

Town of Canton
Special Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2021
5:00pm

Present

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Council Members Bob Washo, Tim Danehy, James Smith, and Martha Foley Smith

Also in Attendance

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Karin Blackburn, John Gray

Members of the Public: Adam Atkinson, Ellis Giacomelli, Toby Irvén, Heidi Smith, John Taillon, Dan Fay, Michael Hammond

A. Call to Order

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley opened the Special Board Meeting at 5:00pm.

B. New Business

1. Consider Barton & Loguidice Solar Projects Proposal

The Planning Board has been working on a solar project and we are in need of engineering services. The proposed rates and timeline are in the proposal.

Bob Washo: when we wrote the local law for solar, there was a provision that the developer would put up some money in an escrow account that would be available to the Town. Also intended to recover any attorney fees for projects. Some projects make it to the finish line, some don't. This is a way for the Town to protect the taxpayer. The funds for this project are close to being secured. He is open to anyone else speaking, but also open to a motion.

Supervisor Ashley commented for the record that the budget for this proposal should not exceed \$10,000. If additional fees are needed, then the firm would come back to us. They have also worked on projects for Massena and received good reviews. She is impressed with the proposal.

Bob Washo: the firm is a statewide firm and has worked all over NYS and come with the highest recommendations. \$10,000 is the limit per project. For the record, Eric has also reviewed this and given his approval.

Tim Danehy: this is highly needed, and this firm is highly recommended and rated. Fast moving field of work.

Bob Washo: the Planning Board is looking forward to have this support on projects on this scale.

Bob Washo makes a motion for the Supervisor to execute this contract, 2nd by Martha Foley Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Appointment of Part Time Code Enforcement Officer

Jeff Murray resigned on January 22nd to take a position at the Town of Potsdam. He has

agreed to stay on part-time, up to 10 hours per week at \$50 an hour plus mileage. We need to put it on the record that we are appointing him part-time.

Supervisor Ashley makes a motion to appoint Jeff Murray up to 10 hours a week at \$50 an hour plus mileage. The hours are after hours or early in the morning. 2nd by Jim Smith. All in favor.

Bob Washo: at the Joint meeting with the Village at 6pm we will be discussing our options.

C. Executive Session

Upon 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 Offers Law 105 (1) (F) matters pertaining to medical, financial, credit employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters, leading to the appointment employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

1. Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:08pm made by Tim Danehy, 2nd by Bob Washo. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:43pm made by Bob Washo, 2nd by Jim Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion to adjourn at 5:44pm made by Jim Smith, 2nd by Tim Danehy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karin Blackburn".

Karin Blackburn
Town Clerk