

**TOWN OF CANTON BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

September 23, 2020

6:00 PM

Minutes

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

Also, in Attendance: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Deputy Clerk/Deputy
Tax Collector Heidi Smith, John Gray of Gray & Gray, Susan Huntley, Adam Atkinson
of North Country Now, Village Trustees Anna Sorensen, Beth Larrabee and Carol
Pynchon, Mayor Mike Dalton, Shannon Mattice and Christina Martin, Kate Smith

A. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley called the meeting to order:

Supervisor Ashley added two items to the agenda

Consider resignation of long-time highway employee Joseph Conklin

Pavilion reopening discussion

B. 2021 Budget Discussion:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley started that revised budgets were not sent out to the board members because she feels we need to work on the numbers. Ashley reminded them that a line item for Zoom needs to be added along with Public Health line item to cover PPE. DANC service contract needs to be added. Supervisor Ashley stated that \$20,000 in transportation needs to be cut because it was a Grant funded. Discussion was held on the different funds. Discussion was held on the tax cap.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated that \$19,000 in State Revenues are going to be cut. Ashley talked about the cost of Health Insurance.

Council member Bob Washo stated that it is difficult for him to talk about these incorporated cuts without seeing in on paper with an updated budget proposal. Supervisor Ashley stated she is looking for board input.

After discussion it was decided to put the figures back to where they were in the beginning. Supervisor to do this and then come back to the board with it again. Due to the COVID19, the budget timeline will be pushed out.

Discussion was held on court revenues.

C. Resignation of Joe Conklin:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated that Joseph Conklin is retiring after serving Canton for 28 years. Ashley stated that there will be a pay out of unused time at the end of year. Conklin is official done on September 24, 2020 and will be paid through the end of the year December 31, 2020.

Motion to accept Joseph Conklin's resignation due to retirement with gratitude by Council member Jim Smith, seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

D. Pavilion Reopening:

Supervisor Mary Ashley stated that Council member Tim Danehy requested this addition. Danehy shared with the board member's the recommendation from the shared committee, user groups and stakeholders. Danehy presented a data sheet with numbers to show recent years of operating the building and went over the figures with description. Costs were discussed of running the building with ice and without ice. In ending, Danehy and committee members Karin Blackburn, Beth Larrabee and Carol Pynchon are working toward opening the Pavilion for this coming skating season. Blackburn noted that in the event Canton Central Schools are closed or go to virtual learning, the Recreation Committee will consult with the Health Department and other agencies to determine closing the rink would be necessary (this statement will be in the reopening plan). Discussion was held at length about the ventilation in the building.

Christina Martin and Shannon Mattice of the Canton Figure Club thanked both the Town and Village Boards for trying to work through times.

Council member Tim Danehy and Trustee Beth Larrabee thanked the board for allowing the time at tonight's meeting to present. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated that she is in full support of their recommendations.

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

7:28 pm Motion to go into executive session for the purposes of (d) & (f) by Council member Bob Washo, seconded by Council member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

8: 37 pm. Motion to come out of executive session by Supervisor Bob Washo, seconded by Council member Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

8:37 pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by Council member Bob Washo, seconded by Council member Jim Smith. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Hammond, Town Clerk