

**TOWN OF CANTON SPECIAL
BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM**

8:30 AM

July 31, 2020

Minutes

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

Also in Attendance: Deputy Town Clerk Heidi L. Smith, Toby Irvin and Ellis Giacomelli

Absent: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond

A. Call Meeting to Order: Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley called meeting to order at 8:33 am.

B. Provide Direct COVID-19 Related Federal Aid to All Municipalities Resolution:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley read the revised Resolution out loud for the record.

Council Member Bob Washo made a motion to accept the Provide Direct COVID-19 Related Federal Aid to All Municipalities Resolution. Seconded by Council Member Karin Blackburn. All in favor. Motion carried.

See attached approved Resolution.

C. Consider Road Projects: Highway committee member Bob Washo reported that there is discussion on potentially continuing paving down Judson Street Road depending on the money. The committee has hopes that by the August meeting the financial picture will become clearer. Normally a paving project is between four to six miles. In this case there has only been 1.6 miles of paving done at this time. The intentions, if the money is there without exhausting the fund balance or jeopardizing any other part of the operation that we would like to get some more black top down, especially with prices as low as they are.

Committee member Bob Washo reported Highway Superintendent Terry Billings is working with DANC to help identify culverts. The DANC data collection will begin the last week of August. Highway Superintendent Terry Billings is going to help do some prep work on getting them ready to do the data collection in the coming weeks.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reminded the board that the August monthly meeting has been moved from Wednesday night to Thursday night. There is still discussion on whether the meeting will take place in person in the Court Room at the Municipal Building along with Zoom (virtual) or if it will continue to be fully virtual. A decision will be made by the time the August Agenda is ready to be posted to the public.

8:45 AM Council member Jim Smith made a motion to go into 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) for reasons of personnel, seconded by Council member Tim Danehy. All in favor. Motion carries.

9:43 AM Council member Jim Smith made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Council member Tim Danehy. All in favor. Motion carries.

9:44 AM Council member Tim Danehy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi L. Smith - Deputy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heidi L Smith, Deputy Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Town of Canton

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Provide Direct COVID-19 Related Federal Aid to All Municipalities

WHEREAS, the federal government recently enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 601 of the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) provides a \$150 billion fund for states, tribal governments, and units of local government with a population in excess of 500,000 people; and

WHEREAS, less than one-half of 1 percent of municipalities in the entire United States meet this population threshold and are thus eligible to receive direct funding from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, of the 933 towns in New York, 931 are not eligible for direct federal funding under the CARES Act, including the Town of Canton; and

WHEREAS, towns provide essential services to the 9 million New Yorkers town residents, including, but not limited to, ambulance, police and fire protection services, building and code enforcement, and highway maintenance, and have continued to do so throughout the ongoing health crisis; and

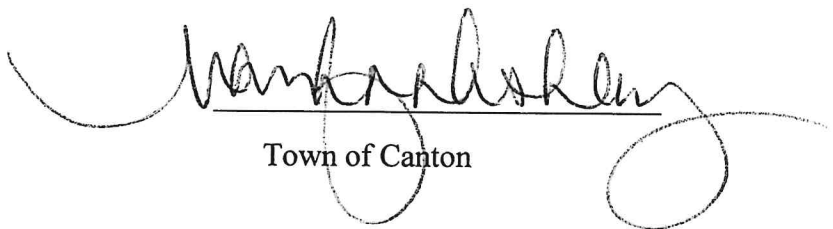
WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has created significant financial stress for local governments in New York as an estimated \$2 billion in sales tax revenue has been lost, as well as other sources of revenue such as permit fees, justice court fines, and mortgage recording tax; and

WHEREAS, the depletion of different revenue sources for local governments, combined with lack of funding, will result in reducing essential services or shifting the cost onto real property taxpayers, many of whom are experiencing their own financial stress;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Canton calls upon United States Congressional Representative Elise Stefanik, Senator Charles Schumer, and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, to support federal funding related to the coronavirus pandemic that is directly delivered to all municipalities, regardless of population size.

7/31/2020

Date


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