

**TOWN OF CANTON BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

November 14, 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, Highway Superintendent Terry Billings, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray, Economic Development Leigh Rodriguez, Attorney Eric Gustafson, Klaus Proemm, Carol Pynchon, Adam Atkinson, Susan Huntley, Planning Board Chair Michael Morgan, Toby Irven, Tom and Joanne Woodside

Absent: Assessor Steve Teele, Historian Linda Casserly

Additions to the agenda: #8 NY Power Authority Town Request for Intervenor Funding on the rebuild of 230 Transmission Lines. #9 Historians Position

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

**B. Public Comment:** Tom Woodside of Miner Street Road was present and spoke to the board members about work that he has performed in his yard by filling in a ditch, building retaining walls and putting in a four-foot culvert pipe. Woodside stated he was here speaking to the board for informational purposes only to cover his backside. Woodside added that beavers are at work across the road from his property and that the Town of Canton has a three-foot culvert that is submerged at this time and in the spring, water will likely be over the road. Woodside spoke with the Town Highway Superintendent about this project. Photo's were reviewed by the board members of the existing culverts. Highway Superintendent Terry Billings said the road condition will be monitored.

**C. County Legislature Representative (Updates):** none

**D. Approval of minutes:** October 10, 2018 Regular Meeting and October 17, 2018 and November 7, 2018 Special Meetings

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

**E. Supervisor Report:**

Gray & Gray were unable to attend. The Town Board members reviewed the report. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley added that a correction was made on SF fire protection because the Senator Ritchie grant wasn't put on the books correctly for the \$2,000.00 that was awarded. This correction will show on next month's report.

Ashley reported that Sales Tax is up \$43,000.00 from last year and also informed the board members that the Town and Village will hold a joint meeting on December 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

**F. Audit Committee:**

**1. Approval of Expenditures**

The following bills for Abstract #11-2018 were approved for payment:

General "A".....	\$31,074.61
Town Outside "B".....	\$25,332.39
Special Lighting "SL" .....	\$317.43
Joint Activity "SM".....	\$3,951.59
Highway "DA".....	\$21,590.16
Highway "DB".....	\$9,021.14
Trust & Agency.....	\$18,857.10

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

**G. Approval of Department Reports**

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley congratulated Assessor Steve Teele on his State award from the Association of Assessors for most valuable member award. This award was presented to Teele for his commitment and distinguished service to the Association and his accomplishments in advancing the profession of assessing.

Council Member Bob Washo made a motion to approve Department Head reports, seconded by Council Member Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**H. Committee Reports:**

Committee Member Jim Smith reported that the Comprehensive Plan held a coordination call meeting with the Department of State in hopes of getting a finish product.

Mary Ann Ashley reported that the Waterfront Advisory Committee met and each member will be selecting what they feel are three top priorities from the plan they think are important and hold discussion on them.

**I. Old Business**

1. Solar Moratorium Update:

Planning Board Chair Mike Morgan was present and reported on discussions and meetings that were held on the process. Morgan stated that things are going smoothly and looking good. Council member Bob Washo reported that he and Council Member Jim Smith are going to attend a meeting on Solar in Gouverneur on November 15, 2018 and will be looking for any additional language for the plan. Attorney Eric Gustafson stated he likes what he sees in the plan and that the next step is coordinating the SEQR. Gustafson will get names of engineers to the Board members for consideration.

Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to hold a Public Hearing to extend the moratorium for 60 more days on December 12, 2018 at 6:15 pm. Seconded by Council Member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

2. Anti-Discrimination Harassment Policy Update: NYS passed a new law with language that the Town will need to follow. Tabled

**J. New Business**

1. Kevin Webb-Hydro Licensing Manager-Enel Green Power North America Pyrites Hydro Project and Re-Licensing Process Presentation

Kevin Webb, Tim Sullivan and Scott McIntyre were present and gave a power point presentation along with a hand out. Questions and answers were received. A site visit will be held at the Pyrites Project site on November 15, 2018 at 10:00 am, in addition two joint meetings will be held at 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm in the Municipal Building Board room to provide an overview of the Project to discuss the licensing process and timelines. Webb encouraged the Town of Canton to send a comment letter and or any recommendations into Enel Green Power North America to have a voice in the process by Mid-January 2019. This matter will be placed on the regular December Town board meeting under Old Business.

2. Passage of 2019 Town Budget Resolution:

Council Member Bob Washo made a motion to pass the 2019 Town Budget Resolution, seconded by Council Member Phil LaMarche.

Roll call vote: Council Member Bob Washo	yes
Council Member Phil LaMarche	yes
Council Member Jim Smith	yes
Council Member Tim Danehy	yes
Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley	yes

See attached resolution  
See attached 2019 budget

3. Department Audits:

Discussion was held on the possibility of hiring an outside firm to audit Town finances. Attorney Gustafson was present and suggested that a private/professional auditor should be considered. Supervisor Ashley to research on a possible outside firm and report back to the board.

4. Set Public Hearing-Real Property Tax Law 458-b Cold War Veterans

The Current Law requires renewal every ten years. The new law will take the ten year rule out and allow municipalities and the County exemptions permanently.

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on December 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

5. Standard Workday Resolution: Tabled due to Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley gathering more information and working with NYS Retirement System.

6. Consider Vital Statistics Registrar Districts Consolidation:

Discussion was held on the State requesting that the Village of Rensselaer Falls/Town of Canton consolidate Vital records. Discussion was held on the volume of records that the Village of Rensselaer Falls have and the fact that the Village is located within the Town of Canton: Matter tabled to see what the Village of Rensselaer Falls Attorney advises. Matter to come back to December meeting.

7. NYS Association of Town 2019 Annual Meeting Feb 17-20 NYC

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to approve Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting in NYC Feb 17-20, 2019, seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

8. Power Authority Request:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashely reported that the application was filed this afternoon 11-14-2018 to request Intervenor funding on the rebuild of the existing Edward Moses Adirondack 230 KV transmission lines. These funds will also allow the Town of Canton to have their Attorney assist in keeping track of the project.

9. Historian Position:

Discussion was held on the Historian position going under the Town of Canton. The Village and Town of Canton will continue sharing the costs. A preliminary shared service agreement has been done.

Council Member Jim Smith made a motion to place the Historian Position under the Town of Canton, seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

10. Purchase of property within the Town for Highway Department purposes:  
Tabled to be discussed in Executive Session.

K. **Public Comment:** none

- 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 7:50 p.m., seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council Member Tim Danehy made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:43 pm. Council Member Jim Smith seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Action taken #10 above:

Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to authorize Town Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to sign a three-year lease/purchase agreement with All States Asphalt, Inc. in final form, subject to approval of Town Attorney, seconded by Council member Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council Member Bob Washo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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. 8  
DATED: 11/14/18

TOWN OF CANTON  
ADOPTION OF 2019 TOWN BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR January 2019-December 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Preliminary Budget as amended and revised as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and shall be and is hereby fixed at the amounts shown effective January 1, 2019.

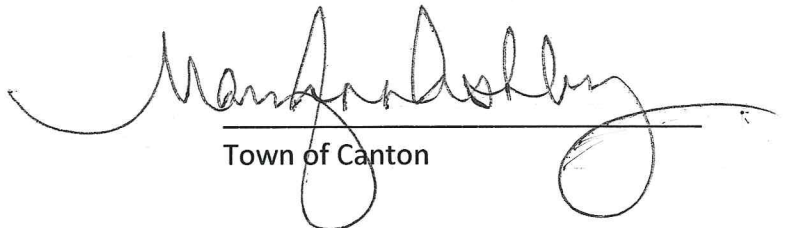
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, motion by Council Member Washo, and seconded by Council Member LaMarche.

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ABSTENTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

11/14/18  
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