

Village of Canton, New York

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2023

Board Present:

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

Barbara Beekman, Trustee
Anna Sorensen, Trustee

Others Present:

Sally Noble, Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Mayor Dalton opened the Special Meeting at 6:00 PM

a. Discuss and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase of property –

We have finally been successful in our negotiations with Gary Cohen and Vern Green. It was important for us to gain control over those properties. There were 6 properties that were outlined in the agenda, one belonging to Vern Green and 5 to Gary Cohen. The total purchase price is \$1,280,000. It also authorized the Mayor Clerk/Treasurer to negotiate the loan terms with Community Bank. By passing this resolution you are authorizing the purchase and given us the authority to negotiate terms. This is a loan that will come out of general fund. It does not effect anything we are doing on infrastructure in terms of water and sewer. We are currently debt free. This is being done for economic development purposes. It is time someone took a step forward. The Mayor thanked the Board for all being part of taking a step forward.

The Mayor said we did not put public comment on the agenda but do any Board members want to say something.

Trustee Beekman said it has been a long time coming and it is great to be over the hurdle. This is Kilimanjaro and now we are on the other side. Trustee Larrabee said as a native of Canton and watching it decline has been sad. This has been a historic day and will make a major difference in our community. She feels proud of this Board for getting this done.

Trustee Beekman made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sorensen. All voted in favor. There was a roll call vote taken and recorded on the following resolution. The motion passes.

There was nothing for executive session.

Trustee Proemm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Noble
Village Clerk

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton (hereafter referred to as the "Village") has the opportunity to acquire real property, that has been determined will ultimately create jobs, provide needed infrastructure, and stimulate our local economy, and

WHEREAS, for many years the Village has been working to redevelop an area commonly known as the Midtown Plaza, that is in a state of serious disrepair, and

WHEREAS, with the vision of SUNY Canton's President, the Village throughout the years has applied for DRI and Restore New York funding that includes the 19 Miner Street properties, and

WHEREAS, the plan is to turn this dilapidated plaza, at the center of our downtown, into a mixed-use development offering diverse housing options and an Entrepreneurship Center that will anchor the project that will ignite innovation, spur the creation of new businesses, and ensure enduring economic and community growth, and

WHEREAS, the plan for the area has been well established and the anchor for the project, the SUNY Canton Entrepreneurship Center, has received approximately \$4 million dollars to date, and


WHEREAS, the Seller(s) are the owner of the following parcels of real property located in the Village of Canton, New York (hereafter collectively referred to as the "Properties"):

- a. The properties described by deed recorded with the St. Lawrence County Clerk on August 9, 1996, at Liber 1100 of Deeds at Page 807 (Village of Canton Tax Parcels #88.042-4-9, #88.042-4-10.1, and #88.042-10-4);
- b. The property described by deed recorded with the St. Lawrence County Clerk on May 5, 1997, at Liber 1106 of Deeds at Page 1108 (Village of Canton Tax Parcel #88.042-4-13);
- c. The property described by deed recorded with the St. Lawrence County Clerk on January 15, 2013, at Instrument #2013-719 (Village of Canton Tax Parcel #88.042-4-24.21);
- d. The Property is described in a deed recorded with the Office of the St. Lawrence County Clerk on July 1, 1988 at Liber 1020 of Deeds at Page 207 further described as Village of Canton Tax Parcel #88.042-4-24.11.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Canton Board of Trustees approves the purchase of the aforementioned properties for the total cost of \$1,280,000 and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to negotiate the loan terms with Community Bank, N.A.

Michael E. Dalton, Mayor YES
Anna Sorensen, Trustee YES
Elizabeth Larrabee, Trustee YES

Klaus Proemm, Trustee YES
Barbara Beekman, Trustee YES



Sally Noble, Clerk

 3/7/23
Date