

Village of Canton, New York

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: December 10, 2018

Board Present:

Michael Dalton, Mayor
Beth Larrabee, Trustee
Klaus Proemm, Trustee

Carol Pynchon, Trustee
Sean O'Brien, Trustee

Others Present:

Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney
Brien Hallahan, Superintendent
Cara Adams, Deputy Clerk
James Santimaw, Police Chief

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer
Leigh Rodriguez, Economic Developer
Jeff Murray, Code Officer

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 6:25pm.

Mayor Dalton read the Legal Notice:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Canton Village Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 10, 2018, commencing at 6:25pm, in the Board Room of the Municipal Building at 60 Main Street, Canton, New York, 13617. At that time, the Board will receive public comment concerning a proposed local law that (a) would amend Canton Village Code §289-36(A) to increase the Cold War Veteran's real property tax exemption limit to \$8,000; and (b) would amend Canton Village Code §289-36(C) to allow the Cold War Veteran's real property tax exemption to be applicable without the ten (10) year limitation otherwise stated at *RPTL §458-b(2)(c)(iii)*. A copy of said local law may be obtained from the Canton Village Clerk (60 Main Street, Canton, New York; 315-385-2871) and is posted on the Village's website.

Mayor Dalton asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment.

Mayor Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 6:30pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:30pm.

Mayor Dalton moved the following item from New Business:

- d. Swear in New Police Officer's Joshua J. Rose and Lindsey M. Landphere-** Clerk Noble swore in new Police Officer Joshua J. Rose with a start date of December 26, 2018.

Clerk Noble swore in new Police Officer Lindsey M. Landphere with a start date of December 26, 2018.

Both new Police Officer's will be attending the Academy starting January 7th.

- a. Approve minutes of November 19th-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15th, 2018; seconded by Trustee Proemm. Clerk Noble informed the Board that the minutes are missing the verbatim Public Hearing minutes from Economic

Developer Rodriguez and would be added as soon as they are received. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Trustee Larrabee made a motion to accept the Department Head Reports; seconded by Trustee Pynchon. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Economic Developer Rodriguez added that she is working on trying to get money back. SAM Grant \$100,000 for Bend in the River and \$50,000 for the roof and boiler at the Golf Clubhouse. The Microenterprise Grant has been extended waiting on four requests. The Main Street Grant is done, waiting on one more request. She is working on trying to wrap them up.

Superintendent Hallahan updated the Board that the blower project is completed. There are still problems at the lagoons. The pipe has arrived and they will be coordinating to replace the liner.

Chief Santimaw thanked the Board for their support in hiring two Officers.

Mayor Dalton stated that the Board is pleased with the good job the Police are doing. Construction will be started downstairs on the locker room soon.

Animal Control Report- Mayor Dalton informed the Board that there might be possible changes coming up. The Town is discussing and the Village usually takes the direction from the Town. More to follow.

Code Officer Murray informed the Board that he did not have anything to add to his report.

Trustee Pynchon asked Code Officer Murray about the paint colors in the Historic District.

Code Officer Murray stated that the allowed paint colors in the Historic District has not been followed. He is looking for recommendation from the Board because that if he enforces the code there might be blow back.

After Board discussion they suggested that the code be followed going forward. Code Officer Murray will share the pallet with the Board to review. Trustee Pynchon will like to continue the talk about the color pallet.

Dan Fay was not present at this time to discuss his subdivision request for Miner Street. The Board agreed to add it to the January meeting.

Clerk Noble stated that the Police are now on the same phone system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sustainability Committee- Trustee Pynchon stated that they applied for and are finalist for the Local Food Local Places and should hear back by February.

Recreation Committee- Trustee Pynchon informed the Board that they will be posting an ad for Recreation Director in early January. The goal is to hire a Recreation Director for a start date of March 1st.

Golf Committee- Trustee Pynchon stated that they will be issuing an RFP for Golf Concession.

Master Trails Committee- Trustee Proemm stated that the Committee discussed a bike pedestrian path from School to Sullivan Drive. They are applying for the People for Bikes Grant; \$10,000 to go towards the design and study of the path. Trustee Proemm and Economic Developer Rodriguez will do the grant together.

The Committee will be meeting with the school and United Helpers for involvement.

Trustee Pynchon asked about the property that has to be crossed that is owned by National Grid that has been decommissioned. She suggested asking National Grid if the property could be purchased or given to the Village. Mayor Dalton stated that he will make a phone call to National Grid

Toby Irving clarified that the study will be from Riverside/State St. to Sullivan Drive since that is part of the Master Trail Plan. It would be a multi-use trail and the grant would be towards engineering and feasibility.

Trustee Proemm made a motion to support applying for the People for Bikes Grant for the multi-use trail from Riverside/State Street to Sullivan Drive to be consistent with the Master Trail Plan. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION:

Mayor Dalton received an e-mail from Bill Duskas who resides at 60 Judson St. regarding cars that have hit his house. Mayor Dalton stated that the speed bumps will be installed from April to October but it will not help the current issue. Mayor Dalton looped Chief Santimaw in and is aware to watch the area.

Trustee Pynchon suggested a stop sign on Pleasant and Judson or Farmer and Judson? She suggested sending it to Complete Streets for recommendation.

Mayor Dalton is going to notify Mr. Duskas that they are sending it to Complete Streets for recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Trustee Pynchon stated that she received a comment regarding the Holiday Music and wanted to know when the music was supposed to play. Clerk Noble stated that the music is set to play at 9:00am, 12:00pm and 4:00pm. The person that spoke with Trustee Pynchon suggested music with no lyrics.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Discuss and Take Action on the Cold War Veteran's Exemption-** Trustee O'Brien made a motion to amend the amount and duration of the Cold War Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Village of Canton, New York
Local Law 3 of the year 2018**

A LOCAL LAW

**Amending the Amount and Duration
of the Cold War Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption
in the Village of Canton, New York**

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Canton, New York, as follows:

- A. Village Code §289-36(A) is amended, pursuant to RPTL §458-b(2)(a), to increase the Cold War Veteran's real property tax exemption limit to \$8,000. Accordingly, Village Code §289-36(A) shall read as follows:

Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from real property taxation in the Village of Canton, New York, to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property; provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) or the product of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the Village of Canton, whichever is less.

- B. Village Code §289-36(C) is amended to allow the Cold War Veteran's real property tax exemption to be applicable without the ten (10) year limitation otherwise stated at RPTL §458-b(2)(c)(iii). Accordingly, Village Code §289-36(C) shall read as follows:

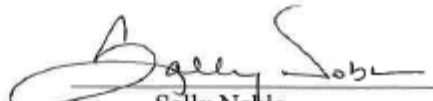
The Cold War veteran exemption shall apply to qualifying owners of qualifying real property in the Village of Canton, New York for as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to the ten (10) year limitation otherwise provided by New York Real Property Tax Law §458-b.

- C. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of the State.

The votes are as follows (Yes or No):

Mayor Michael Dalton	voting	Yes
Trustee Carol Pynchon	voting	Yes _____
Trustee Elizabeth Larrabee	voting	Yes
Trustee Sean O'Brien	voting	Yes _____
Trustee Klaus Proemm	voting	Yes

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Sally Noble
Village Clerk

- b. Discuss and Take Action on the Intermunicipal Agreements-** Attorney Ducharme pointed out that the Historian Shared Service Agreement did not include an agreement term. Trustee Pynchon stated that she will add the language. After Board discussion, Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the six Shared Service Agreements with the one change to the Historian agreement. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

The Town of Canton will be discussing at their next meeting. Trustee Pynchon stated that they are continuing to work on IT and Recreation Service Agreement.

- c. Update on EV Charging Stations-** Trustee Proemm updated the Board they are continuing to work on the location and how much to charge. There are Charging Stations at St. Lawrence University, SUNY Canton and Best Western that are free. Trustee Proemm wants the Board to think about how we might charge.

Trustee Proemm suggested two potential spots for the charging station. First one to be on Hodskin Street between the two parking lots by the power pole or by the power pole by the Municipal Building where the Police cars park.

After Board discussion, any ideas with how much to charge and location should be sent to Trustee Proemm. Trustee Proemm is going to check with the City of Burlington and Ithaca to see how much they charge.

- d. Approve Samuel Haenel as Probational Full-Time Laborer-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve Samuel Haenel as Probational Full-Time Laborer retro back to his start date which includes him to be receive holiday pay for Thanksgiving. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
- e. Dan Fay- Subdivision-** Mayor Dalton added the item to the agenda. Dan Fay discussed the lot that he would like to subdivide on Miner Street. He is planning on building a house on the lot (left hand side). A public Hearing will be held on January 22, 2019 at 6:15pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds –** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds for abstract # **07 of 2018-2019**. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
- b. Approve Fire Department Members- Matthieu Cote-** Trustee O'Brien made a motion to approve the following fire department members; Matthieu Cote. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries
- c. Discuss Firefighter Cancer Insurance Benefit Program-** Mayor Dalton stated that it is State Law that Firefighter Cancer Insurance is provided to interior firefighters that have been in the department five years and will continue until five years after they leave the department. Mayor Dalton send the information to the Board from the NYCOM recommended provider. The cost is \$155 per person a year and will cost the Village a total of \$3,899 a year for the basic coverage.

- e. **Request from Tim Nolan to Attend Training-** Trustee Larrabee made a motion for Tim Nolan to attend the Annual Training in March in Lake Placid. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Toby Irving stated that the Friends of the Canton Trail would like to remind the Board of the maintenance items for the Spring. He asked if they could create a fund to support the trail for paving, signage and address the dangerous areas.

Trustee Proemm asked Clerk Noble if they could create a line item for Complete Streets since \$3,000 will be coming in from St. Lawrence Health Systems. Clerk Noble stated that the Board would need to approve a budget modification adding a revenue and expense line item for Complete Streets.

Trustee Proemm made a motion to approve the budget modification for Complete Streets. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session -Trustee Pynchon made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:45 PM for a purpose as identified in Public Officers Law §105(1) (f.). Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Proemm made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Larrabee. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01PM. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Adams
Deputy Clerk