

**TOWN OF CANTON**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Budget 2020 – Code of Ethics Public Hearing**  
November 6, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
Minutes

Present: Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Council members Bob Washo, James Smith, Phil LaMarche and Tim Danehy

Also, in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Canton Trustee Carol Pynchon, Dan and Lynn Soulia, Karin Blackburn and John Casserly

A. Call meeting to order:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley opened the meeting.

B. Public Hearing Purpose of Updating Village and Town Code of Ethics:

6:03 PM Supervisor Ashley opened the Public Hearing. Ashley thanked everyone involved in the process and stated that this Code has been long overdue to update. Ashley read the first page of the draft proposal.

Lynn Soulia of Canton asked about future employment, in which Ashley explained by going over that section on page 6 of the Code.

Council member Bob Washo stated that there will be an Ethics Board created.

Council member Tim Danehy requested that the word otherwise be added to section 19 of page 10 of the draft. All board members agreed. Supervisor Ashley to make that change. Village of Canton Trustee Carol Pynchon was present and also agreed.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and Council member Bob Washo pointed out that the purposed changes to Canton's code, model and follow the Comptrollers suggestions and also St. Lawrence County's Code.

6:13 PM Supervisor Ashley closed the Public Hearing.

After a brief discussion it was decided to place the passage of the Ethics Code on the November 18, 2019 calendar with the Town and Village Board joint meeting.

The Municipal Building study presentation will also take place at this joint meeting.

C. Public Hearing 2020 Tentative Town Budget:

6:15 PM Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley opened the Public Hearing. Ashley noted that the purposed tax rate will increase from \$2.65 to \$2.70

Appropriations are \$2,838,998.00 for the 2020 Budget with an increase in taxes of \$35,292.00 because of total taxable assessed property of 60,720.00.

Recreation will see an increase of \$10,000.00

An additional secretary has been requested in the Supervisors Office to assist in Human Resource matters.

Supervisor Ashley asked for public comment.

Karin Blackburn asked how much the Fire Department increases were. Ashley answered that the total amount stayed the same at \$275,000.00, adding that the smaller Fire Departments got an increase of \$2,206.00

6:17 PM Council member Jim Smith made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley went over three purposed changes on a memo that was handed out to the budget allowing her make internal changes under the guidance of the Comptroller's Office. Deleting equipment lines and placing that money under contractual and moving accounting services out of Supervisors line and placing it on a separate line item of A1400.1310.1 These changes do not change figures in the Budget.

Council member Bob Washo made a motion to accept Supervisor Ashley proposed changes per her memo, seconded by Council member Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

D. Consider Passage of Preliminary Town Budget 2020:

After a brief discussion it was decided to place the passage of the budget on the November 13, 2019 regular meeting agenda.

6:29 p.m. Council member Bob Washo made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of Public Officers Law 105 (1) F & H, seconded by Council member Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

7:23 p.m. Council member Phil LaMarche made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Deputy Town Clerk Leave Request:

Motion to approve leave made by Council member Phil LaMarche, seconded by Council member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

7:25 p.m. motion to adjourn meeting by Council member Tim Danehy, seconded by Council member Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Hammond, Canton Town Clerk