Town of Canton Public Hearing/Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, February 9, 2022 ZOOM @ 5:45 PM Minutes

Present: Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Council Members Bob Washo, Jim Smith, John Taillon, and Bob Santamoor.

Also Present: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Heidi Smith, Deputy Town Clerk Leanna Moquin, Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper Dylan Barringer, Assessor Cindy Brand, Code Enforcement Officer Michael McQuade, Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez, Highway Superintendent Steven Smith, Justice Judge Rachelle Foster, Recreation Director Meghan Richardson, CPA John Gray.

Absent: Historian Linda Casserly

Public Attendance: North Country This Week Paul Mitchell, Watertown Daily Times Tom Graser, County Legislator Kevin Acres, Toby Irven, John Casserly, Mike Shaw.

Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley at 5:45 pm. Supervisor Ashley read the Legal Notice out loud and opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley read out loud written communication from Klaus Proemm, 14 Harrison Street, Canton. Mr. Proemm feels that the requirement of the Town residency is a reasonable one and should stay. This position necessitates a special knowledge of the Town that one would be unlikely to gather from out of Town. There are surely qualified local residents who would be interested in this job. It is in Canton's best interest to keep a Canton resident in this position.

See attached letter.

Council Member Bob Washo asked that Town Clerk Heidi Smith speak to the issue. Town Clerk Smith stated that when advertising for the Deputy Town Clerk position she wasn't aware of the residency requirement. After looking through the applicants Smith picked the applicants to interview that she felt would be best qualified for the position. Five people were interviewed out of fifteen applicants. Smith stated when searching for this position she was looking for what was best the Clerk's Office and the Town. Smith stated once she found out of this requirement, she immediately brought it to Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley's attention.

Toby Irven, Canton asked was there a search committee. Clerk Smith replied when the applications came in Smith reviewed them, Supervisor Ashley did step in for a short period and looked over some of the applicants. Smith picked the five people that she wanted to interview, and Council Member Bob Santamoor interviewed these candidates

with Smith. Discussion was had on all the candidates, Smith gave Santamoor her opinion on who she wanted as Deputy, Santamoor agreed.

Irven also stated his concern with only one person making the decision. Irven also stated he does not like the Law as written because it makes a permanent change and removes the requirement of residency forever and doesn't think that these restrictions should be removed. Irven does not agree with the permanent nature of its structure. Irven objects to the proposed law as written.

Council Member Bob Santamoor stated that it is at the discretion of the elected official to choose their deputy exclusively, that is written in law. Santamoor stated he was there during the interviewing processes and stated we did our best not knowing the law was on the books.

Council Member Bob Washo stated the Clerks position requirements are 18 years old and a resident of Canton. Washo also stated with respect to residency there is a reason in election law that the elected clerk is required to have a deputy from the same township, is because of the assumption of being the heir apparent should something happen to the town clerk. It is impossible for a deputy who lives in another town to assume the role of the clerk if the need arises. Washo thinks the Town is going down the wrong road if we set this bar. Washo believes it was a flawed and unfair search. Washo also agrees that the wording in the law as written would set a precedent that would allow clerks from here on out to not look at Canton residents and get to hire who they want.

Clerk Smith stated when bring up past practice it was to show that the proper steps are now being taken. Smith again stated that once the residency requirement was found it was immediately brought to the Supervisors attention, for transparency and to follow the law. Smith stated if knowing of this law before advertising it would have been in the advertisement as a requirement.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Jim Smith to close the public hearing at 6:13 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

A. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley. Supervisor Ashley added a new item to the agenda under new business number five, **Approval up to \$25,000 in culvert spending.**

B. County Legislator Representative(s) Update(s)

County Legislative Representative Kevin Acres reported on the Fund Balances and Sales Tax for the County. Acres reported that the Methadone Clinic location has been decided, which will be in Canton. Acres gave a brief description on who the Methadone Clinic will help. Acres announced that he will not be running again for legislator in the fall.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley asked Acres if he is willing to go on record that the Town will continue to get the same benefit that has been allocated in the past for

Sales Tax as far as the formula. Acres responded without the numbers, he believes that the Town and Villages will get a larger portion of the 1% then they did in the past.

C. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to correction of January Abstract A-From \$19,088.83 to \$18,488.83. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Jim Smith to approve the Organizational Board Meeting 1/13/22 and Regular Board Meeting 1/13/22.

All in favor, Motion Carried.

D. Correspondence

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported there were two correspondences:

- 1. Canton Garden Club is requesting donations from the Town of Canton.
- 2. St. Lawrence County District One, Deputy Coordinator Jeff Hammond, sent an invitation to a meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Invited are the following fire departments Canton, Morley, Rensselaer Falls, Pyrites, Russell and Pierrepont for a District One Meeting to discuss County EMS Plan to be taken to the County Board of Legislature. Council Member Bob Santamoor volunteered to be a representative for the Town of Canton.

E. Town Finances Reports

John Gray, Gray and Gray read over the highlights of the January 2022 Town Financial Report which was sent to the Town Council prior to the monthly meeting.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley added that the Town has received the first quarter of sales tax, at a little over \$269,000.

John Gray, Gray and Gray read over the Town Clerk's financial report for the month of December 2021, year to date and January 2022. This report was sent to Town Clerk Smith and Board members prior to the monthly meeting.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley went on record to say that the Tax Warrant has been satisfied.

F. Audit Committee

Approval of January Expenditures

A Fund - \$33,755.58 B Fund - \$1,254.85 DA Fund - \$32,745.59 DB Fund - NA SF Fund - \$115,400.00 SL Fund - \$587.99 TA Fund - \$17,780.74

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Bob Washo for the approval of expenditures. All in favor. Motion carried.

G. Acceptance of Department Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Michael McQuade gave a summary of monthly report. Yearly report has been handed in the State as required. There have been a couple meetings with Council Members Bob Washo and Jim Smith with Monica Ryan to work on Canton Zoning Code Revision. Following meeting will include the Canton Zoning Board Chair and Planning Board Chair to get them involved as well. McQuade explained the process of how to handle a complaint that needs to be investigated by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Heidi Smith reported the Clerk's Office continues to work with the BAS program to make sure the software in the Clerk's Office is update and working correctly. Met with John Gray, Gray and Gray and there is a better understanding of what the Clerk Office needs to supply Gray and Gray for financial reporting. The December monthly report was also discussed in meeting with Mr. Gray. A break down of what was collected in the Town Clerk's Office was given for the month of January. Smith reported that 80% of Town and County Taxes have been collected at an amount of \$4,454,708.39. Smith added how well Deputy Clerk Leanna Moquin is doing and how quick she caught on to collecting taxes. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley added the Town is looking to replace the server and a new battery is needed ASAP, working with ABS to make this happen.

Assessor Cindy Brand reported on the level of assessment and equalization rates and how it effects apportionment of taxes, calculation of assessments, ceilings and exemptions, allocation of State Aid, calculation of tax and debt limits, and review of assessments.

Highway Superintendent Steven Smith gave a brief report that the highway department has done clean up in Morley, Pyrites, and Rensselaer Falls. Smith thanked his crew for going above and beyond while being short handed at the beginning of the year. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley added that there was an increase in technology at the highway garage for training purposes, two TVs were purchased to help with training.

Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez reported that ED is working on wrapping up existing projects. One of the biggest things going on is the CDBG application and how to move forward. This is on the agenda to be discussed later. Working on the contract for the Styles Avenue property.

Recreation Director Meghan Richardson reported they have been busy at the pavilion. Karate classes have started back up at the pavilion, which takes place in the upstairs room of the pavilion. Fund raising for the ADA Kayak Launch continues to be a huge success, fundraising is on target if everything stays on track it will be paid for and ready for the Rushton Canoe Races. Richardson thanked DPW and Ryan (staff) for all the help on repairing the ice resurfacer horizontal auger and conditioner. Recreation committee has been meeting and working on the shared services agreement. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley asked Richardson to give a brief overview on the State asking to utilize the pavilion for a major court case process. Richardson explained that due to size of the case and COVID restrictions the St. Lawrence County Courthouse is not big enough to house this trial. The pavilion has been booked for a month and a half to use as a court site, this is scheduled for the end of April. The revenue for this is \$400 per eight hours, if it goes over eight hours it is an hourly rate at \$40 an hour. Security will be provided by the court.

A motion made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to accept department reports.

All in favor. Motion carried.

H. Committee Reports

Policy Committee, Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported the committee met and are reviewing the non-contract policy.

Zoning & Code Committee, Council Member Bob Washo reported that the committee has met with Monica Ryan from River Street on preliminary concepts before getting the whole committee together on the zoning and code update.

Complete Streets Committee, Council Member Bob Washo reported when the Village did their update the Complete Streets Tasks Force was codified, meaning any decisions made relative to road work or work within the Village Complete Streets would have to be part of the planning process. Washo believes the same intention is there for the Town.

Sustainability Committee, Council Member Bob Santamoor reported there was talk on Joules Energy educational piece that is going to be a 60-day process which will probably happen in June to look at the aggregate energy piece and move it into the Village.

Broadband Committee, Council Member John Taillon reported they are waiting for the report from MC Fibers. Toby Irven added there will be a meeting February 17th or 18th in hopes to have specific plan or complete description of possibilities, along with a business plan to share and have discussion during March's meeting.

Recreation Committee, Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported there was two REC meetings. The seconded meeting was strictly geared towards the need of a new ice resurfacer. There was also a chain of command created for the roles of the committees.

I. Old Business

- 1. 12 Stiles Avenue Property
 Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated the board needs to look at the actual
 agreement and payout for the acquisition of that property. Discussion will
 take place in executive session.
- 2. Michels Lease Agreement
 Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated there is language in the agreement
 that needs to be discussed that will take place in executive session.
- 3. American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA)
 Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported there have been changes made on what the money can be spent on. There needs to be further discussion with the board on how to spend that money.
- 4. 2020 Annual Updated Document Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported that the Annual Updated Document also know as the AUD has been submitted to the State.

5. CDGB CARES Act Grant

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported this was discussed in the Joint Meeting with the Village and Town but wanted to further discuss this in the Town meeting. This is a \$500,000 grant that is available, discussion needs to be had if the Town is going to take lead on this application. Supervisor Ashley expressed concerns about the Town taking the lead, Ashley believes that the Town does not have the capacity, either labor wise, or financially to take on this grant. It would be additional work on the Supervisor's Office that they are not equipped to handle. Council Member Bob Santamoor agrees it would stretch the Town thin to take on this application. Council Member Bob Washo agrees with Supervisor Ashley, and thinks the Town needs to be cautious with Town's time and resources and thinks that it is in the best interest of the Town to pass on taking the lead. Supervisor Ashley added that the public needs to be aware that the Town Supervisor is the CFO, CEO, Human Resources Coordinator and Training Compliance Coordinator there is a lot of responsibility in the Supervisors Office. Council Members John Taillon, Jim Smith, and Bob Santamoor support Supervisor Ashley.

6. Assessment Revaluation
Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley reported this was discussed in the Joint

Village and Town Meeting. During the joint meeting it was conclusive that currently the Town is not able to do an Assessment Revaluation due to the market. Council Member Bob Santamoor stated for the record that he does not think it is a good idea to do an assessment revaluation. Supervisor Ashley, Council Members Bob Washo and John Taillon also agree.

7. St. Lawrence County Hazard Mitigation 2015 Plan Update Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated for informational purposes, to get FEMA funding municipalities had to participate in the process in case a hazard occurs of some sort. The board member was given a packet prior to the meeting, this is a 1600-page packet.

J. New Business

1. Deputy Town Clerk Waiver of Residency Local Law Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley opened it up for further discussion. Council Member John Taillon still has questions on the wording of the Law and would like to ask Legal before making any decisions. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley would like to hear more from the public and have further discussion with legal.

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Bob Washo to table Deputy Town Clerk Waiver Residency Local Law.

All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Review of Justice Court Records

Council Member Bob Santamoor reported that after reviewing Justice reports that everything is well organized. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley added there is a specific checklist that must be completed, which has been done by the committee, now a resolution needs to be passed and entered into the minutes. Council Member Bob Washo would like to see a conversation had to consider having the Court books reviewed by an outside firm. Council Member Jim Smith agrees.

A motion was made Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to pass resolution.
All in favor. Motion carried.

See attached resolution.

3. Joint Recreation Zamboni Issue

Recreation Director Meghan Richardson gave a presentation on the need for a new Ice Resurfacer. Richardson's presented information on an electric vs a propane ice resurfacer. Richardson, staff, and entire DPW crew all agree that they would prefer a propane model. It is reliable, staff can complete basic maintenance tasks and even major repairs. Discussion was had amongst the board members and REC Director Richardson. The Recreation Committee will meet after the Village Board Meeting, where Richardson will also give this presentation.

See attached presentation. Copy of presentation is also on the Town of Canton website in the public meeting packet for the month of February.

- 4. 2022 Town Goals Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley tabled the 2022 Town Goals.
- 5. Approval of up to \$25,000 in Culvert Spending
 Council Member Bob Washo spoke on behalf of the Highway Committee.
 The Town is part of a DANC database of all culverts in the Town of
 Canton, there are hundreds of culverts all over the Town. This would be an
 annual purchase of culvert inventory to have on stock for future projects or
 incidents when they arise. Council Member Bob Santamoor asked
 Highway Superintendent Steven Smith how many culverts needs to be
 replaced or anticipate? Smith's focus on road construction would be on the
 Pyrites Russell Road this spring, every covert on that road would need to
 be replaced.

A motion made by Council Member Bob Washo and seconded by Council Member Jim Smith to approve up to \$25,000 in covert spending from the DB account.

All in favor. Motion carried.

K. Public Comment

Toby Irven, Canton stated he submitted a proposal and petition from the residents of the Irish Settlement Road, this is the third petition to have the road work finished on the Irish Settlement Road. Approximately five years ago western 6,000 feet was done and is holding up. The next 6,000 feet is still left to be done. Patching a piece of the road is very problematic. Irven would like to see the Town adopt a more finished product for these roads. There is now serious deterioration in front of at least three mailboxes, dangerous potholes. Irven would like to see a comprehensive plan to do something about these roads. Irven is frustrated with having to do petitions, this one making the third petition. Irven asks that there is response to how and when this road will be prepared.

See attached petition.

Toby Iven on behalf of Complete Streets, would like to remind representatives for the complete streets and the Highway

Superintendent that Complete Streets would like to be involved in the discussion of what road projects are being done for the year.

Council Member Bob Washo added that there was a meeting between the Highway Superintendent and Complete Streets Committee. There is still a lot of work and conversation to be had.

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)

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Bob Washo to go into executive session for [H] the proposed acquisition of real property and [F] matters pertaining to employment history of a particular person. All if favor, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to adjourn out of executive session at 9:18 pm. All in favor, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Jim Smith and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to adjourn meeting at 9:18 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi L Smith, Town Clerk





letter to Town

1 message

klaus proemm <klaus_proemm@yahoo.com> To: "mashley@cantonny.gov" <mashley@cantonny.gov>, Robert Washo <bwasho@cantonny.gov> Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 9:00 PM

Supervisor Ashley, Town Council,

Regarding the hiring of Town positions such as the assistant Town Clerk, I feel that the requirement of Town residency is a reasonable one and should stay. This position necessitates a special knowledge of the Town that one would be unlikely to gather from out of town. There are surely qualified local residents who would be interested in this job. It is in Canton's best interest to keep a Canton resident in this position.

I'd like to further commend the Supervisor and Town Council for how they have handled the past 2 years of pandemic and related (and unrelated) difficulties. In these most challenging days, this Council has kept it's head, continued Town operations in good order, and is looking toward a brighter time ahead. Thanks for the dedication and hard work. It is greatly appreciated.

Klaus Proemm

14 Harrison St Canton



RESOLUTION NO. 3

TOWN OF CANTON ANNUAL AUDIT OF CANTON TOWN JUSTICE COURT PURSUANT TO UNIFORM JUSTICE COURT February 9, 2022

WHEREAS, Uniform Justice Court Act Section 2019-a requires the annual audit by the Town Board of the Court records and dockets of the Town Court; and

WHEREAS, a letter dated January 5, 2022, was sent to Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley by the State of New York Uniformed Court System asking that the same be submitted by March 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Town Council Members John Taillon and Bob Santamoor performed an audit of the Town Court records of the Town of Canton on January 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, attached hereto and made a part hereof is the Annual Checklist for Review of Justice Court Records;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, said audit is approved and entered into the minutes of the Town of Canton on February 9, 2022.

Date

Canton Town Clerk



Town and Village of Canton, New York

Municipal Building 60 Main Street Canton, NY 13617 (315) 386-2871 Recreation Department 90 Lincoln Street Canton, NY 13617 (315) 386-3992

Recreation Presentation – Ice Resurfacer

Town Board Meeting - February 9, 2022

I was asked by my Recreation Committee to present information regarding an electric vs. a propane ice resurfacer for the Recreation Department to both the town and village boards. I will present to the village next week.

I would like to explain the sheet that breaks down the long term cost of a propane and electric ice resurfacer.

Currently, we have in our ownership a 1986 Olympia brand propane ice resurfacer that we are currently using every day. The machine is 36 years old and functioning. Even with a new machine, we will keep this unit to serve as a backup not only for Canton Recreation but also for SUNY Canton and St. Lawrence.

Additionally, we own a Zamboni brand electric resurfacer that was gifted to us from St. Lawrence. From my research, I believe we received this machine in 2014 since the last service records at St. Lawrence were in August 2013. This machine is a 1999 model that received a brand new engine in Sept. 2009. This machine has died in the middle of the ice season the last three years prior to me arriving and it also died at the beginning of this ice season, which is why it not being used this year.

Looking at the ages of the machines you can see the lifespan of a propane model vs. an electric model. Also through my research, electric machines do not last longer than 20 years.

Included on the sheet, the base price of new machines from both the Olympia and Zamboni brands. Both manufacturers have electric models and a propane model.

There are two different types of electric models: a traditional lead-acid battery machine and the newest technology available is an electric with lithium ion batteries.

You may be wondering what the difference is between a lead-acid and a lithium ion battery. Lead-Acid is the traditional type of battery used to power an ice resurfacer. Lead-Acid requires daily, weekly, and monthly battery maintenance. This requires staff to open battery cells, which is very dangerous when they deal with sulfuric acid inside the batteries because they have to manage the water levels of each battery. Additionally, while batteries charge there is an explosive mixture of hydrogen and oxygen that is produced and released when the cells are opened for maintenance. It is rare, but these gasses can cause the battery to explode if there is a spark or flame. It is also important to note that a standard electric resurfacer has 24 individual batteries. So this is not maintenance on just 1 battery, it involves an entire system of 24.

Lithium Ion Batteries eliminate all battery maintenance while also creating a safer work environment.

The difference of these batteries also spills over into how you charge the machines. Lead Acid's are very picky. These batteries like to be drained nearly all the way to zero before being fully recharged. Speaking to Zamboni service representative, out of the box Lead Acid batteries have a lifespan of 10 years, if you have ideal situations:

- The resurfacer is being used 12 months out of the year. If you are a 6 month operation, which we are, your life immediately goes down to 7 years.
- 2. The battery is drained nearly to zero before recharging to full
- 3. After using the machine, the machine should sits for 8 hours (cooling the machine), then it is charged for 8 hours, then sits for 8 hours (cooling the batteries before use) and then it is used for 8 hours.

Universities can get very close to this routine because they do not have full ice schedule like we do at the Pavilion. It is essentially impossible for us to achieve #2 and #3 because if it is a Friday evening and the batteries are at half charge there is no question that we have to plug in the machine. Because, on Saturday we require a full charge in order to make it through the 12-16 hours of scheduled ice time. That same scenario happens on Saturday night. We can't have the machine sit for 8 hours before recharging because we have another 14-16 hours of scheduled ice time on Sunday.

Lithium lons are a dream compared to traditional lead-acid, however they are completely new to the ice resurfacer world. The battery suppliers have guessed on the lifespan based on comparable manufacturing machines that are battery operated. That

being said, Potsdam just received their brand new lithium ion machine yesterday after a year and half wait.

Lithium lons are as simple as plugging in your cell phone. These batteries like to be fully charged all the time. We can come off the ice after resurfacing and immediately plug it in with no worries of hindering battery life.

To the right of the base price is a pre-negotiated discount price for municipalities that is available through Sourcewell. I do need to update this information that this discount is actually only available through Zamboni and not Olympia.

Below the machine prices, I have included two maintenance programs available through our Regional Zamboni service representatives in New Jersey. The top price is if we send our machine to their shop for the summer and the bottom price is if the mechanic comes to us.

- The benefit of the full Preventative Maintenance Program, when we send them our machine, is that they go through the entire machine in more detail and basic repairs like wiring, hoses, etc. is all included in the price.
- The second option, when a mechanic travels from NJ to our arena is initially cheaper, but every repair is a cost on top of this base price
- The reason for the maintenance programs is for the electric models only, because my staff and DPW are not capable of working on electric machines; a specialized mechanic is required.

The next section, is the big section where it breaks down the overall cost of these machines over a 40 year period. I chose 40 years since this is anticipated lifespan of a propane model.

The first two lines features a traditional lead-acid electric machine, one with the Preventative Maintenance Program cost included and one with the basic yearly maintenance. Lines 3 and 4 are the same as the first 2 lines, just with a Lithium Ion machine, and line 5 features an Olympia propane model.

Now moving from left to right:

o 2022 Machine, is the cost of a new machine today

- o Machine Lifespan, is 20 years for the electric models and 40 for a propane
- o Maintenance Cost, for the electric is again the preventative maintenance options and for the propane model I used the repair costs from this year which does includes the \$800 emergency repair that we just completed last week, and I then multiplied that by the machine lifespan.
- The major reason why maintenance costs are so low with a propane model is because my staff and DPW are able to work on the machine. These machines are the same as working on a truck or tractor with many parts being universal with large truck and farm equipment.
- o Battery and Fuel Cost is \$40,000 for lead-acid, because you have to plan on replacing batteries every 5 years. Lithium Ion are planned for every 10 years, but again this is untested so it could be more frequent, and the \$25,000 for propane is using the monthly costs that I have spent so far this year on propane fuel.
- o New Machine Needed, repeats the cycle for the electric machines because again the lifespan is a maximum of 20 years.
- And Total Cost for 40 years, is pretty self-explanatory with the overall cost difference being very significant with the electric models figuring out to over a half of a million dollars and propane comes out to just over 200 thousand

I also included the figures for a lease option. The lease is only for an electric machine because of the short lifespan of the machines and also the high maintenance costs. Logically, a lease option does not make sense for a propane model. A propane model should be viewed as a long-term investment for your money

As with most purchases, there are positives and negatives to both electric and propane.

Myself, my staff and the entire DPW crew have all agreed on the type of resurfacer that we prefer, which is a propane model. There is a reason why the machine we have now is still running, it is reliable and we can complete basic maintenance tasks and even major repairs with our own resources.

Having the convenience of driving the machine up the road to the DPW barn to make any repair is priceless, especially when our department is dependent on ice revenue. Last week is a perfect example, a major auger repair was able to be fixed after overnighting parts and in one morning the machine was fixed and driven back to the Pavilion without losing any ice revenue.

Addressing any individuals that may have concerns about emission quality with a propane model, I also included in the packet a signed executive order from the California EPA and Air Resources Board which states that the maximum allowed exhaust standards is 20.6 grams per KW hour for carbon monoxide and the engines used in the propane model is certified at 7.0. This is measuring tailpipe exhaust.

Now, as it pertains to actual air quality inside the rink, the United States Ice Rink Association recommends a maximum of 20 parts per million when measuring carbon monoxide. And New York State actually has a piece of legislation that has been in discussions since 2012 that only requires a minimum of 30 parts per million.

Recently, with the help of some fire department equipment and Mayor Mike Dalton we were able to test our 1986 propane machine while resurfacing the ice and the average carbon monoxide reading throughout the rink was 19.75 parts per million with one resurface.

We then immediately retested, so we did back-to-back resurfacing, and found that the carbon monoxide levels spiked, but our average was still below OSHA standards of 50 parts per million for an 8 hour work day.

This was great information to gather since on any normal day, only one ice cut is done at a time, keeping the carbon monoxide levels safe for our community and staff.

Along with that information, there has also been major emission improvements in propane models built from the 1980s, in fact there were no certifications or emission standards on ice resurfacers until 2004. Additionally, all new propane machines are installed with emission detectors built directly into the machine to help ensure safety is maintained.

We also have the added benefit of having direct exhaust fans built into both the north and south side of the Pavilion.

The goal of this presentation is to provide the board with information as it pertains to electric and propane machines, and have the board decide if you prefer an electric or propane model.

Once a decision is made on electric or propane, I will then gather hard numbers on the add-ons that our facility needs and compare the final price of an Olympia and Zamboni.

It is also important to note that all of these resurfacers are not sitting on a lot waiting to be purchased, every one is made to order for every customer, and the lead time right now for both manufacturers is 12-14 months.

For a Zamboni machine, payment is not due until delivery and as a municipality we have the option of putting no money down with a purchase order or we can pay a \$25,000 deposit.

And for Olympia, 20% down payment is required to order the machine and the balance is due on delivery. 20% will be about \$21,000 for a propane model and \$30 for an electric.



Petition to Town of Canton

Following the 2017 project to rebuild the approx. 6000' of the Irish Settlement Road at the western end, the residents ask the following:		Complete the remaining approx, 5000' of repair and repaiving of the linsh Settlement Rd, Include repairs to center-line deterioration at various locations —entrance at Rive 88, numerous residences in the first 1.5 miles from Rte 68.
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