

Village of Canton, New York

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2021

Board Present:

Michael Dalton, Mayor
Beth Larrabee, Trustee
Klaus Proemm, Trustee

Carol Pynchon, Trustee
Anna Sorensen, Trustee

Others Present:

Gerald Ducharme, Village Attorney
Tim Nolan, Code Enforcement
James Santimaw, Chief

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer
Meghan Richardson, Rec Director

The public hearing and meeting were held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:30pm. The meeting was held via the use of Zoom video-conference.

Mayor Dalton made a few changes to the agenda

We were going to introduce our new Deputy Clerk but she had a family emergency
There are no special presentations
Added item g. grant for Music on Main Street

Public Hearing:

The Mayor read the notice. He stated he did not receive any written comments prior to the meeting regarding this hearing. Lyne Soulia questioned why the outside user would pay more. The Mayor responded that this is dealing with bulk water purchases such as pool water. This is not for metered water charges.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- a. **Approve minutes of September 15, 22 and October 1 and 7, 2021-** Trustee Proemm made a motion to approve the above minutes, seconded by Trustee Sorensen. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- a. There were no special presentations

ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Code Officer- Code Officer Nolan reported he issued 20 new permits, CO's. He also handled a couple complaints.

Treasurer Report – Clerk Noble thanked the Mayor for holding regular Department Head Meetings. She felt they were a great tool. Clerk Noble gave the Board the expected insurance increases. She also let the Board know she received an updated quoted from Barkley’s for the front doors.

Police Chief Report- Chief Santimaw said he also appreciated the Department Head meetings. He talked about a take back drug event being held at Kinney’s. We will have an officer there to assist. There may be a company that will supply a kiosk for the police department. There will be no needles collected just medications.

Golf Course – Kevin reported this was the last day of the golf season. He is optimistic for next year.

Assessor – Assessor Brand spoke about equalization rates for next year. Trustee Pynchon appreciates her explanations. Cindy said she has been busy with lots of new sales and her new camera.

Animal Control – Clerk Noble reported that Jim Pipher had been in a car accident but was doing well.

Recreation Director – Meghan reported they have been busy getting the ice in and working on condenser issues. Trustee Pynchon told Meghan she appreciates her work on the elevator repairs. That is important to our community. Trustee Sorensen said she likes the pictures that Meghan provided.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to accept the Department Head reports. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety – Trustee Larrabee reported the Public Safety Committee met with both Chiefs, Fire and Police. They took a tour of the Fire Station. Tomorrow night they are meeting with the Community Engagement Committee for the first time. Trustee Sorensen added that she met with Chief Santimaw and faith leaders to discuss one of the recommendations dealing with how a death notification is to be made. A faith leader would accompany an officer if they need to make a death notification. They are compiling information and the chief will implement.

CCA – Trustee Proemm said that Louise Gava is working with other local communities and believes we can do some joint education on CCA. He added that Eric Backus should have some recommendations on pedestrian and bike safety for Park and Court Streets for our next meeting. Charge Point is looking to add a few more EV chargers in our community with some owner options. They are looking at possibly the Price Chopper parking lot.

Trustee Pynchon said our DRI presentation was strong and very promising. The CDBG Cares has not gone in yet. The Housing Task Force met for the first time to start to come up with a strategic plan.

The Communications and Technology committee met this morning. The conversation was about best practices for Department Head reports, website training and best practices for social media. Trustee Sorensen added that the committee also talked about the website security being up to date.

Infrastructure Committee – Trustee Sorensen informed the Board said she and Klaus have met with Marty a couple of times. They divided it up into 4 big pies:

1. Water second source/ Water towers
2. Storm Sewers – cameras will be needed to make informed decisions. Eric Backus from Clarkson may be able to assist.
3. Sewer
4. Streets

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION:

- a. **County Legislator Update**- was not in attendance
- b. **LED lights** – The Mayor reported the LED street lights have been completed. Klaus will report this to the Clean Energy Community group and NYSERDA so we will get credit for the points towards a Climate Smart Community.
- c. **Fountain** – Trustee Pynchon added there was a letter received by Kendall Taylor by Mayor Dalton, herself, Paul Mitchell and Reverend Catanzaro regarding the fountain.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Zoning Revision** - Mayor Dalton said we have 2 resolutions to discuss and take action on. The first is the introduction of a local law to amend the Village Zoning Law and sign regulations by repealing Chapter 325: Zoning Law and replacing it with the proposed local law entitled “Village Zoning Law” and repealing Chapter 264: Signs. Trustee Pynchon made a motion to pass the resolution. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries. The second resolution was introduction of a Local Law to amend the Village regulations for the subdivision of land by repealing Chapter 280: Subdivision of Land and replacing it with the proposed local law entitled “Chapter 280: Subdivision of Land. Trustee Pynchon made the motion to pass the resolution. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.
- b. **DRI Update** –This was discussed previously.
- c. **American Rescue Plan Act** - Mayor Dalton suggested each committee make a list to prioritize. He will also discuss with Department Heads at the next meeting.
- d. **Discuss Cannabis Public Hearing** – The Mayor said there is nothing additional to discuss
- e. **Handicapped Access to Municipal Building** – Trustee Pynchon made a motion to pay ½ of the cost. The Town has agreed to pay the other half. The motion was seconded by Trustee Larrabee. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

f. **Discuss Plastics-** This will be on the agenda for the joint Town/Village meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds** – Trustee Proemm made a motion to authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds for abstract # **5 of 2021-2022**. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

General Fund	\$67,648.93	Golf Course	\$29,192.04
Water Fund	\$6,979.73	Joint Activity	\$11,146.91
Sewer Fund	\$13,758.82		

b. **Discuss and take action on Bulk and Unmetered Water Rates** – Trustee Pynchon made a motion to increase the rates for Bulk and Unmetered Water Rates. The rates for Village residents will increase from \$10/ 1,000 gallons to \$15 and outside the Village will increase from \$15/1,000 gallons to \$30. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

c. **Bids on furnace at Head Start** – Two bids were received. The lowest bid was from Grant’s Plumbing and Heating at \$5,000. Trustee Pynchon made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Grants. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

d. **Discuss towing bids** – Trustee Pynchon made a motion to advertise for bids for towing. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

e. **Discuss Cathy Shrady use of Village green** – the Green Living Fair is looking for an alternative place to meet April 22 of 2022. Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve use of the park. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries. Permission has already been granted by the church.

f. **Authorize unpaid taxes to SLC** – Trustee Larrabee made a motion to send unpaid property taxes to SLC. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

g. **Grant** – NYS Council on the Arts, the money is there. They are asking for the Village to be a conduit for this grant funding for Music on Main Street funding. Trustee Pynchon made a motion to approve, Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark McKenna discussed the funding for the handicap boat ramp at Taylor Park. He asked about a NYS Office of Parks and Rec grant that has a 50/50 match. He also said Assemblyman Walczyk said he would help. Trustee Pynchon and Rec Director Richardson will coordinate with Mark.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Trustee Pynchon made a motion to enter into executive session with the Town of Canton at 8:05 PM. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:56 PM. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Pynchon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 PM. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Noble
Village Clerk