

# *Village of Canton, New York*

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## **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2023

### ***Board Present:***

Michael Dalton, Mayor

Anna Sorensen, Trustee

Barbara Beekman, Trustee

Klaus Proemm, Trustee

### ***Others Present:***

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer

Cindy Brand, Assessor (by zoom)

Meghan Richardson, Rec. Dir.

James Santimaw, Chief

Scott Goldie, Attorney

Tim Bacon, Superintendent

The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:30 PM.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Historian** – A written report was submitted.

**Recreation Director** – Meghan submitted her written report. She has been working on updating our park signage. The final signage will be run by Attorney Goldie and the Board.

**Treasurer** – Clerk Noble submitted a written report. She had a couple of things to add but they are on the agenda.

**Code Enforcement** – Code Enforcement submitted his report.

**Police Chief Report-** A written report was submitted. Chief Santimaw added to his written report that there was a break in at Wight and Patterson's they are still working on. Also, there was another swatting incident at school. Five people were interviewed for the open police officer spot. Hopefully there will be an appointment in June.

**Village Superintendent** – A written report was submitted. We are backing away from the monthly leaf pickup and will not be picking up until fall again unless there is a storm. A press release was done.

**Assessor** – A written report was submitted. Cindy Brand would like to get the volunteer firefighters exemption on the agenda this summer. She would like to know if the Village is moving ahead on this. The current exemption will be going away.

**Animal Control Officer** - A written report was submitted

**Economic Development** – A written report was submitted.

**Golf Course** – The Mayor said things were progressing nicely. There was a written report from Kevin and Scott.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Economic Development Committee** – Trustee Sorensen said they have not met since the joint meeting. There has been work on housing and how to move forward. We are waiting on a possible contract for the Chamber consolidation.

**Communications and Technology** – Trustee Sorensen said they have not met since the joint meeting.

**Infrastructure** – Trustee Sorensen reported we are waiting to know that our engineering for the secondary water source has in fact been sent to the DOH.

**EV Chargers** – Trustee Proemm stated that we have the funding for a new EV charger. We received a proposal from Apex. The proposal is for a 62 KW charger which is 3 times as fast as our previous one installed with a 5-year warranty. The cost to the Village would be \$61. We do have other company options.

**Complete Streets** – Trustee Proemm reported their high priority is getting more regular bike racks on Main Street. They could use a hoop charger on every parking meter. That would fit in with the Main Street grant. They are looking for 2 spots for potential bike shelters. They are still planning on the Court Street project for September.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION:**

- a. **County Legislator Update**- legislator was not present. No update.
- b. **Block Party** – A request has been received for a block party on Pearl Street for June 3. The street can not be blocked off until at least 3:30.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **64 Main Street** – The Mayor said we have closed on that property. Tim and the Town Highway Superintendent have been talking about improvements to that lot.
- b. **19 Miner Street Update** – The Mayor reported that we have a closing date of May 22. Sally and the Mayor met with the bank today to go over some details.
- c. **Discuss Community Choice Aggregation** – Mayor Dalton distributed an MOA to the Board. Glenn Weinberg was present by zoom. He said they have 3 bids from 3 different suppliers. The choices are 1. Conventional; 2. 50% NYS renewable from NYS and 50% renewable from out of State; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is 100% NYS renewable option. Every time you step up in renewable content you step up in price. Even if you say yes to the MOU you can still say no on the final day. Joule is recommending the 50% mix as the default. Trustee Proemm made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU. Trustee Beekman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

- d. **Tabled Rights of the River** – Trustee Sorensen said we had a lot of good discussion at our joint meeting. We were asked to table it and we did. They were doing some more discussion about it and wanted more time. A motion was made by Trustee Sorensen and seconded by Trustee Proemm to take this off our agenda until they are better able to address all the concerns. All voted in favor. The motion carries.
- e. **Parking Behind the Movie Theater** – It was discussed. The Mayor will ask for a clarification of exactly what they are asking for in writing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds** – Trustee Beekman made a motion to authorize payment of vouchers & transfer of funds for abstract 12 of 2022-2023. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

General Fund	\$172,353.76	Sewer Fund	\$28,679.13
Water Fund	\$ 9,514.52	Golf Course	\$41,479.54

- b. **Taxi interest** – The Mayor informed the Board that Eric Johnson is interested in starting a taxi service. There is a process in place.
- c. **Resolution to send unpaid water/sewer to be added to property taxes** – Trustee Beekman made a motion to send unpaid water/sewer to SLC to be added to property taxes. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.
- d. **Timber Bids** – Two bids were received, one from Mike Lyndaker in the amount of \$74,000 and another from Seaway Timber Harvesting in the amount of \$46,000. Trustee Sorensen made a motion to accept the \$74,000 bid from Mike Lyndaker, Trustee Beekman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.
- e. **Approve Recreation Hires** – The following is the list of recommended hires:

**PART TIME SUMMER LABORERS:**

Romano, Nathaniel \$14.20  
 O'Neill, John \$14.20

**LIFEGUARDS:**

LEADER  
 Richardson, Juliana \$15.45

**RETURNING**

DiSalvo, Jillian \$14.45  
 Francis, Sydnee \$14.70  
 Larrabee, Brooke \$14.70  
 Larrabee, Kayla \$14.70  
 Logan, Olivia \$14.45  
 Martin, Megan \$14.70  
 Rodee, Amelia \$14.70

Sero, Olivia \$14.70  
Wentworth, Emily \$14.45  
Wentworth, Luke \$14.70

NEW

Creurer, Daniel \$14.20  
Gotham, Emma \$14.20  
McDonough, Ellie \$14.20  
Sanderson, Skyler \$14.20  
Stuntz, Alexis \$14.20  
Swinwood, Madeline \$14.20  
Thomas, Maya \$14.20

Trustee Beekman made a motion to approve the list. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

- f. **Treasurer – Sharon Brunet** – The Mayor said we have found a part-time Treasurer, Sharon Brunet. She will be working up to 19 hours per week. Clerk Noble added she has budget experience as well as other municipal accounting experience. This is a new position. Sharon will start on Thursday at \$25/hour. Trustee Beekman made a motion to hire Sharon Brunet at \$25/hr and to start on Thursday. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.
- g. **Set end of Fiscal Year Meeting for May 31** – The meeting was set for 9:00 AM on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Toby Irven had concerns about the acoustics in the Courtroom. Trustee Sorensen said the Communications and Technology committee has been working on it. We have been a little preempted with the website. We will bring it back. We will investigate a hand-held mic. The town and village have made the investment to upgrade the wireless connectivity in the building.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Trustee Proemm made a motion to enter executive session at 7:42 PM for the purpose of property acquisition. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Sorensen made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:59 PM. Trustee Beekman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Trustee Beekman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. Trustee Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Noble  
Village Clerk