very well prepared for the meeting and she was pleased with the direction that the Town of Canton is going. The matter has been turned over the Town Planning board for fine tuning.

4. Grasse River Blueway Plan:

A Resolution was presented to the board members.

Motion was made by Council Member Phil LaMarche to adopt the Grasse River Blueway Trail Plan, seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor, motion carried.

See attached resolution

5. Waterfront Revitalization Plan:

Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to adopt the presented updated Waterfront Revitalization Plan, seconded by Council Member Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

J. New Business

1. Set Public Hearing date for 2019 Budget:

Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the 2019 budget on November 7th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Jim Smith. All voted in favor, motion carries.

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to hold a budget work session on October 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., seconded by Council Member Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor, motion carries.

2. Justice Court Assistance Program Grant Resolution:

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to support a resolution for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant, seconded by Council Member Bob Washo, all voted in favor. Motion carries.

See attached resolution

3. Assessor Search:

Council Member Tim Danehy reported that a draft ad has been prepared for advertising for an Assessor. The final ad will go to the papers with a deadline of November 16th, 2018 to accept applications. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley will have St. Lawrence County Human Resources review before sending out.

4. Approval of Spending PAVENY and EWR Maintenance Funds:

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to approve a resolution to spend highway funds, seconded Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries

See attached resolution

K. Public Comment: none

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley added to the agenda: Morley Lighting District Request: Supervisor Ashley read a letter from the Morley Fire Commissioner requesting \$10,424.00 from the Town of Canton to support the Morley Fire Department in regards to collecting taxes from the Morley Lighting District.

L. Executive Session: Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose as identified in Public Officers Law 105

(1)(e)(f) (h). at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:21 pm. Council Member Bob Washo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Council Member Tim Danehy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond
Canton Town Clerk

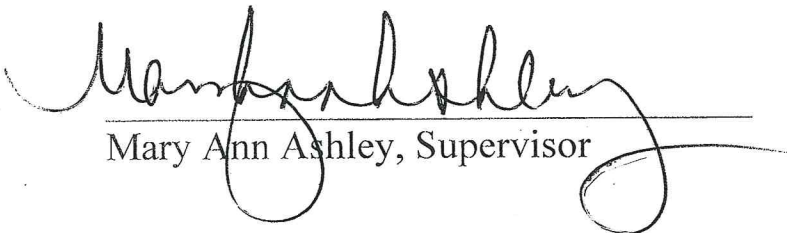
RESOLUTION No. 5
In Support of a
JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

October 2, 2018

- WHEREAS,** The Justice Court for the Town of Canton has a heavy caseload because of the presence of two colleges, the County jail within its jurisdictions, and the Village Court dissolving in December, 2012, merging with the Town and;
- WHEREAS,** The Canton Court System operates at a high degree of efficiency despite the constraints faced by a community where 65% of its property is tax exempt; and
- WHEREAS,** The Canton Court System could improve its efficiency by using a grant through the Justice Court Assistance Program that would upgrade a number of office supplies and materials; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** The Town of Canton does hereby support an application for an Assistance Program grant that will allow for badly-needed updating of the office's equipment and systems.

By order of the Town Board of Canton:

Date:


Mary Ann Ashley, Supervisor

10/2/18

RESOLUTION 6
October 10, 2018
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
GRASSE RIVER BLUEWAY TRAIL PLAN

WHEREAS: The Town of Canton has participated in the development of a regional Grasse River Blueway Trail Plan with the other St. Lawrence County Grasse River Communities utilizing funding received by the Town of Canton from the New York State Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program; and

WHEREAS: an Advisory Committee of representatives from each Grasse River community and other interested parties worked with the River Street Planning & Development consultant team, to prepare the Blueway Trail Plan; and

WHEREAS: several public engagements events were held including a Visioning Workshop, Stakeholder Summit with focus groups, and a Public Input Meeting to gather local and regional input throughout the planning process; and

WHEREAS: an extensive public comment period for reviewing the draft Plan was provided and input reflected in the final Plan; and

WHEREAS: the Blueway Trail Plan brings the Grasse River communities together to create an identity based on their connection to the River that can be celebrated, protected and promoted; and

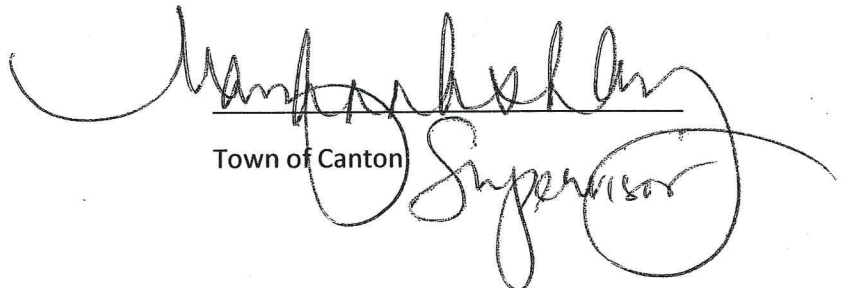
WHEREAS: the Plan's scope was to understand the existing recreational resources and identify cooperative ways to enhance the experience and opportunities along the River corridor for residents and visitors, and to demonstrate regional stewardship in protecting the River's invaluable ecosystem.

WHEREAS: the Blueway Trail promotes a balance of diverse recreational and cultural opportunities with land and water stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Board does hereby adopt the Grasse River Blueway Trail Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution become a permanent record of the minutes of the Town Clerk.

10/10/18
Date


Town of Canton Supervisor

RESOLUTION NO. 7

DATED: October 10, 2018

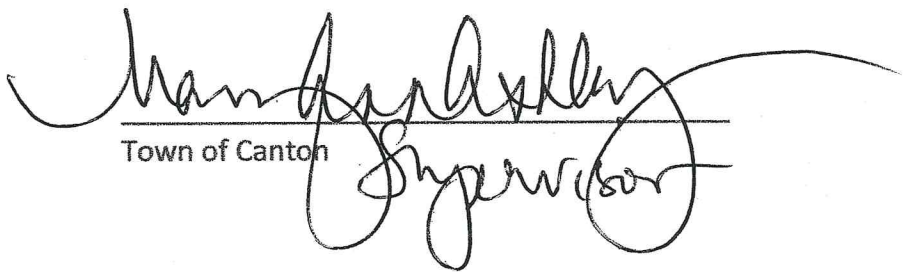
Approval of Spending of PAVENY and EWR Maintenance Funds 2018

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton is approved by New York State for PAVE NY and EWR funds for 2018,

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton Highway Department needed additional funds for the DB-5105-5112-4 Contractual Expenses for paving,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves spending of \$50,894.44 PAVE NY funds and 43,034.22 EWR funds in the DB account.

10/10/18
Date


Town of Canton Supervisor