

**TOWN OF CANTON REGULAR  
BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 PM**

**December 11, 2019**

**Minutes**

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

Also in Attendance: Attorney Eric Gustafson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray, Highway Superintendent Terry Billings, Angela Gray of Gray & Gray, Economic Development Director Leigh Rodriguez, Justice Michael Morgan, Toby Irven, Jeff & Tracy Coffey, Ben Budelmann, Ann Heidenreich, Ellis Giacomelli of the Watertown Times and Georgia Grzywacz senior at St. Lawrence University

Absent: Historian Linda Casserly, Assessor Cindy Brand and Recreation Director Jim Putman

**A. Call meeting to order:**

Introductions were made by the board members to the public

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley tabled under New Business items #2, #4 and #5 and added, Highway Laborer title change for a highway department employee.

Supervisor Ashley under Old Business added new copier resolution to transfer funds

Supervisor Ashley wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Supervisor Ashley presented outgoing Council member Phil Lamarche with a token of appreciation on behalf the Town Board and thanked him for his three years of service to the Town of Canton.

- B. Public Comment:** Jeff Coffey of Pyrites was present and spoke about the current conditions of the trash in Pyrites. Coffey elaborated on the trash and dump conditions of the properties. Coffey stated that this has been going on for years, and three or four Code Enforcement Officers have done very little to change the problem. Coffey stated that after talking with Albany on the phone they suggested that he come to a board meeting to get his concerns on the record. Coffey has no problem with current Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray. Coffey stated he has spoken to Albany about the on going problem and wants the Town to consider cleaning up the trash and possibly billing the home owner.

Tracy Coffey reminded Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley that they were told as soon as a new Code Enforcement Officer came on, these matters would be taken care of. Coffey's are concerned that they themselves and their neighbors will not be able to sell their homes due to the garbage situation.

C. Georgia Grzywacz – Climate Vulnerability Study:

Grzywacz, a senior at St. Lawrence University, gave a verbal presentation on her findings on a Climate Vulnerability Study for the Town and Village of Canton. This study will continue on with another student after Grzywacz graduates. This tool will be used by the Sustainability Committee to help them move forward in responding to climate change. Grzywacz read over the highlights of her findings.

Council Member Bob Washo thanked Grzywacz for her work and noted that this would have cost the municipalities a lot of money if it was done by a paid consultant firm. Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez noted that she applies for grants and this information will be a very good tool for her to use.

See attached

D. County Legislature Representative(s) Updates(s): none

E. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Board Minutes 11-13-2019

Joint Meeting with Village of Canton 11-18-2019

Special Meeting 12-2-2019

Motion by Council Member Bob Washo to accept minutes, seconded by Council Member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

F. Supervisor Report:

Angel Gray of Gray and Gray stated that the Town of Canton is seeing some real positive balances, Gray showed the board members a summary of income and expenses against the budget. Gray added that the Town board will see the mortgage tax in next months report.

Gray read over the hand out on the fiscal status of the Town of Canton. Questions and answers were received and fund balances were discussed.

Gray noted that some inter loan funds of \$160,000 to \$180,000.00 will be addressed at the year end meeting.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley noted that as of this date the CHIPS money has not been received and that mortgage tax increased this year.

Council Member Jim Smith asked about the A general County tax distribution budget of \$30,000.00, and why it is showing \$47,000.00. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated that it is surplus.

Council Member Jim Smith stated that County tax is not A money and that if there is any surplus it should be put in the B account. Supervisor Ashley to report back to the board at next meeting.

G. Correspondence:

Ben Budelmann of CR 27, Canton was present and asked the board to consider having term limits for their board members. Budelmann feels some members stay to long and form alliances with each other. Members after serving for four years should get off the board for one year.

In ending Budelmann asked the board to consider that all four board members not be of the same party.

H. Audit Committee:

A: \$40,250.15	TA: \$14,896.15
DA: \$24,807.70	B: \$116,525.70
SM: \$12,426.09	DB: \$16,682.07

Council Member Bob Washo asked about SL and SF having no activity. Clerk Lisa Hammond stated nothing for SF this month and still waiting on National Grid to send SL bill. Hammond to call National Grid.

Discussion was held on payment to the Village for the Town portion of Recreation Department. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to check on the agreement with the Village and report back.

Motion made by Council member Phil LaMarche to approve expenditures, seconded by Council member Jim Smith, all voted in favor. Motion carries.

I. Acceptance of Department Reports:

Town Clerk Lisa Hammond stated that her office is maintaining its work load in the absence of Deputy Clerk Heidi Smith. Hammond to start collecting Town and County Taxes in January.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray stated and shared some pictures of the complaint from Jeff Coffey in Pyrites, noting that he has 105 miles to cover in the Town and Village of Canton and its hard to concentrate on just one area. Murray added that he has addressed three or four issues in Pyrites.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated that Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez report was received but that she has not had a chance to read it, therefore Ashley asked the board to accept the other Department Head reports and table Rodriguez to next month.

Town Clerk Lisa Hammond let the Board know that Historian Linda Casserly had trouble sending her report this month due to a problem with email.

Motion was made by Council member Bob Washo to accept Department reports as presented, with the exception of the Economic Developer, seconded by Council member Tim Danehy, all voted in favor. Motion carries.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley informed the Department Heads that the Board wants the monthly reports the Friday before the regularly held board meeting.

Council Member Bob Washo stated that beginning January 2020 the shared IT committee along with the Village of Canton is launching the use of Google Drive for shared documents. Each department will be able to read each other's reports and eventually the reports will be able to be viewed by the public. Washo added that will work similar to drop box that was used in the past. An email invite will be sent out to all departments and a brief training will be conducted. Washo stated that the board has heard from the Public that they don't really know what is happening in each department. The board wants each department starting in January to attend the meetings and issue verbal highlights of their report. This will let the Board member and the public know what's taking place in their departments.

#### J. Committee Reports:

Committee member Bob Washo reported on the Complete Streets progress. WCT Surveys and that they did a Survey and Audit of Miner Street Road in the Town and Village out to Taylor Park, this information is being shared with Brooks Washburn to be put on paper and be presented to the Boards after the first of the year. Washo stated that a couple new member names will be brought to the boards for consideration for serving on the Complete Street Board.

Committee member Bob Wash reported on the Sustainability Committee stated that the Village of Canton and the food scrap collection process is being taken over by the Village of Canton DPW and they are making some changes for improvements. Sub Committees of the Sustainability are looking into the Comprehensive Plan and zoning.

#### K. Old Business:

1. Ethics Law Update: Tabled

Attorney Eric Gustafson spoke on the matter and stated that there is no need to carve anything special out in the Law for the Justices. Gustafson added the Justices have their own laws and conduct to follow. Gustafson will reformat the Law to read Town of Canton through out the document.

2. Bank Accounts Closure Resolution:

Motion to close three accounts in the amount of \$6,407.75 made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, seconded by Council Member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

See attached resolution

3. Association of Towns Annual Conference Delegate Resolution:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley will be attending Conference in February and will represent the Town of Canton as their Delegate.

Motion to delegate Ashley by Council Member Tim Danehy, seconded by Council Member Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

See attached resolution

4. Sales Tax Revenue Discussion:

Supervisor Mary Ashley stated that the Supervisors and Mayors Association passed a resolution opposing any change to the sales tax reapportionment to the municipalities. A copy of this resolution will be sent to St. Lawrence County.

5. New Copier Resolution:

Motion made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to move \$5,562.66 from the Contingency Account to Central Printing Contractual Account to facilitate the purchase of a new copier, seconded by Council Member Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

L. New Business:

1. Town of Russell Hold Harmless Resolution:

Motion to approve service agreement with the Town of Russell, for both 2019 and 2020 by Council Member Jim Smith, seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

See attached resolution

2. Interfund Loan Repayments Resolution: Tabled

3. Planning Board Appointment:

Motion made for approval of Mike K. Morgan to serve the Planning for a five-year term 1-1-2020 – 12-31-2024, made by Council member Jim Smith, Seconded by Council member Bob Washo, all voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council Member Bob Washo requested that Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley ask for copies of any minutes be provided to the board members. Clerk Lisa Hammond stated that she gets them. Washo noted that he wants to see the draft of the minutes. Council Member Jim Smith wants to see agendas when they come out.

4. Gray & Gray Agreement 2020 Renewal: Tabled
5. Pease & Gustafson Agreement 2020 Renewal: Tabled
6. Morley & Pyrites 2020 Fire Contracts:

Motion to accept approve both Morley and Pyrites Fire Contracts by Tim Danehy, seconded by Council Member Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

See attached Contracts

Council Member Tim Danehy asked where the Canton and Rensselaer Falls contracts were. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated she does not have yet, but does not want to hold these contracts up.

Clerk Lisa Hammond stated that Rensselaer Falls Village Board approved their contract on December 2, 2019.

7. Court Security Part Time Appointment:

Discussion was held on the appointment of Leah Alestra at the rate of \$20.00 an hour as a substitute fill in for the current Security Officer. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley noted that this is a Justice appointment but wants it stated for the record.

8. Court Security Title Change to Town Constable:

Motion was made to pass a resolution changing the Court Security title to Town Constable/Peace Officer and adopt the Village of Canton Police Department Policy and Procedure Use of Deadly and less lethal force by Jim Smith, seconded by Phil LaMarche. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

See attached resolution

9. Consider IT Draft Policy:

Discussion was held on the draft. Council Member Bob Washo stated that he will entertain any questions. Washo encouraged all members to contact the committee with any questions or concerns. Washo acknowledged Supervisor Ashley previous questions by email.

10. Set date for Year End Meeting:

Year-end meeting date will be held December 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

11. New Highway Title:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated that Jason Meashaw joined the Town Highway Department with the initial title of Laborer. Now that Meashaw has completed his six months, his title will now be Heavy Equipment Operator. Ashley to do paper work on the matter. All in agreement.

M. Public Comment:

Ellis Giacomelli reporter for the Watertown Dailey Times introduced herself to the Board members. Giacomelli was welcomed to Canton by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and board members.

Executive Session: Upon a majority vote upon a motion that identifies the subject to be considered, the Council may conduct an executive session to discuss any of the issues identified as proper by Public Officers Law 105 (1)

7:33 p.m. Council member Tim Danehy made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of Public Officers Law 105(1) (F) and (H) , seconded by Council member Bob Washo, all voted in favor. Motion carries.

9:15 Council Member Mary Ann Ashley made a motion to come out of executive, seconded by Council Member Bob Washo. All Voted in favor. Motion carries.

9:16 p.m. Council Member Phil LaMarche made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted

Handwritten signature of Lisa A. Hammond in cursive script.

Lisa A. Hammond

## **I. Vulnerability Assessment Highlights**

- Climate change impacts every aspect of Canton residents' lives.
- Canton is already experiencing the effects of climate change, and these impacts will continue to worsen unless global carbon dioxide emissions are reduced.
- Canton's natural water resources are threatened by the temperature increases and a rise in unpredictable precipitation patterns, which may result in drought and flooding, respectively.
- Biodiversity in Canton will be impacted by climate change in numerous, potentially unpredictable ways. Climate change-related impacts already seen include shifting species ranges, shifting ecosystem dynamics, and phenological changes.
- Forests in Canton are vulnerable to rising temperatures impacting their composition, density, and range.
- Invasive species threaten Canton as a result of climate change-related habitat expansion.
- Canton is dependent on its agriculture sector. Agriculture is particularly vulnerable to temperature increases and unstable weather conditions as a result of climate change. These shifts change the timing and dynamics of the growing season, threatening local farmers, food availability, and food security.
- Marginalized groups, including non-white individuals, migrant workers, elderly individuals, youth, and non-able bodied individuals, among others, are disproportionately impacted by climatic changes.
- Climate change may force people to migrate to Canton from places across the United States.
- Transportation infrastructure is threatened by the projected increase in severe storms as a result of climate change.
- Mobility is hampered as a result of climate change, including access to schools, emergency response services, and other various transportation needs.
- Residents in low-income housing are particularly vulnerable to climatic changes.
- Public health is threatened by climate change, particularly given the likely increase in heat-related illness and vector-borne disease.
- Drinking water sources in Canton are not particularly threatened by climate change-related contamination, however drought may have a significant impact on this resource in the future.
- Wastewater treatment infrastructure is vulnerable to severe precipitation events which may increase as a result of climate change.
- Communication infrastructure is threatened by severe storms.
- The Canton Fire Department is threatened by Grass River flooding, given its elevation relative to the waterline.
- Climate change impacts energy supply and demand.
- More information and research is necessary to comprehensively understand the impacts of climate change on the Town/Village of Canton. Despite this, the information presented justifies political action.



**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_**

**December 11, 2019**

**Town Board Authorization to Transfer Funds and Close Bank Accounts**

**WHEREAS**, beginning January 2018, it was discovered by the Town Board that the Town of Canton's financial systems/structure comprised of 29 bank accounts set up as checking, savings and CDs;

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Comptroller's Office indicates that municipalities should not have extensive amount of accounts to govern the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in January 2018, the Canton Town Board conducted extensive fiscal examination, due diligence and immediately instituted internal and external audit controls of town finances. On 12/3/18, the Town Board directed Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to transfer funds from ten accounts to the appropriate accounts and close the accounts; (attached) and

**WHEREAS**, the Canton Town Board continues to research and thoroughly examine its finances and has three additional accounts to transfer funds and close three additional accounts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Canton Town Board recognizes the record of transferring and closing ten bank accounts totaling \$9667.88 last December 2018 and directs Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to transfer funds and close three additional accounts totaling \$6407.75.

H	MUNICIPAL BUILDING CAPITAL FUNDS Account #11002893	B-GENERAL- 11000963	937.63
H	PAVILLION CAPITAL FUNDS Account #11002958	B-GENERAL- 11000963	5,369.12
A	GENERAL SAVINGS Account #19035151	A-TOWNWIDE- 11000017	101.00
Total			6,407.75

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_**

**December 11, 2019**

**Town Board Authorization of NYS Association of Towns  
Annual Business Session Delegate Designation**

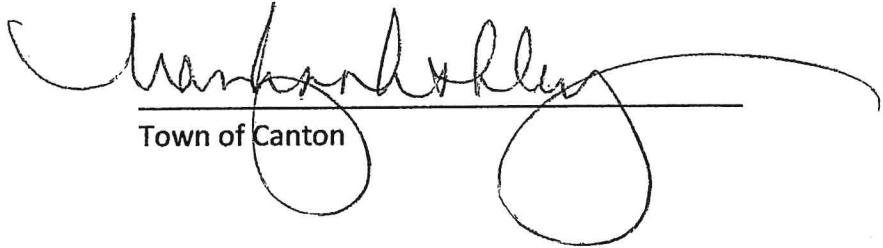
**WHEREAS**, the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, to be held on February 19, 2020, in the Astor Ballroom of the New York Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway, NYC, NY 10036;

**WHEREAS**, the designated delegate casts the vote of the aforesaid town, pursuant to 6 of Article III of the Constitution and Bylaws of said Association;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Canton Town Board duly designates Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley as the delegate representing the Town of Canton.

12/11/19

Date

  
Town of Canton

**RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**DATED: December 11, 2019**

**TOWN OF CANTON**

**HOLDING HARMLESS THE TOWN OF RUSSELL  
FOR PROVIDING SERVICE FOR 2019 and 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Canton is desirous of the Town of Russell providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting, and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, both the Town of Canton and Town of Russell are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, in this joint cooperative endeavor the Town of Canton and Town of Russell desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is aware that the Town of Russell may incur liability in the providing of the services and wished to indemnify the Town of Russell in this regard,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Canton will indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Russell, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgements, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Town of Canton or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$3,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

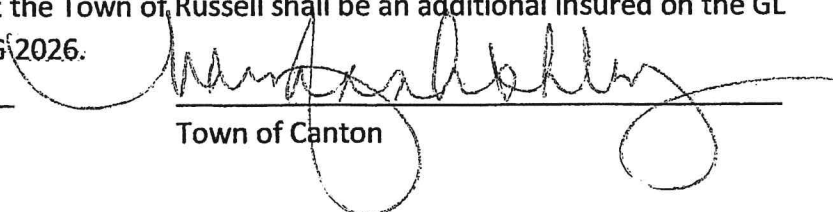
\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damages Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payments Expense

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Russell shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

12/11/19  
Date

  
Town of Canton

**RESOLUTION # 66 for 2019-20 OF THE TOWN OF RUSSELL**

**HOLDING HARMLESS THE Town of Canton FOR PROVIDING SERVICE FOR THE 2019-2020 years  
TOWN OF RUSSELL**

**By Town Board, Town of Russell**

**A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Kerr**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Russell is desirous of the Town of Canton providing shared services such as paving, shoulder widening, signage, road stripping, blasting and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, both the Town of Russell and the Town of Canton are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, in this joint cooperative endeavor, the Town of Russell and the Town of Canton desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is aware that the County may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Russell indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Canton, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of neglect or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Town of Russell or any directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$3,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical payment Expense

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Town of Canton shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026

Ayes: 4 Averill, Burnham, White, Kerr

Nays: 0 Motion carried

Town of Russell

BY: Supervisor White



RECEIVED  
BY: AA DATE: 12/13/19

**AMENDED 2020 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT  
TOWN OF CANTON AND MORLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
ATTENDING TO EMERGENCIES**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, is made 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, between the TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANTON, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, hereinafter designated as the "Party of the First Part"; and MORLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., an association having its principal office in the hamlet of Morley, Town of Canton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, hereinafter designated as the "Party of the Second Part", is as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Party of the Second Part has purchased and retains title to certain firefighting apparatus, equipment and material heretofore used by said MORLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, for the purpose of extinguishing fire, in which the Party of the First Part has no financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Party of the First Part desires to assist the Morley Fire Department in furnishing fire protection to persons and property in the hamlet of Morley and environs, and the Party of the Second Part is agreeable to the same; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual agreements of the parties and other valuable consideration, it is agreed as follows:

1. During the period commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, the Morley Fire Department shall respond to and be in attendance at any fires occurring around the hamlet of Morley and environs (as outlined by the division of territory on fire with the St. Lawrence County 911 agency) and shall do all things in connection therewith as it may be capable of doing. The Party of the Second Part shall adhere to the agreement between all fire departments of the Town of Canton dated May 18, 1988, so as to provide the best possible fire protection to the people of the Town of Canton.
2. In consideration of furnishing the foregoing, the Party of the First Part agrees to pay directly to the Morley Fire Department, the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Six & 00/100 Dollars (**\$39,206**) in **monthly installments of \$3267.16**.
3. Except as noted therein, no other charges, expenses, obligations and/or liability shall attach to the Party of the First Part by reason of the execution of this Agreement.

4. The Morley Fire Department undertakes to indemnify and save and hold harmless the Town of Canton from any liability or damages that the Town may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs of judgments against the Morley Fire Department arising out of the use, maintenance or operation of the corporation concerning firefighting and any other activities undertaken by the Morley Fire Department. Said indemnification will also cover any costs to the Town of Canton in defending said action.

The Morley Fire Department hereby agrees to carry a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 in liability insurance and name THE TOWN OF CANTON AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON SAID POLICY. Said Morley Fire Department will furnish a certificate of insurance indicating the Town of Canton is named as an additional insured prior to said Morley Fire Department, Inc. receiving funds contemplated under this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have duly executed this Agreement the day and year first written above.

TOWN OF CANTON

By: 

Mary Ann Ashley, Supervisor

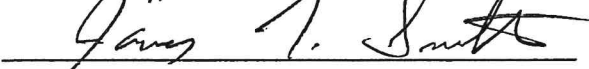
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Absent

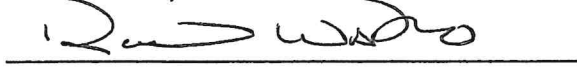
Karin Blackburn, Council Member



Tim Danahy, Council Member



James Smith, Council Member



Robert Washo, Council Member

MORLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT



Mike Perkins, Chief

**2020 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT  
TOWN OF CANTON AND PYRITES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
ATTENDING TO EMERGENCIES**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, is made 11 day of December, 2019, between the TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CANTON, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, hereinafter designated as the "Party of the First Part"; and PYRITES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., an incorporated association having its principal office in the hamlet of Pyrites, Town of Canton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, hereinafter designated as the "Party of the Second Part", is as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Party of the Second Part has purchased and retains title to certain firefighting apparatus, equipment and material heretofore used by said PYRITES FIRE CORPORATION, INC., for the purpose of extinguishing fire, in which the Party of the First Part has no financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Party of the First Part desires to assist the Pyrites Fire Department, Inc. in furnishing fire protection to persons and property in the hamlet of Pyrites and environs, and the Party of the Second Part is agreeable to the same; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual agreements of the parties and other valuable consideration, it is agreed as follows:

1. During the period commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, the Pyrites Fire Department, Inc. shall respond to and be in attendance at any fires occurring around the hamlet of Pyrites and environs (as outlined by the division of territory on fire with the St. Lawrence County 911 agency) and shall do all things in connection therewith as it may be capable of doing. The Party of the Second Part shall adhere to the agreement between all fire departments of the Town of Canton dated May 18, 1988, so as to provide the best possible fire protection to the people of the Town of Canton.
2. In consideration of furnishing the foregoing, the Party of the First Part agrees to pay directly to the Pyrites Fire Department, Inc., the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Six & 00/100 Dollars **(\$39,206)**.

3. Except as noted therein, no other charges, expenses, obligations and/or liability shall attach to the Party of the First Part by reason of the execution of this Agreement.
4. The Pyrites Fire Department, Inc. undertakes to indemnify and save and hold harmless the Town of Canton from any liability or damages that the Town may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs of judgments against the Pyrites Fire Department, Inc., arising out of the use, maintenance or operation of the corporation concerning firefighting and any other activities undertaken by the Pyrites Fire Department. Said indemnification will also cover any costs to the Town of Canton in defending said action.

The Pyrites Fire Department, Inc. hereby agrees to carry a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 in liability insurance and name THE TOWN OF CANTON AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON SAID POLICY. Said Pyrites Fire Department, Inc., will furnish a certificate of insurance indicating the Town of Canton is named as an additional insured prior to said Pyrites Fire Department, Inc. receiving funds contemplated under this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have duly executed this Agreement the day and year first written above.

TOWN OF CANTON

By: 

Mary Ann Ashley, Supervisor

Date: 

Timothy Danehy, Council Member

  
Philip LaMarche, Council Member

  
James Smith, Council Member

  
Robert Washo, Council Member

PYRITIES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

 12/03/2019  
Matt Kielmeier, Chief



**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_**

**December 11, 2019**

**Town Board Authorization to Change Town Court Security Officer position title to Town Constable/Peace Officer and adopt the Village of Canton Police Department Policy and Procedure Use of Deadly and less lethal force.**

**WHEREAS**, in February, 2017, the Canton Town Board created a new part time, non-competitive position of an armed Court Security Officer for the Town of Canton Justice Court to provide security and order for the Town Justices, court personnel and visitors to the court room and court office areas while in session;

**WHEREAS**, at the time of creating the position in February 2017, the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Office listed the position as a non-competitive, part-time Police Officer:

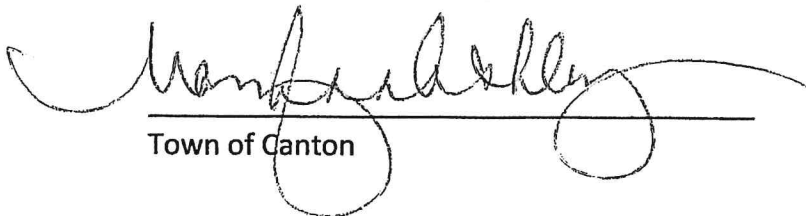
**WHEREAS**, Town Justice Michael Morgan and Town Justice Rosemary Philips respectfully request a title change to Town Constable/Peace Officer due to the fact that the Town does not have a police department, the title of Police Officer/Court Security Officer is inappropriate. The position should be Town Constable and annually take an oath of office:

**WHEREAS**, for liability and safety reasons, the Canton Town Board also needs a policy on deadly and less lethal force;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Canton Town Board authorizes the change of Town Court Security Office position title to Town Constable/Peace Officer. (attached duties of Peace Officers Section 2.20) and directs Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to notify the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department of the title change and register the position with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in accordance with Executive Law 845.

In addition, the Canton Town Board hereby adopts the Village of Canton Police Department Policy and Procedure on the use of deadly and less lethal force. (attached)

12/11/19  
Date

  
Town of Canton