

Village of Canton, New York

SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes: July 24, 2023

Board Present:

Michael Dalton, Mayor
Anna Sorensen, Trustee
Barbara Beekman, Trustee

Beth Larrabee, Trustee
Klaus Proemm, Trustee

Others Present:

Sally Noble, Clerk/Treasurer
Leigh Rodríguez, Ec. Developer

Scott Goldie, Attorney
Taylor Jennings, B & L (by zoom)

The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 5:30 PM.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A: Complete SEQR for Waste Water Treatment Project – The Mayor explained how we were going to proceed completing the SEQR. He will be reading each question and referring to the supplemental section for responses to anything that indicates an impact.

During the review Trustee Sorensen asked what determines a small vs. large impact? Taylor of B&L said there is no right or wrong it is really an engineering judgement. It is what the consensus of the Board feels is the right thing. You are talking about the water table and we are going to do a lot of trenching. There are somethings you are going to be doing for one day that is a small impact.

The Mayor continued with the review and discussion. Attorney Goldie said the project is correcting a problem. You are putting in a new waste water treatment system. This is an improvement. Taylor said this is a requirement every time you do this type of a project. It is basically an environmental review of what this action could potentially lead to. Are there any possible impacts and what are we doing to prevent it.

The Mayor pointed out that a plan is being submitted to the DEC. They will be aware of our plans. Trustee Sorensen says it seems like there are a lot of precautions in place. Taylor added that they must look at the project as a whole. So, during construction there is going to be some disturbance. There might be some piles of soil that are piled up. Things are not going to be finished grass when they are replacing pipes. It will be restored to what they were before after the project is completed.

A lot of the impact will be temporary. They are going to have to cross CR 27. Construction will be during daylight hours, Monday through Friday. Taylor said he thinks no more than a month for the project. There was a map that was referred to. There were coordinated review responses included.

Part 3 of the review was reviewed next. It is saying that the Village has gone through Parts 1 & 2. You've identified all the potential environmental impacts and how you will try to alleviate

those. You are showing essentially trying to make it so this project is not harmful or impacts on the environment. On Part 3 you have 3 options to choose from. B & L is recommending option A but that is the Boards decision. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment and therefore an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. The Board all agreed the answer should be A. There is a signature page the Mayor will sign after the resolution for lead agency is approved.

There is a resolution that lists the action as a type 1 action and says the Village went through the SEQR environmental forms, sent out and all the interested and involved agency letters. compiled all the letters received back. There were no objections or questions raised on that. The Board has examined Parts 1,2 & 3 of the form so therefore the Village of Canton hereby establishes itself as lead agency for the project. Taylor read the resolution. Trustee Beekman made the motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Part 3. Trustee Proemm seconded the resolution.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Trustee Larrabee	YES	Trustee Proemm	YES
Trustee Beekman	YES	Trustee Sorensen	YES
Mayor Dalton	YES		

All voting in favor. The motion carries.

That will give the Mayor the ability to sign Part 3 of the form and check the A box. B & L will compile everything and post it with the DEC ENB website where all these get posted. The environmental review will be officially complete at that point.

Discuss and act on Bond Resolution- The bond resolution has been circulated. It was drawn up by Bond, Schoeneck and King. Trustee Beekman made a motion to use Bond, Schoeneck and King as bond council. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

The Mayor said the \$13.5 million is the maximum cost. We are investigating grant opportunities. There is also bill funding as well. The resolution gives the Village the ability to borrow the money for the project. It is not saying you are signing on the line to take a loan out for \$13.5 million. It gives the Village the ability to borrow. Trustee Beekman made a motion to approve the bond resolution. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Trustee Larrabee	YES	Trustee Proemm	YES
Trustee Beekman	YES	Trustee Sorensen	YES
Mayor Dalton	YES		

All voting in favor. The motion carries.

Discuss and act on Agreement with Fiscal Advisors – Trustee Sorensen made the motion to approve the agreement with Fiscal Advisors. Trustee Proemm seconded the motion. All voting in favor. The motion carries.

To discuss and possible take action upon any other matter placed upon the agenda at least 24 hours prior to the start of the special meeting - No other items were added

Trustee Beekman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM. Trustee Larrabee seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Noble
Village Clerk