

Town of Canton, Public Hearing-Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
Hybrid, In-Person & Zoom (view only) @ 5:45 PM
Minutes

PRESENT:

Mary Ann Ashley	----	Supervisor
Bob Washo	----	Councilmember
Jim Smith	----	Councilmember
John Taillon	----	Councilmember
Bob Santamoor	----	Councilmember

Also Present:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Heidi Smith, Deputy Town Clerk Leanna Moquin (zoom), Assessor Cindy Brand, Highway Superintendent Steven Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Michael McQuade, Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper Dylan Barringer (zoom), Historian Linda Casserly, Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez, Attorney Eric Gustafson and CPA John Gray

Absent:

Meghan Richardson, Recreation Director

Public Attendance:

Cathy & Joe Siematkowski, Kathy & Jim Gibson, Duane Curtis, Ellie Sullivan-Stripp, Sally Vrooman, Charles Rouse, Watertown Daily Times Tom Graser, Carol Pynchon (zoom), John Casserly (zoom)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Ashley opened the public hearing at 5:45 PM for the purpose of considering a local law to exclude trucks, commercial vehicles, tractors, tractor-trailer combinations, and other vehicles from town highways and to regulate the stopping of traffic on Town roads.

Duane Curtis Business Owner & Resident in the Town of Canton is opposed to the law as written. Mr. Curtis asked that the law to be explained better. Mr. Curtis feels the way the law is written is very vague. What roads and how many roads is this law talking about? Does this include all Town roads or is this for three Town roads? Attorney Gustafson responded that the law applies to all town roads.

Attorney Gustafson explained that the law is a proposal of the vehicle and traffic laws in New York. It gives broad authority for towns to regulate what happens on Town roads. The Town has had issues with heavy vehicles causing damage to Town roads. There was a particular scenario that was recognized by the Town and the board felt this was something that needed to be investigated. There is need to regulate not just damage to town roads but traffic. The language in the law presented is from the vehicle and traffic law.

Duane Curtis also asked for more clarification on what the delivery means if you are delivering merchandise. Mr. Curtis does not understand the law as presented. Does it mean that if your load is empty, you can not go on that road? If your load is over and you are not delivering on that road but are using it as a short cut, are you in violation? Attorney Gustafson responded yes; this is what is trying to be protected. Protecting Town roads that weren't designed to carry that much traffic. Mr. Curtis responded that he is very much opposed to the law the way it is written. Being an agriculture community the tractors, manure spreaders, manure trucks, and our own vehicles this law impedes our businesses with \$6.00 a gallon for gas and changing to longer routes for our deliveries.

Attorney Gustafson asked Mr. Curtis if it is the first sub-provision that he is concerned about with stopping traffic on town roads? Mr. Curtis responded yes; it is a concern. UPS trucks and local mailman are blocking traffic on roads all the time. Mr. Curtis does not see what there is to be gained, this is costing local businesses more money. Businesses will be detoured 3 to 5 miles with a truck that is only getting 6 to 8 miles a gallon on diesel fuel that is going to be substantial. With the big truck on the roads there is also risk of injury and accidents, Mr. Curtis doesn't see the gain.

Ellie Strip, employee at White and Patterson, spoke in opposition to the law. Mrs. Strip stated that White and Patterson employs 13-15 people depending on the season and has 7 trucks on the road. The trucks we have weigh around 19,000-21,000 coming out of Canton and one 40,000 truck that is coming through Canton. White and Patterson has been in Canton since 1927 and they would like to continue being in Canton. Mrs. Strip's biggest concern is that there is one gentleman that lives out on the Old Dekalb Road that keeps his truck there. This truck is 40,000 tons empty. Will they need to get a special permit to have that truck there? There are a couple reasons that truck is brought to his home; there isn't enough room to store it at the mill overnight, there is no plug in for it at the mill and for security purposes.

Charles Rouse, Canton resident on College Street, is concerned about the number of vehicles this law will force onto a few roads in the Village and Town that are already packed. Mr. Rouse asked if there is a solution to go along with this that would keep those roads flowing properly and safe? There is already a difficult time having people obey the laws and overcrowding the roads. Forcing the big trucks to take these routes will make it worse.

Sally Vrooman, Canton resident on Miner Street, wants to see a sidewalk on the Miner Street bridge. Mrs. Vrooman would like to see a sidewalk from Miner Street out to Taylor Park. Traffic is horrible on Miner Street and if there is going to be more traffic, she would like to see either a crosswalk or a sidewalk go in.

Kathy Gibson, Business Owner and resident in the Town of Canton on the Pike Road with various truck sizes, is concerned that the local traffic already does enough damage. Gibson asked will out of town contractors be exempt from these rules because they are Federal or State funded? Who will police these roads? Attorney Gustafson stated the law would broadly apply there would be no exemptions, enforcement would be up to local law enforcement. Mrs. Gibson also added that her concern is that the Pike Road used to be a Town Road, now it is a County Road and truck route. The local people see everyday the damage that was done by these outside

companies coming and doing business, but it is the local taxpayers that are having to foot the bill.

Joe & Cathy Siematkowski, Canton residents spoke in opposition of the law. Mr. Siematkowski spoke on Witherbee and Whalen, a business that has been in Canton since 1885 on Judson Street. There are two trucks that weigh 11 tons empty. It is in the center of Town and is the last manufactured facility left in the Town of Canton. Any truck that leaves that plant to deliver a septic tank is over a town road. What this law is doing is saying you can't take those trucks anywhere. Mr. Siematkowski wants to know what are the possibilities here? Was there ever an engineering study done to figure out how the damage to the roads were occurring? Was there a firm employed to do a study on this or was this somebody saying this is what we want? Based on what? The cost of fuel is also a concern.

Kathy Gibson also added that big trucks over a certain weight have to pay truck mileage tax to drive extra on roads depending on the weight of the truck, anywhere between \$.01-.05 for every mile you drive. Business owners are already paying extra to drive on the roads with the base cost itself, registration, and mileage tax.

Duane Curtis asked is it possible to have the County take over all the Town Roads if we don't want big vehicles to drive on them? Mr. Curtis thinks there should be a plan to fix the roads but not so it penalizes the local businesses.

Council Member Bob Washo stated that he appreciates everyone comments. Washo asked: do you agree that the Town should look at out of state contractors who are coming into Canton for Canton projects or cutting through Canton who are escalating the deterioration of the roads. How does the town balance keeping the roads open to local businesses and keeping a check on all the out of state activity that is coming in? Washo added with the Solar projects that are coming into the Town and the big project the Town just had, the board is trying to think ahead to have something that protects the town but keeps local businesses flowing, that is the balance that is trying to be met. Washo asked for any suggestions from the public. The Town has already observed where out-of-state businesses have damaged roads.

Council Member Bob Santamoor asked Attorney Gustafson if there is a way that the Town can look at municipalities to see if we can limit the traffic, essentially exclude traffic that is local business so that we don't impede that business and then look at out-of-state and do a caveat to write it too out-of-state. Washo responded that he thinks the law already says that to an extent. It is using the Town roads to get to Pierrpoint and Russell that are the issues. Local deliveries in Canton will not be applied. Gustafson stated he would have to do research to see if there is another way to do that.

Joe Siematkowski asked is there a possibility to do it by address? Special permit to a person or a company that is not a resident? Highway use by permit only. Fee permits. Washo responded that for Canton project the town has that. The problem is when the materials are coming from other towns because Canton it not part of that process. The town is trying to give power to the Highway Superintendent to go to these businesses.

Mike McQuade Code Enforcement Officer added that the haulers for local projects are contactors that are coming from out of state.

Attorney Gustafson added that the idea of this law was never to impact local businesses. It was to protect local taxpayers.

Council Member Jim Smith added that at the last meeting the Highway Superintendent stated he doesn't want this to affect local businesses. He wants local businesses to continue go where they are going. During construction projects roads were being damaged and when the Highway Superintendent showed up people would drive right by him. This law would allow the Highway Superintendent to have authority to protect Town roads.

Cathy Siematkowski asked if businesses from out of the area are doing work in Canton is there a permitting system in place that is specifically for trucking or road use? Washo responded depending on the project. For example, with Solar there is a permitting process. Mrs. Siematkowski added that adding in more permitting would help elevate the costs. Washo added that it's the projects outside of our local control but are still using our roads that is the issue. Local projects that happen in the Town of Canton Road Use Permits are a consideration.

Council Member Smith added that locally other towns post roads, certain roads that they are concerned with heavy traffic doing damage to them. The Town Highway Department will be putting new culverts in on the Irish Settlement Road and come spring if there is an issue with them the Town wants the Highway Superintendent to have the ability to post the road if necessary so there is not damage to the pipes. Right now, the Superintendent does not have that ability, right now the only ability the Superintendent has it to close a road. Kathy Gibson stated in the past she would have to get a letter to drive down a posted road that she would get from the Highway Superintendent, this was done every year the road was posted. Gibson asked what has changed since then, what authority did they have then vs now? Attorney Gustafson responded that there is a different process for temporary posting roads in the spring vs what is in front of us.

Joe Siematkowski added that if roads are posted, say by weight limit by permit only, they would have to get a permit hoping to alleviate some of the problem. But the question is who is going to enforce this? Council Member Smith responded the Highway Superintendent would call law enforcement. Mr. Siematkowski thinks there should be signage posted so people know the road is posted. Kathy Gibson asked how much is that going to cost? Would we post every single town road? Would it be posted with a five-ton weight limit? Gibson added the way that law is written you would need to post every single Town road, which would include 2 signs per road, one for each end. Smith added that it is not the intention to post every signal town road.

Dwayne Curtis added to an earlier comment that is this not something that is targeted to the Highway Superintendent he is trying to do what is best. This has to do with local business. If the Town restricts these roads that we are blaming Michels and other companies for damaging. The town will be left with Michels and the Solar companies gone in a few years, but all of the local business will have to deal with this law.

No further comments.

Supervisor Ashley closed the public hearing at 6:27 PM.

A. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Supervisor Ashley called the regular meeting to order at 6:28 PM. Ashley added two new items to the agenda under new business **#7 Rensselaer Falls Request for Road Closure and # 8 Moratorium on Anaerobic Digesters.**

B. Public Comment

None

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

None

D. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to approve the Regular Board Meeting 5/11/2022, Joint Town/Village Board Meeting 5/25/2022 and Regular Board Meeting 6/8/2022 minutes.
All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Correspondence

Health Insurance Rate Increase Notification -

The Town received a letter from Excellus that there is a potential change to the health insurance premiums for active employees may increase by 14.26%. Supervisor Ashley reported that she sent a letter opposing the increase. Supervisor Ashley had a meeting with Tish and the data for retirees is not available at this time. Supervisor Ashley asked Tish to come to the September board meeting to do a presentation. Council Member Bob Washo suggested an RFP be sent out to the public to see what other deals the Town can get from other brokers.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Washo and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to put out an RFP for Health Insurance Benefits Coverage for the Township.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Division of Budget for ARPA Funds -

Supervisor Ashley receive an email informing the Town that they will be receiving the remaining 50% of its American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA) in the amount of \$217,332.68. Supervisor Ashley anticipates the Town will receive that sometime in July.

St. Lawrence County IDA – Bonds for St. Lawrence University –

The Town received notice that there is a Public Hearing Tuesday, July 19th at 10:00 AM for proposed bond issuance for St. Lawrence University an 80-million cost for bonding for properties at St. Lawrence University.

F. Town Financial Report

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

John Gray, Gray & Gray read over the Town Clerk's financial report for the month of June 2022. The Town Clerk's Report was sent to Town Clerk Smith and Town Council prior to the monthly meeting.

G. Audit Committee

"A" General Fund	\$54,049.13
"B" Town Outside	\$4,585.50
"DA" Town Wide Highway	\$6,103.45
"DB" Highway	\$450,159.34
"SF" Special Fire	\$3,958.00
"SL" Special Lighting	\$269.52
"TA" Trust & Agency	\$20,364.25

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

H. Acceptance of Department Reports

ASSESSOR

Assessor Brand started off by thanking the St. Lawrence County Real Property Tax Office for all their work finishing the Tax Roll. Brand thanked Bruce Green Director of Real Property Tax Services, Patricia Fletcher Senior Aid, Donna Brown Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services, Tina Miller Real Property Aid, Joyce Chakranarayan Account Clerk, Lisa Cicciarelli Tax Map Technician for all their work. The St. Lawrence County Real Property office is phenomenal and don't get enough credit. Brand reported she submitted a list of valid sales; this list needs to be submitted to the State by September 1st. This will be the process of calculating the 2023 equalization rate. Brand also ran a tentative sales analysis report for next year, the equalization rate has dropped about 76% for residential.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Code Officer McQuade reported that there were 13 new permits issued, 13 new compliance certificates, and one occupancy certificate issued. There were two planning board meeting held for Route 11 and Judson Street Solar projects. These two projects are in the meeting stages of the process.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPER

Economic Developer Rodriguez reported that due to being on vacation a report was not submitted. Rodriguez stated that there isn't much as far as updates, projects are ongoing from previous reports. Rodriguez touched base on the Restore New York Program that has been announced for the first round. Rodriguez has been approached for a potential project for that program. Guidelines for the Downtown Revitalization have just been announced.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Smith reported June was a busy month with paving. The County Highway started paving on the 15th and finished on the 23rd. The highway department was able to shim and top 5600' on the Pyrites Russell Rd, 1700' on the Pink School House Rd, 4700' on the Crusher Rd and 1600' on the Ginn Rd. Smith thanked his crew for the excellent job making sure everything went smoothly. Smith also reported that due to the high winds on June 16th it left several trees and limbs down in roadway which required six crew members to work overtime for 4-hours. Smith also thanked Meghan Richardson the Recreation Director for helping with mowing the cemeteries for the 4th of July.

HISTORIAN

Historian Casserly went over a couple highlights from her monthly report which included her visit with Wayne Miller who is 102 years of age, working on the Plaindealer with Tom Graser. Casserly added that Tom Graser has been so helpful during this process. Casserly also spoke on the Richard Cascara's collection of Post Cards and Roger Bailey and the story of his life to create a memorable booklet. Casserly will be attending the Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) conference in Kingston. Casserly is applying for another Pomeroy Marker for Pyrites. Casserly was asked by the Rensselaer Falls Historian Bob Poore and Shelly Sanderson for assistance on how Rensselaer Falls can apply for a marker.

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Clerk Smith reported that the Clerk's office is no longer collecting Town & County taxes. Smith commended Deputy Clerk Moquin for the amazing job she did with her first-time collecting taxes. Smith reported that a FOIL procedure was created and can be found on the website. Smith also reported that she is working with the New York State Town Clerks Association executive board and committees to create a New Clerk "Toolbox" for all new clerks in New York State.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Washo and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to accept department reports as presented.
All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Committee Reports

Code & Zoning Committee

Bob Washo reported that the code and zoning committee made up of himself and Council Member Jim Smith, Planning Board Chair, ZBA Chair, Code Enforcement Officer, Leigh Rodriguez, and consulting firm have been making good progress. This is part two of creating the comprehensive plan and making sure the zoning and code is right and supports the vision that the community agreed to.

Economic Development Committee

John Taillon reported the ED committee is hoping by the June 27th Joint meeting to have a recommendation on a comprehensive plan oversight committee. Committee member Anna Sorensen has sent out an email on the CGI discussion this will also be on the agenda at the Joint meeting. There was also discussion on Town funding for housing to be put on the joint agenda as well.

Solar Committee

Bob Washo reported there is an EDF meeting on Friday to go over Solar Law and a few other items that were not able to be discussed in the last meeting. These meetings includes Planning Chair, Barton & Loguidice and Energy Attorney.

Policy Committee

Mary Ann Ashley reported that the committee will be proposing an Internal Control Financial Policy in the near future.

Sustainability Committee

Bob Santamoor reported the committee's next meeting is the July 28th.

Highway Committee

Jim Smith asked that the request from Steven Smith be added onto the agenda. Steven Smith requested authorization to purchase two culvert pipes from Lane Enterprises. The quote for two pipes six feet in diameter and fifty foot long including delivery is \$21,656.00. These would be used in addition to the existing pipe to alleviate flooding. The quote has state bid PC69056 listed in it. Smith also requests for additional paving on the Finnegan Road starting at the Ames Road to the Potsdam Townline Road of 4,010 feet at approximately \$146,783.00. Bob Washo added that the Highway Committee recommends the approval of the culvert expenses. Supervisor Ashley added this to the agenda under new business item 9 and 10.

J. Old Business

1. Solar Projects

Supervisor Ashley went over the updated map of the Solar Project in the Town of Canton; the map was shared during the meeting and is also available on the website under the public meeting packet. There was a last-minute change to the map, St Hwy 310 has withdrawn their piece. Clerk Smith will update the map in the public packet tomorrow.

2. Rich Road EDF Solar Project Community Meeting July 14

Council Member Smith stated that he wished the whole Town of Canton had received notice of the meeting. Smith does not think this will be good for the Town. Smith believes it will take away natural resources and there is no protection for agriculture land.

3. Broadband Project

Supervisor Ashley reported that broadband continues to be discussed. The broadband committee made a recommendation, and it was decided to have that recommendation go to Attorney Gustafson for consideration. Gustafson stated if the board is going to consider doing this right now is the best time with both Federal and State resources available. There may be a real possibility out there for municipal ownership. Council Member Washo and Council Member Santamoor agree. Washo stated that the Town should follow the two paths when dealing with the current providers and seeing where they will meet us and pursuing a municipal broadband. Council member Smith also stated if there is funding available the Town should go after it. Supervisor Ashley

reminded the board about the staffing level of the Town that the board needs to consider who is going to do the work and how much is it going to cost. Broadband Committee Member Toby Irven stated that there are agencies within our municipality that could provide the support the Town may need to put together a project call Municipal Broadband. Washo thinks the committee needs to be proactive and reach out to AOT, and other municipalities that have done this for advice and guidance. The board agrees to add this discussion to the Joint T/V agenda.

4. LWRP Application - Grasse River Recreation Assessment, Feasibility and Strategic Plan

Supervisor Ashley reported that the recreation committee's recommendation is that the Town move forward with this application.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to approve the resolution for the Town of Canton endorsing the application to the NYSDOS for funding under the 2022 Local Waterfront

Revitalization Program.

All in favor. Motion carried.

See attached resolution.

5. Draft Joint T/V Recreation Community Based Proposals Policy

Supervisor Ashley reported that the Recreation Committee created a Joint T/V Recreation Community Based Proposals Policy. The policy outlines the roles of the Joint T/V Boards Recreation Committee, Recreation Director, and the Recreation Advisory Group. Should a constituent(s) request establishing a particular project/program/service there will be a five-step process in place.

Discussion was had amongst the board about why the Remington Trail and the Golf Course are not part of Recreation. Economic Director Rodriguez asked why the policy is limited to Recreation, why is it not for all community-based projects?

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to pass the Joint T/V Recreation Community Based Proposal Policy.

All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Shared Services Committee Change

Supervisor Ashley reported that Council Member Bob Washo resigned from the Shared Services Committee, Council Member John Taillon has been appointed to the committee.

7. ARPA Funds

Supervisor Ashley reported what has been spent thus far of the ARPA Funds.

Prior to this board it was discussed to use funds for the testing 64 Main Street.

Supervisor Ashley asked the board to think of things they would like to see the ARPA

funds used for. See list below of funds spent.

\$12,169.00 --- Ice Resurfacer Down Payment
\$4,000.00 --- Broadband Study
\$8,495.00 --- Atlantic Testing 64 Main Street
\$48,676.00 --- Pending-Delivery of Ice Resurfacer
\$73,340.50 --- Total ARPA Expenses

K. New Business

1. Town Clerk 2022 Budget Amendment Request

Clerk Smith sent a letter to the board prior to the meeting asking the board to consider amending the budget to increase the Town Clerk Contractual by \$3,500. This request comes for having unanticipated expenditures for an outstanding bill from 2021 in the amount of \$1,680.00 and a decrease in the town clerk contractual budget line from 2021-2022. The letter included a breakdown of fixed costs and supplies Smith believes is needed to run the office for the remainder of the year. Smith asked the board to take into consideration the increase in prices on everything when making their decision. Supervisor Ashley added if the board approves this request a resolution will need to be passed.

2. Records Management Plan

Town Clerk Smith reported to the board that she is working on a records management plan. There is nothing in writing at this time. Smith is working on organizing the vault in the clerk's office, once that is done, she will work on the vault in the basement. Smith will make a plan with the Highway Superintendent to go to the highway barn and evaluate the records that are stored there. Smith believes that records should be organized and easy to access. Council member Bob Santamoor suggested using the document management program. Smith would like to revisit that option once the records are organized.

3. Local Law #2-Regulations of Roads

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Bob Washo to table local law until further information is gathered.
All in favor. Motion carried

Eric Gustafson will do additional research. Supervisor Ashley asked the board to consider splitting the Local Law that was presented tonight into two different laws. Supervisor Ashley would like to see the portion in the Law that states giving the authority to the Highway Superintendent if someone wanted to do a detour, they would need to get the permission from the Highway Superintendent. Ashley would like to see this split from the Local Law presented tonight. The Highway Committee will regroup and take the comments from tonight's public hearing into consideration.

4. Discussion of Local Law on Pesticides Spraying

Council Member Santamoor sent sample pesticide legislations for various entities to Attorney Gustafson to review prior to the meeting. Gustafson reported that the problem

is local legislation of pesticides use is limited in New York. There is a DEC rule codified that regulation establishes the DEC to have exclusive jurisdiction over the permission with pesticides. There has been changes but nothing that allows for the local municipalities to have authority and limits the Town to do anything. Gustafson does not think there is a way the Town can enforce this law and it is advised to refer constituents to the DEC of DOS Public Services when it comes to pesticides. Council Member Washo will reach out to Bill Myers who brought this concern to the Town Board that this is something the Town cannot enforce.

5. Budget Amendment ARPA Funds to B-Account-64 Main Street Testing-\$8,495.50

A motion was made by Council Member Jim Smith and seconded by Council Member Bob Washo to amend the budget ARPA Funds to B-Account-64 Main Street Testing in the amount of \$8,495.50.

All in favor. Motion carried.

See attached resolution.

6. 2022 IRS Mileage Reimbursement

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and seconded by Council Member Bob Washo to increase the mileage to \$0.62.5 per mile and to follow each and every IRS change in mileage to the reimbursement rate.

All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Rensselaer Falls Request for Road Closure

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Bob Washo to approve the Village of Rensselaer Falls request to close part of Rensselaer Street (Village Main Street) September 9th 4:00 PM -12:00 AM and September 10th 8:00 AM – 12: AM.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

8. Moratorium on Anaerobic Digesters

Attorney Gustafson stated that it is proposed that the Town have a moratorium on anaerobic digesters that would use livestock, culture manure and feed stock and turn into biopestag to be burned off site to be used as electricity.

A motion was made by Council Member and seconded by Council Member to set a Public Hearing for August 10, 2022, at 5:45 PM.

All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Highway Request Purchase Two Culvert Pipes

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Washo and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to approve the purchase of the two culvert pipes in the

amount of \$21,656.00 for the Irish Settlement Road.
All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Highway Request for Additional Paving

A motion was made by Council Member Jim Smith and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to approve the additional paving on the Finnegan Road 4,010 feet at approximately \$146,783.00 from the Ames Road Intersection to the Potsdam Townline Road.

All in favor. Motion carried.

L. Public Comment

No public comment

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 Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to go into executive session for [E] Collective Negotiations and [H] Acquisitions of Real Property.

All in favor. Motion carried.

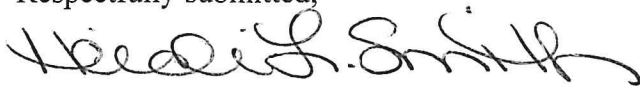
A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and seconded by Council Member Bob Washo to adjourn executive session at 9:13 PM.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member John Taillon to adjourn meeting at 9:14 pm.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi L. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heidi" being more prominent.

Heidi L. Smith, Town Clerk

TOWN OF CANTON
RESOLUTION NO. 14
July 13, 2022

COPY

**BUDGET AMENDMENT(S) FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)
COVID 19 PANDEMIC FEDERAL FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton received a total of \$217, 332.68 from New York State on July 22, 2021 and August 30, 2021 as part of the American Rescue Plan Federal COVID funds. The second installment is expected in July 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton has determined the negative financial impact to the 2020 budget with loss of revenue in justice fees, state highway reimbursement, state revenue sharing, town clerk fees, and building construction fees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Canton has conducted due diligence on the use of ARPA funds and approves:

#1-64 Main Street Testing Expense - \$8495.50

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Canton hereby approves the expenditure of a total of \$8495.50 of ARPA funds listed above and the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to transfer and expend ARPA funds to and from the proper accounts.

7/13/2022
Date

Heidi L. Smith
Canton Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF CANTON
APPROVING AND ENDORSING AN APPLICATION TO
NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR FUNDING
UNDER THE 2022 LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

No. 15

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Motion By: Bob Santamoor
Seconded By: John Taitton

WHEREAS, approximately \$16,500,000 in Environmental Protection Fund funding is available in 2022 through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for planning, design, and construction projects to revitalize communities and waterfronts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State is soliciting applications through the web-based New York state Consolidated Funding Application from eligible villages, towns, cities and counties located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways; and

WHEREAS, a Canton Grasse River Waterfront Revitalization Plan was completed in 2010 and updated in 2018, and it is the desire of the Town and Village to update the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton intends be the lead in an application to the Department of State LWRP to update the Canton Grasse River Waterfront Revitalization Plan to a full Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan approved by local, state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Canton Office of Economic Development is able to provide necessary administrative services for the work to be performed as part of this grant initiative to both prepare the application and administer the grant program, upon award, for the duration of the project; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Canton:

1. That the Supervisor, is the representative authorized to act in behalf of all applicants in all matters related to State assistance for the project. The representative is also authorized to: sign and submit the application; execute the contract; request payment advances and reimbursements; redistribute contract reimbursements as appropriate; submit project documentation; and otherwise act for all applicants in all matters related to the project and to State assistance;
2. That the Town of Canton agrees that it will complete the project in a timely manner;
3. That the Town of Canton agrees that it will fund 50% of the 15% share of the project through a collaboration with the Village of Canton, the terms of which will be outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding; and
4. That this authorization take effect immediately.

Passed by the following vote of all Town Council members voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative Board Members:

Affirmative: 5
Negative: —
Abstain: —
Absent: —

I, Heidi Smith, do hereby certify that this resolution was passed at a meeting of the Town of Canton Council members held on July 13, 2022 and is incorporated on file and of record in my office, that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect, and that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution.

Heidi Smith
Heidi Smith, Clerk

7/13/2022
Date

[Official Seal]