

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

**6:00 PM**

**October 8, 2020**

**Minutes**

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

Also, in Attendance: Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Zoom Moderator Heidi Smith, Attorney Eric Gustafson, Economic Development Director Leigh Rodriguez, Assessor Cindy Brand, John Gray of Gray and Gray, Historian Linda Casserly, Adam Atkinson and Ellis Giacomelli, Legislator Kevin Acres, Mark Rood, Steven Smith, Calvin Rose, Canton Chamber of Commerce Director Tammy Mackin, Judge Michael Morgan, Justice Clerk Marc Armstrong, Supervisor Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper Susan Huntley, James Blackburn, Madison Boyer, Carol Pynchon, Toby Irven

Absent: Town Clerk Lisa Hammond and Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray

**A. Call Meeting to Order:**

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley called the zoom meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**B. Public Comment:**

Canton Chamber of Commerce Tammy Mackin requests to be put on the November Agenda. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley indicated it will be on the agenda.

**C. County Legislature Representative(s) Updates:**

County Legislator Kevin Acres gave an update on the county budget that was presented at last Monday night, September 28, 2020. The budget is just shy of 250 million dollars which is a little less than last years budget. The local levy will be going up to 50 million, which is a million-dollar increase. The tax levy will be dropped from \$8.28 per thousand of true value down to \$8.19. With the year being unpredictable, the county is being cautious. The county has spent about \$900,000 towards COVID, so far, the State has only reimbursed the county \$600,000.

Acres also reported that the county is considering opening an OTB or Methadone Clinic in the township of Massena. There were three different proposals. One from St. Joseph's, the County, and St. Lawrence Health Systems and presentations were given. Now it up to the legislative body to decide if in fact

they want to go ahead and choose one of these providers. The methadone clinic would provide people that are addicted to opiates or heroin with some stability. There has been push back from the public but basically opiates change the brain chemistry of people and the likelihood that people will get off that type of an addiction is around 6%. Methadone has been around for 20 plus years and has been a proven methodology for people to operate normal lives and get treatment. Research is still being done as there are a lot of unknowns with the clinic, this would be federally regulated.

Acres also reported on the sales tax. Mayor Skelly would like to hold the towns to the levels at what they had before. There is no interest in taking money away from the towns. It is believed to be the best and most fair approach to wait for the census to be done before making a decision and determine between the Census and population in the assessed value that the City of Ogdensburg should participate in the same formula as the towns and villages.

The time period for the census has been extended. With the extension there are hopes to get a more accurate count. They are still behind on reporting of the census. Only 50 or 60% as been reported at this time.

Acres reported that there has been talk about the fund balance and how excessive the fund balance is. The fund balance is about 11.6% of our appropriations, the recommendation from the State Comptroller is to have 15 or 16%, which is basically about two months' worth of the money that you need to get by. Acres thinks the average for the towns and villages combined is somewhere between 30 and 50%. Some villages and towns have 100% of what they're raising in taxes and their citizens should know that. The county is still being frugal and cautious as they are expecting that sales tax will be down significantly this year, and there are still a lot of unknowns.

Acres reported that the county has had their hands full with COVID response. Public Health has done an extraordinary job with limiting and tracing. The tracing aspect of COVID is not a fun job, people are not really receptive about who they have been hanging out with and what they have been doing and who they have seen, they have also received some nasty phone calls and replies.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley asked Kevin Acres to elaborate a little bit more on the meth program. Is it going to be a residential program or is it going to be an outpatient program and if so, what is the capacity of service? Acres replied that it will be a liquid pump where people would come in and they would get a daily dose. It is six days a week and on the seventh day, Saturday they would be given a dosage to take home. The dosage will be individually quantified to what they will have received based on their history and their needs. It is providing a substance for people that are addicted to drugs, but in a medical situation. There would be individual screening and counseling. It would be a very secure environment. The initial start-up would probably be somewhere between 30 to 80 recipients in the

first year and grow from there. It is known that people from St. Lawrence County go as far as New York City to get their methadone.

Supervisor Ashley asked is there is an aftercare treatment program to fight the addiction, is that part of the program? Acres replied that it is part of the program for example, St. Lawrence Health System has a detox and St. Joseph's has been in the addiction business for 49 years so all three proposals have different services that they can offer, so those that want to quit there are services for them.

James Blackburn from Rensselaer Falls asked Acres if the three different agencies could work together to provide the services for this methadone clinic, while at the same time using their specialties in conjunction with each other for the benefits for our citizens of our county? Acres replied that there is collaboration now, some of the services do overlap. He believes that the licensing of a methadone clinic requires a federal intervention. He also believes it would be unlikely that a license would be provided for all three entities to operate the clinic.

Councilmember James Smith asked Acres what the county did with the budget in regard to highway with the 20% cut for CHIPS, Pave New York and Emergency Winter Recovery money? Acres replied that he believes the county will be all right, there is a significant fund balance where they are taking a half million dollars out of there fund balance to be designated out for highway and for their equipment. He was surprised with the amount of work they were able to get done during the summer with COVID and recognized Don Chambers for the work that was done. It will be up to the legislature, hopefully the state will prioritize the CHIPS money and our legislators, senate and assembly and get the governor to go along with. Acres knows they are going to be short in this area but believes it is one area that should not be scrimped on.

Council member Smith also asked if the county is planning to spend as much money in highway in 2021 as you did this year? Acres will get back to council member Smith as it was not part of the presentation given County Administrator Ruth Doyle.

#### D. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting 9/10/2020

Special Meeting 9/2/2020 and 9/23/2020

Motion to approve minutes made by Council member Bob Washo, seconded by Council member Tim Danehy. All in favor. Motion carries.

E. Supervisor Report:

John Gray of Gray and Gray read over the monthly report of the Supervisor's Office, which was sent to the Town Council prior to the meeting. Questions and answers were received, and fund balances were discussed covering 9 months of the current year. A copy of this report is filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley added to the report that there was additional revenue that came in the revenue account of \$118,366.93. Two separate deposits have been made but are not clear where they have come from and what they are for. Supervisor Ashley hopes these are from Highway reimbursements and will investigate. The board will be informed as soon as Supervisor Ashley knows where it came from.

F. Correspondence:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley noted correspondences:

St. Lawrence County Real Property Tax Service Agency letter regarding the adoption of the county equalization rate and we are listed at 90% equalization rate.

Pyrites Hydroelectric Project. There have been virtual meetings on plans about the flow assessment study plan. This plan is also available to the public if interested. Council member Bob Washo added that he had participated in the last workshop. Washo reported that the DEC has some issues with the flow rate, they found some interesting species all the way up to Pyrites including an Atlantic Eel which really caught their attention. Washo believes there will be a lot more discussion about that. Supervisor Ashley thanked Washo for participating in that meeting.

Letter in Support of Canton Chamber of Commerce from Edith Frazier who is a Canton resident and a board member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The letter is in support of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

G. Audit Committee:

A: \$34,320.46  
B: \$4,479.61  
SL: \$299.99  
TA: \$15,751.15  
DA: \$7,951.27  
DB: \$115,049.55  
SF: N/A

Motion made by Council member Tim Danehy to approve expenditures, seconded by Council member Karin Blackburn, all voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council member Bob Washo stated that the board uses the term fund balance in a couple of different ways which could be confusing for some people. Washo thinks that in the supervisor report or bookkeeping report it should be referred to as the account balances. The account balances would be in real time, what is going on month to month and the term fund balance should be used for actual year end fund balances so that it is not misleading to the public.

#### H. Acceptance of Department Reports:

Mark Rood Highway Foreman stated that the Highway department is doing very well. They are preparing for winter, buttoning up a few small projects, getting the trucks ready for plowing season. Rood also added that highway has increased the sand pile.

Board Member Tim Danehy thanked Mark for stepping up for the highway department at this time.

Historian Linda Casserly highlighted about applying for the Historic Marker Grant for the town hall and the work and effort put into applying. Casserly thanked Dennis Barr and Kristy at Pomeroy Foundation for all of there help with the grant. Historian office is still really busy.

Deputy Clerk Heidi Smith noted that September was a busy month. School Tax Collection is going smoothly and have collected over \$8 million at this time. Smith stated that Hunting Licenses are exploding in sales the clerk's office and have sold just over \$16,000 in license sales.

Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez stated that she continues working on the Brown Field Opportunity Area Program. A final copy of market and housing analysis has been received.

The Oswegatchie Revitalization Project is moving along, there is a draft boundary established and hopes to finalize that.

Dairy Queen is open and as of today they have submitted their first round of job documentation, the grant is based on the creation of jobs. Dairy Queen exceeded the number of jobs that were required for that grant.

Another CDBG Project Community Development Block Grant Project is the Canton Housing Authority, one of the projects is to improve some elevators at one of their high rises on Riverside Drive. A bid was received but Rodriguez is not certain they have approved the contract, it is expected that they should, and that project should be moving forward.

Events were put together on Thursday evenings throughout September by Brooke Rouse of Grass River Outfitters and those were very successful. Haley Hodge at Luna has

continued doing the events at her place. Those are exciting trial events in hopes that they can do more of those things next summer on a regular basis.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley asked Rodriguez to report on the applications for RBEG Loan Recovery Plan. Rodriguez reported there has not been any completed applications received. Eight to nine have been sent out. Some feedback has been received that they decided they do not need it, so they didn't need to take on more loans. A lot of businesses have accessed some of the Federal Programs through the SBA that has been available. It is not certain why there hasn't been the follow through but in a way that is good because it wasn't needed, but they have not yet allocated any of those funds. Rodriguez believes that COVID will be going on for a while and the aftermath and ripple effects of it. Even though businesses are doing okay now in 2021, there may become more needs after some of these initial programs from the federal government have been exhausted. There still could be a need, so it is important to keep it open and available. We need to be flexible about making this available for the businesses.

Assessor Cindy Brand stated the BAR will need to meet on October 21, 2020 at 4:30 PM for a couple of corrections on the tax roll. There were some people that received the basic STAR exemption but had moved out of the state and not living in their homes. The State can take care of this. The State is going to go back after six of the people and collect the money. There is one correction that the BAR has to meet on that needs to be addressed at this meeting. Brand is still out collecting data collecting the permits. The Assessor's office is busy.

Justice Michael Morgan stated that court is still being held regularly but still having issues getting people to show up to court. The court is spending a lot of time sending out letters trying to get people to show up. Morgan also reported that the J-Cap request was completed, it is somewhere between \$12 - \$13,000 for work on the building and some other things for the court.

Motion made by Council member Bob Washo to accept department reports as presented, seconded by Council member Karin Blackburn, all voted in favor. Motion carries.

#### I. Committee Reports:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported that the Economic Development Consortium met. One of the things spoke about in the meeting was the Canton Community Action Plan that was developed almost five years ago and the Economic Development Steering Committee will be reviewing that and discussing whether there's a need to redo the Canton Community Action Plan when the Town just went through a few years developing a Comprehensive Plan. They look forward to seeing what the recommendations are. Mayor Michael Hammond of Rensselaer Falls has also joined the group. Supervisor Ashley has been facilitating the meetings for two years. In 2021 the facilitating will go back to Village Mayor Michael Dalton. Ashley also stated they have a good group of people on the committee. Canton Central, Village of Canton, Village of Rensselaer Falls, the Town of Canton, St. Lawrence Health System, United Helpers,



SUNY Canton, and St. Lawrence University. It is much appreciated what they do for the community.

Highway Committee member Bob Washo stated it has been a very busy month for highway. Washo thanked Mark Rood for all his great work and helping with DANC project and the mapping project.

Communication and Technology committee member Karin Blackburn stated that they have met and are working on trying to find solutions for technology to put into place for when the Town returns to in person meetings. This way the Town and Village can continue to provide the opportunity for community members and others to connect virtually to meetings. The committee is requesting to use up to \$750 to put towards the purchase of an Owls Head Camera so that the meeting can be in Public and by Zoom, making the meetings a Hybrid meeting. This camera will be put in the meeting room, where it can rotate 360 degrees and capture the room during meetings as well as capabilities of visual and audio, so that people can be there virtually.

Council member Bob Washo added that maybe this discussion should be added to the agenda with the way the executive order has been from the State, the last few months. For example, the executive orders have been coming down, the last one was November 3<sup>rd</sup> and before that it was October 2<sup>nd</sup> those are within a week of the Towns meetings of whether or not to announce if we can legally have these zoom meetings. The Town needs to be prepared for when the executive order changes and we can no longer have the option to just have virtual meetings. The committee is committed to making sure the community whether in person or not, are still made available to attend these meetings from their homes. There would be a 30-day window to test this equipment and work out any bugs that may arise, to make sure that this is the unit that will work best for the Town.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley added it to the agenda under new business for further discussion.

Council member Tim Danehy stated that the Recreation Committee met. Danehy noted that ice is going in at the Pavilion and anticipated it will be in by the end of next week if things stay on schedule. The committee had another productive call and good feedback from Canton Minor League Hockey and St. Lawrence Figure Skating in reviewing our protocols and requirements, there were some good ideas about how to improve our plan. In terms of general recreation program, the committee is working on getting information together, working through existing budget which has not been easy to digest. We are working through some numbers and trying to break them down, for example, what does it cost to run Taylor Park for the summer, what exactly does it cost to run the Pavilion, what does it cost to run the other programs? It is taking a little more time than the committee was hoping, but once that is done, they plan to be ready and run full steam ahead. With board and community input on where they want to take Recreation. The two basic questions; what are you getting out of the Recreation Program now and what do we want to get out of the Recreation Program in the future for our community?

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley questioned if the waiver form for the pavilion should be a joint form, a Town or Village form? Attorney Eric Gustafson believes it would be more practical, easier and make more sense to make it a joint waiver because legally it does not matter. Council member Danehy stated that is also the committee's recommendation and if Attorney Gustafson is okay with that, they see no reason to change anything. Supervisor asked if Attorney Gustafson could work with the Village Attorney to get the waiver put together. Attorney Gustafson stated he would reach out to the Village Attorney so they can coordinate and get it done right.

#### J. Old Business:

##### 1. Consider Standard Workday Resolution:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported that this resolution was discussed in last month's monthly meeting. This resolution is needed to move forward and have on record about the standard workday. This has to do with New York State Retirement Service Credits.

Supervisor Ashley read out loud; Therefore, be it resolved the town board of the Town of Canton here by officially determines that the Town Clerk position and non-contract positions, as per policy, are seven hours per day. The Highway Superintendent position and highway contract positions are eight hours per day. The elected town board members and town justices are six hours per day.

Council member Bob Washo asked Supervisor Ashley if it is State minimum for the six hours per day for justice? Supervisor Ashley responded, yes that is correct.

Motion to accept Standard Workday Resolution by Council member Bob Washo, seconded by Council member Karin Blackburn. All in favor. Motion carries.

##### 2. Discuss Draft Town Credit Card Policy:

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reports that a Credit Card has been received, listed as a Municipal Business Town of Canton Credit Card. A written policy needs to be put into place on how to use the credit card. A draft policy and procedure were sent to all board members to review. Supervisor Ashley and board member Jim Smith are the policy committee. Council member Jim Smith stated there is one policy he does not agree with and that is that employees should not be allowed to take the credit card with them to conferences to be used towards food. Smith believes that there should only be one credit card kept in the Supervisor's office and used for big purchases so that no employee is using their own personal credit cards to make purchases for the Town and having to be reimbursed. The employee will have to let the Supervisor know what their needs are and then the Supervisor will evaluate



and then approve the expenditure. Other than that Council member Smith agrees with the policy. Council member Bob Washo, Tim Danehy and Karin Blackburn all agree with Smith's amendment.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley will amend the procedure and send it to the board. The next thing that will need to be done is a Travel Policy and expenditures.

Supervisor Ashley thinks it is important to know that the board is hoping to decrease employee purchases and then having to be reimbursed.

#### K. New Business:

##### 1. Consider and discuss Overriding the NYS Tax Cap

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley asked Attorney Eric Gustafson to speak on behalf of the tax cap law that was sent to the board for discussion purposes only. Gustafson reported that, to exceed the tax cap, you have to adopt a local law. Gustafson urged the board, if you think you are getting close to the tax cap, it makes sense to adopt the local law earlier rather than later so that the Town does not miss any critical deadlines.

Council member Tim Danehy thinks it is prudent to go through with the process but wants it to be explicitly clear with everyone on the call and media that, at the moment our working budget is within the tax cap. The Town is not intending to need to override the tax cap. By taking this action it just gives the Town that option if unforeseen circumstances from now until the final passage of the budget forces us into something. Whatever action is taken is not passing any kind of tax rate, the Town is a long way from doing that, in hopes that we will not get there. In recent years, the Town has discussed it but has not had to take any action.

Supervisor Ashley added that many municipalities pass the local law as a safeguard, even though they may not need to use it. Attorney Gustafson added that it is his understanding that if you do not use the local law, the comptroller's office prefers you to rescind it.

Council member Bob Washo and Karin Blackburn agree that it is something the Town should have in case it is needed. Washo suggested this be discussed earlier in the budget process in future years so the Town is not just doing it as a formality near the end.

Council member Jim Smith pointed out that some of the reason you do this is when you look at the tax cap all you can increase the budget by 1.6% which doesn't really give the Town a lot of money to work with.

Supervisor Ashley added that it sounds like the board agrees to move forward with this local law. A date needs to be created for a Public Hearing.

2. Accept Resignation of Highway Superintendent Terry Billings/Discuss Highway Superintendent Vacancy

Motion to Accept Resignation with gratitude of Highway Superintendent Terry Billings made by Council member Jim Smith, seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All in favor. Motion carries.

Council member Bob Washo added that he considered it an honor to have worked with Terry Billings and that he has the utmost respect for Terry and appreciates everything that he has done for the Town and for the education.

Supervisor Ashley extended heartfelt gratitude for Terry's service of 27 years and extended sincere appreciation for service.

Historian Linda Casserly also expressed her gratitude to Terry and their many years working together and what he has done for the highway department.

Discussion of Highway Superintendent Vacancy. Highway committee member Jim Smith gave a brief history of Terry Billings becoming Highway Superintendent and all the hard work Terry has put in. Terry and the highway committee had discussion early in the year about possible resignation. Terry went to the committee with a person in mind that is already in the Highway Department that was interested in taking over for Terry in becoming the Highway Superintendent. The Highway committee met with this individual and liked what they heard. With Terry's resignation and committee discussion they have found someone to fill Terry's term. Smith pointed out that this is an appointed position, and this person will serve in the capacity as an appointed Highway Superintendent to finish Terry's term. Then in November of 2021 this person will have to run for the position, and it will be a four-year term. Smith added that Calvin Rose is a 22-year veteran of the highway department. He came in as a Motor Equipment Operator and is currently a Heavy Equipment Operator.

Council Member Jim Smith makes a motion to appoint Calvin Rose for the remainder of Terry Billings term at \$62,500 effective October 12, 2020. Seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All in favor. Motion carries.

Council member Karin Blackburn and Tim Danehy both thanked Washo and Smith for their leadership and putting in all the extra time during this transition. Danehy also thanked Calvin Rose for stepping up and looks forward to having him come on board. Danehy also thanks Mark Rood and everyone in the highway department for stepping up.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley thanked the highway committee for their tremendous amount of work. Ashley appreciates Calvin Rose for stepping forward and wanting to take the leadership of the Highway Department. Ashley looks forward to working with Calvin and the crew as they move forward.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley asked Calvin if there was anything he would like to add. Calvin Rose stated he is a man of few words so he will keep it short. Calvin thanked the board for the opportunity to be appointed and it is a great opportunity. Calvin would also like to thank his family and friends for the encouragement.

3. Set Public Hearing for 2021 Budget

A Public Hearing for Local Law to override the tax cap is set for October 19, 2020 at 5:30 pm followed by a Budget Work Session Meeting at 5:40 pm, virtual meeting.

A tentative meeting date for the Budget Public Hearing Legal Notice is set for October 29, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

4. JCAP Grant Resolution

Supervisor Ashley reported that each year the court sends in for JCAP funding and it has been very successful the board was sent a building packet. Supervisor Ashley read out loud; Therefore, be it resolved the Town of Canton does hereby support an application for assistance program grant that allow for updated needs of office equipment and systems and building renovations to their needs.

Motion made to accept JCAP Grant Resolution made by Council member Bob Washo, seconded by Council member Karin Blackburn. All in favor. Motion carries.

5. NYS Comptroller's Office-Fiscal Stress Score and Designation

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley went on record that the Town has received from the New York State Comptroller's Office – Fiscal Stress Score and Designation Score and Supervisor Ashley couldn't be prouder. The Towns score has gone down as far as fiscal stress designation and as far as environment stress designation it has also gone down.

6. Purchase to purchase an Owls Head Camera

Council member Bob Washo makes a motion for approval up to \$750.00 for technology hardware to broadcast meetings virtually, with the money to come out of the town council account seconded by Council member Jim Smith. All in favor. Motion carries.

Council member Bob Washo explained that the technology committee is hoping if everything goes well this pro camera would take a panoramic view of the board, plus it has a second camera that will bring up close picture of the person who is actually speaking. There are microphones that pick up to 18 feet. Then the committee would like to purchase a speaker so that if we are in person, someone who is calling in can come in through the speaker and everyone in the room can hear. The committee is trying to plan for every contingency.

Supervisor Mary Ashley stated for the record that there is \$1,987 in the town council line.

L. Public Comment: none

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)

8:00 PM Council member Karin Blackburn made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of (F), seconded by Council member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

9:08 PM Supervisor Mary Ashley made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Council member Jim Smith. All in favor. Motion carries.

9:08 PM Council member Karin Blackburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi L Smith, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**RESOLUTION 12**

**October 8, 2020**

**Town of Canton**

**Establishment of Standard Work Day for  
New York State Retirement System Purposes**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Canton, by New York State Retirement System regulations and standards, needs to officially determine, for the record, the number of hours for standard work days for elected and appointed officials; and

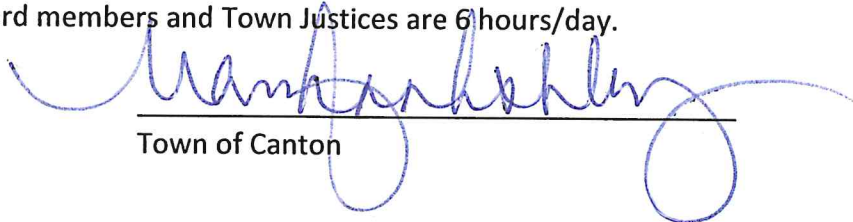
**WHEREAS**, this is required to establish the number of hours each position works in order to get a full day's credit in the NYSLRS; and

**WHEREAS**, the minimum number of hours that can be established for a standard work day (SWD) is six, while the maximum is eight. A SWD is the denominator to be used for the days worked calculation; it is not necessarily always the number of hours a person works; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent positions are deemed full time as per resolution in 2002. The Town Clerk and non-contract positions as per policy are 7 hours/day; the Highway Superintendent position and highway contract positions are 8 hours/day; and elected Town Board members and Town Justices are 6 hours/day.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Canton hereby officially determines that the Town Clerk position and non-contract positions, as per policy, are 7 hours/day; the Highway Superintendent position and highway contract positions are 8 hours/day; and elected Town Board members and Town Justices are 6 hours/day.

10/8/2020  
Date

  
Town of Canton

## RESOLUTION No. 18

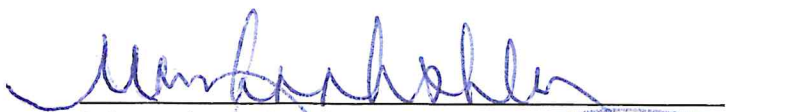
### In Support of a JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

October 1, 2020

- WHEREAS,** The Justice Court for the Town of Canton has a heavy caseload because of the presence of two colleges, the County jail within its jurisdictions, and the Village Court dissolving in December, 2012, merging with the Town and;
- WHEREAS,** The Canton Court System operates at a high degree of efficiency despite the constraints faced by a community where 65% of its property is tax exempt; and
- WHEREAS,** The Canton Court System could improve its efficiency by using a grant through the Justice Court Assistance Program that would upgrade a number of office supplies and materials; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** The Town of Canton does hereby support an application for an Assistance Program grant that will allow for badly-needed updating of the office's equipment and systems.

By order of the Town Board of Canton:

Date:

  
Mary Ann Ashley, Supervisor

10/8/2020