

Village of Canton, New York

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2019

Board Present:

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

Sean O'Brien, Trustee
Carol Pynchon, Trustee

Others Present:

Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney
Brien Hallahan, Superintendent
Jeff Murray, Code Officer

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer
Jim Santimaw, Police Chief
Cara Adams, Deputy Clerk

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

- a. **Approve minutes of May 20th & May 30th** – Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20th & May 30th seconded by Trustee O'Brien. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to accept the Department Head Reports; seconded by Trustee Proemm. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Clerk Noble did not have anything to add except that Trustee Pynchon, Deputy Clerk Adams and herself will be attending a web conference on Google Drive.

Chief Santimaw stated that the Dairy Princess went well.

Superintendent Hallahan informed that Board that the Golf Clubhouse roof is 50% complete.

Trustee Larrabee thanked DPW for doing the road work and she is pushing for Haley Drive to be paved.

Trustee Pynchon asked if the solar work is completed? Mayor Dalton is going to follow up.

Trustee Pynchon asked why the Fire Department needs a bigger parking lot. Superintendent Hallahan explained that it is a polling location for the Board of Elections and for emergency purposes. The County has funds for the project and the Village has funds budgeted for the paving.

Recreation Report- Recreation Director Putman was not in attendance as the Golf Clinic started that night.

Trustee Pynchon added that everyone received the Summer Packet. She asked for the packet to be reviewed and to provide feedback.

Trustee Pynchon informed that Board that Recreation Director Putman has had some frustrations with the budget. Trustee Pynchon, Mayor Dalton and Clerk Noble met with Recreation Director Putman to discuss the budget.

Trustee Larrabee stated that there was good press with the basketball court being completed. She gave kudos to Recreation Director Putman and Larry Olmstead.

Code Officer Murray had nothing to add.

Trustee Pynchon asked for clarification who oversees the cars parked on front lawns. Chief Santimaw stated that the Police are responsible.

Animal Control Report- Mayor stated that there were no dogs seized. He stated that the Town will be making changes in the fall.

Economic Developer Rodriguez informed the DRI has been the big focus, the application was submitted and the DRI presentation is on June 21st. The Microenterprise grant has been wrapped up. A budget amendment will need to be done for the Waterfront Revitalization. The Comp Plan reimbursement has been submitted. The Steering Committee will be reviewing the three proposals on Brownfield Step 2 on Thursday. Economic Developer Rodriguez attended a conference in Albany, she stated that it was a good networking opportunity for the Brownfield and DRI applications. Economic Developer Rodriguez stated she did not receive anything for the CFA application from Department Heads or Committees. The deadline for the CFA application is July 26th.

Mayor Dalton asked Economic Developer Rodriguez if she wanted to dovetail the DRI/CFA with the Cohen property. Economic Developer Rodriguez stated potentially but SUNY Canton is likely to do that with their piece of that project.

Trustee Pynchon asked Economic Developer Rodriguez if the State Street path to Sullivan Drive could be a CFA Application? Economic Developer Rodriguez stated that she believes there is interest in that with the Recreational Trails Program that is available this year.

Climate Smart Communities are interested in three different things for the CFA application.

Trustee Larrabee asked Economic Developer Rodriguez if they could connect next week to discuss Complete Streets and Trails.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication and Technology Committee- Trustee Pynchon stated that the Google Drive is set up. The Committee is working on how to execute them. They will put together instruction and training.

Golf Committee- Trustee Pynchon informed the Board that the awning is up. Bacon Brothers are doing very well.

Sustainability Committee- Trustee Pynchon stated that Emmitt Smith spoke to them about the Community Choice Aggregation and Community Distributed Generation. There is potential to the community to be able to set this up through either the Municipality or the Committee. Trustee Pynchon will send the webinar to the Board.

Comp Plan- Trustee Pynchon informed the Board that the changes to the comp plan will come back to the Village, Town and Village of Rensselaer Falls. After that a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

Attorney Ducharme stated that a Joint SEQRA could be completed. He stated it is not inappropriate to do everything together since everything affects one another.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION:

Mayor Dalton informed the Board that the NYSARC Autism Walk is taken care of.

Mayor Dalton received a letter from Janet Torres asking for sewer credit for watering a garden. Mayor Dalton responded via e-mail with the current policy for pool fills. Mayor Dalton asked the Board for their input. After Board discussion, the Board decided there would be no change to the policy and they would only allow credits for pool fills. Trustee O'Brien suggested the use of rain barrels.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **EV Charger Update-** Trustee Proemm updated the Board on the EV charging stations. A rebate will be provided by National Grid for a fast charger and a level 2 charger. The cost will be covered almost entirely for both of them at around \$30,000. RFP's will have to be received for the installations/equipment for the charging stations.

Trustee O'Brien made a motion to send out RFP's. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion.

The RFP's will be reviewed by Clerk Noble and Attorney Ducharme.

Trustee O'Brien asked where the location will be for the chargers. Trustee Proemm stated that they will be installed on Hodskin Street in the west side of the parking lot. The stations will take up three spaces.

All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- b. **Rental Registration-** Trustee Pynchon that it was time to bring it back up. Attorney Ducharme and Trustee Pynchon will get it together to discuss. Trustee Pynchon is going to send the latest draft to Code Officer Murray.

Trustee O'Brien asked about the rental law in New York City that just passed, if they were able to opt in?

Mayor Dalton stated that there are qualifiers for the law.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds-** Trustee Larrabee made a motion to authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds # 1 of 2019-2020. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

General Fund	\$89,183.65	Golf Course	\$49,273.35
Water Fund	\$11,841.88	Joint Activity	\$4,174.82
Sewer Fund	\$9,973.32		

- b. **Canton Housing Authority Resolution to Appoint Certifying Officer-** Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities Program Designation to authorize the Mayor to be the certifying officer. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTION
June 17, 2019**

**VILLAGE OF CANTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM
DESIGNATION OF CERTIFYING OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton has received funding from the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) in the amount of \$300,000 through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to provide assistance to the Canton Housing Authority for improvements to their facility at 35 Riverside Drive, Canton NY; and

WHEREAS, projects that include CDBG funds must be assessed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the related authorities listed at 24 CFR Part 58; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton, as awardee, must designate a certifying officer responsible for all activities associated with the environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with NYS CDBG project number 175PF149-18;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Canton does hereby does designate the Mayor as certifying officer responsible for environmental activities related to the aforementioned project; and

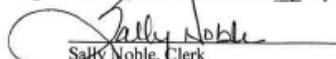
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Canton does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documentation, upon approval of counsel, and to engage in requisite activities related to environmental determination for the grant as may be required.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was put to a vote, as follows:

Mayor Michael Dalton	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Trustee Carol Pynchon	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Trustee Elizabeth Larrabee	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Trustee Sean O'Brien	voting	<u>Yes</u>
Trustee Klaus Proemm	voting	<u>Yes</u>

State of New York)
County of St. Lawrence)

I, Sally Noble, Clerk of the Village of Canton, New York do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Canton, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of June 2019, on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that the same is a true copy of the whole of such original. I further certify that the full Board of Trustees consists of five members (including the Mayor), and that a quorum of the Board's membership was present at such meeting, and that the votes of the members present are as stated in the resolution. In witness whereof I appear to set my hand and seal of the Village of Canton, New York on this 17 day of June 2019.


Sally Noble, Clerk

- c. **Appointment Fire Department Members: Michael Berrios, Peter Lamb Jr., and Vincent Simpson-** Trustee Larrabee made a motion to appoint fire department members Michael Berrios, Peter Lamb Jr. and Vincent Simpson. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- d. Approve RFP for Building Study-** Mayor Dalton stated he, Trustee Pynchon, Supervisor Ashley and Councilperson Washo reviewed the five RFP's for the building study. After review they are recommending BCA for \$19,000 which would be split between the Town and Village. BCA did the study on the Police Station.

Trustee Pynchon stated that they would be talking to the staff to see what the needs and space is needed.

Trustee Pynchon stated that the Town of Canton passed it with the contingency that the Village approved the RFP.

After Board discussion, Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve BCA for the Building Study. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- e. Approve Becky Hollis for Part Time Fill in Dispatcher for PD-** Trustee Larrabee made a motion to approve Becky Hollis for the part time fill in dispatcher for the Police Department to start immediately as an needed bases at a rate of \$17.95 an hour. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

- f. Discuss Plaindealer Closing-** Mayor Dalton expressed his disappointment in the Plaindealer closing and editor Paul Mitchell losing his job. The Plaindealer was the primary newspaper. Attorney Ducharme suggested that the resolution be updated.

Trustee Proemm made a motion to update the Designation of Official Newspaper Resolutions making the Watertown Daily Times the primary newspaper. Trustee Pynchon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION

JUNE 17, 2019

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton, New York, supports the state mandate that all municipalities designate an official newspaper for placement of all legal advertisements; and

WHEREAS, motion to do so was made by Trustee Proemm and seconded by Trustee Pynchon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Canton, New York, that the Watertown Daily Times shall be the Official Newspaper for the Village of Canton. Requirement for publication in the village's official newspaper shall be satisfied by publication in the official newspaper.

Duly adopted this day of June 17, 2019 by the following vote:

Ayes 5 Nays Absent


 Sally Nothle
 Village Clerk/Treasurer

- g. Discuss Miner Street Options-** Mayor Dalton stated that the paving on Miner Street will be on hold until the end of the construction of Appleton. They have had discussions with St. Lawrence University to try to take out of the corner on Miner Street to improve the sight distance. An engineering study is being conducted. Mayor Dalton showed the following map of Miner St.

Superintendent Hallahan stated it will enhance the appearance due to the new addition being close to the sidewalk. There will be contributions from the St. Lawrence University.

The recommendation is South of Clark Street to the Village limits. There are three trees on the curve that are dangerous.

Trustee Pynchon stated that the Board received a statement of support from the Complete Streets Task Force.

Trustee Pynchon stated that the cost of the Study is \$9,800 for the Town of Canton. She asked if the Village or SLU would give the Town some money?

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to give the Town of Canton \$1,000 towards the road study.

Superintendent Hallahan asked who is conducting the study? Trustee Pynchon stated that Brooks Washburn is.

Chief Santimaw clarified that there would be a pedestrian crossing from the parking lot. He agreed that this definitely needs to be looked at.

Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Toby Irvin informed the Board that the discovery period will be started soon.

- h. Discuss Zoning Audit-** Trustee Pynchon stated that the Comp Plan will effect the code and zoning. The code will have to be in compliance with the Comp Plan. A zoning/code audit will have to be done. Trustee Pynchon stated that the logical contract for the zoning audit would be Monica Ryann with River Street. The zoning audit will evaluate where there are discrepancies and give recommendations. River Street will help rewrite the code. Trustee Pynchon read the proposal, stating that the rate will not exceed \$3,500. After Board discussion, Trustee Pynchon made a motion to move forward with River Street to conduct the zoning audit. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
- i. Discuss Proposed Cannabis Resolution-** Trustee O'Brien read the proposed Cannabis Resolution.

Trustee Pynchon stated that the supporting information in the resolution is useful.

Trustee O'Brien said the resolution states that we want it to pass and St. Lawrence County to opt in. He wants the Village to be leaders and open up a conversation with the young.

Trustee Larrabee asked the Board for more time to do research and be more conscious how the other states have dealt with the negative. She stated before she can support this, she needs to do her own research.

Attorney Ducharme suggested that Trustee O'Brien send the Board the Department of Health Report.

Mayor Dalton stated he supports Trustee Larrabee. He does not feel comfortable to move forward with the resolutions yet. There are some things that he needs to resolve. If the State decides to move forward then it becomes an economic issue for us and that is another discussion. Supporting passage of it then supporting the economic piece with the concerns of the taxation piece.

Trustee O'Brien stated that the SAM Report is not consistent.

Trustee Larrabee stated that she wants to know about the infrastructure on how to deal with the outfall.

Trustee Pynchon stated that someone has to take the lead. She appreciates the need for more time but it needs to be now.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve the adoption of the Cannabis Resolution. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion.

Mayor Dalton and Trustee Larrabee opposed the resolution.

Trustee Pynchon, Trustee Proemm and Trustee O'Brien voted in favor.
Motion carries.

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF CANTON

June 17, 2019

WHEREAS, eleven states and our nation's capital: Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington, and the District of Columbia, have voted to legalize cannabis for adult use, and

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario on the Northern border of St. Lawrence County has voted to legalize cannabis for adult use, and

WHEREAS, 63% of New Yorkers support the legalization of cannabis for adult use, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has concluded that the benefits of taxing and regulating cannabis outweigh any potential negative consequences, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York has accepted that conclusion and endorsed cannabis legalization, and

WHEREAS -- in parallel with the New York State initiative to develop an agricultural foundation and market for industrial hemp -- legalizing cannabis would spur development of cannabis-based agri-business in rural areas of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton has created a curriculum in Cannabis Business Education to support this new business, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Farm Bureau voted to support legal adult-use cannabis on June 10, 2019 -- recognizing the potential for our state's farmers to assume a leadership role in the local cultivation of the plant -- and

WHEREAS, the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) S. 3040 (Krueger) / A. 3506 (Peoples-Stokes) legalizes the production, distribution, and use of cannabis by removing the substance from classification as an illicit drug under New York's Controlled Substances Act, and

WHEREAS, the MRTA will provide a foundation to create a responsible and well-regulated industry for adults over the age of 21, and a framework to limit youth access in ways that are unachievable under prohibition,

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton understand that use of cannabis in the state of New York has negative consequences, including risk of dependency, possible desensitization to future drug use, negative cognitive and academic effects, complicated interrelationships with mental illnesses,

adverse cardiac and respiratory effects, and long-term brain development impacts related to underage use, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton support the passage of the MRTA so that these negative consequences can be remediated out in the open in an environment where criminal penalties are not a factor for those seeking assistance, and

WHEREAS, assuming a role of leadership toward legalizing cannabis for adult use affords Canton increased opportunities to discuss the necessary social structures to guide our community towards responsible use of cannabis products, and

WHEREAS, social justice, economic opportunity, and public health are priorities of the residents of Canton, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton support the responsible cultivation, use, and regulation of cannabis; the creation of a diverse and inclusive cannabis industry in the North Country; and the reinvestment of revenue from taxed and regulated cannabis in local communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Village of Canton support the passage of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (S1527 / A1617); and further

RESOLVED, the Village of Canton support the legally regulated cultivation and sale of cannabis in Saint Lawrence County; and further

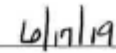
RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk send copies of this resolution to Assembly member Mark Walczyk, and State Senator Pattie Richie, requesting their support for the passage of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (S1527 / A1617); and further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk send copies of this the St. Lawrence County Legislature, requesting that the County Legislature embrace the legalization of cannabis for adult use.

Upon a motion by Trustee Pynchon, seconded by Trustee Proemm the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was put to a vote. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Michael Dalton	voting	No
Trustee Carol Pynchon	voting	Yes
Trustee Elizabeth Larrabee	voting	No
Trustee Sean O'Brien	voting	Yes
Trustee Klaus Proemm	voting	Yes


Sally Noble, Village Clerk


Date

NONE

Executive Session- Trustee O'Brien made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:12PM for a purpose as identified in Public Officers Law §105(1) (f.). Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:38PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Brien. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Proemm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43PM. Trustee O'Brien seconded the motion All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Adams
Deputy Clerk